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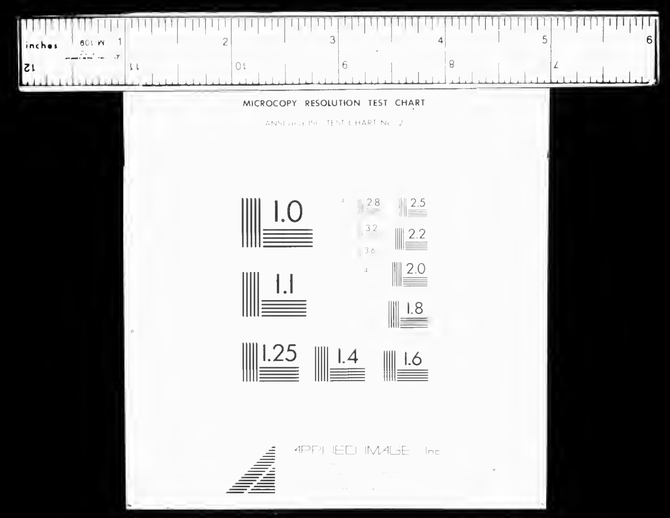
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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

It's winter?

Jacob Harrod, 5, and his dog, Douglas, a 12-week-old Newfoundland and Golden Retriever mix, enjoyed the warmer weather on Dec. 31 at Michigan Beach. Harrod was accompanied by his mother, Heather, who also enjoyed the weather on New Year's Eve.

No major problems on New Year's Eve

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

New Year's Eve can be a rowdy night with people partying and drinking the night away, but it can also be a typical night with not much out of the ordinary going on.

It appears this year's holiday was a quiet one.

Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson said patrols were stepped up, but no arrests were made for drunk driving.

"For all practical purposes it was relatively uneventful," he said.

There were some miscellaneous traffic violations and other minor events. The biggest event was assisting the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department with a fight that broke out at the Flight Deck.

Sheriff George T. Lasater said the fight at the Flight Deck ended with the arrest of a woman who was charged with disturbing the peace and assault and battery.

Aside from the excitement at the Flight Deck, Lasater said the sheriff's department made a few other arrests, including one person charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol and three people charged with drunk driving.

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DDA member: more promotion

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority Member John Yaroch thinks it's time someone took a leadership role in helping create a thriving business district in the city and he has a few ideas on how to do that.

At the Wednesday Downtown Development Authority meeting, Yaroch presented his main idea to the group of creating a task force whose soul purpose is to create a vibrant and healthy downtown for Charlevoix. He said this group could come up with various events designed to bring more people to the downtown area, as well as provide support for promoting the downtown area and bringing in and creating new business.

"Things are not going to correct themselves, so someone has got to provide leadership," Yaroch said.

He added, "I think we have to start somewhere. That somewhere is recognizing a need."

Yaroch said a task force would help find a way to improve the downtown area, which is facing difficulties. He said the downtown was more viable 30 years ago; now there needs to be a better mix of stores, more restaurants and affordable housing to bring workers in.

As an example on how the community is losing its downtown, Yaroch pointed to the demolition of the Parkside restaurant about six years ago. The restaurant was located near the current Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce on the shores of Round Lake. However, the city bought the building and tore it down to make more park space.

"When we eliminated the Parkside from the downtown, we eliminated 200 to 400 people from coming to town for waterside dining," he said.

He added, "We have to make changes in the way we do business."

Some of the suggestions a task force could look at Yaroch said would be concerts and band festivals in East Park, classic car nights, classic boat nights, bike nights, film festivals, farmer's markets each week, shuffleboard tournaments, a winter carnival and boat races.

The goal is to use the existing amenities in the community, while at

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Amanda Lynn Diaz, 17, Charlevoix. Operator no license. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Richard Henry Towns Jr., 21, Boyne City. Operator's license suspended/revoked/denided/allow and traffic violation no proof of insurance and no proof of registration. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Matthew Daniel Macnaughton, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense and disturbing the peace. Six months probation; 30 days in jail, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 25 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $450 in fines and costs.

Daniel C. Knollman, 30, Cincinnati, Ohio. Impaired driving. Twelve months probation. 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $970 in fines and costs.

Taya Leann Scott, 27, Boyne Falls. Retail fraud, third degree. Three months probation; 20 days in jail, 20 days held in abeyance; $250 in fines and costs.

Andrew Charles Wright, 18, Charlevoix. Failure to report accident. Six months probation; 30 days in jail, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 20 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $855.69 in fines and costs.

Jason Michael Manore, 33, Charlevoix. No operator's license, never applied. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Alan Bradley Crow, 34, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated in boat. One year probation, 93 days in jail with credit for one day serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Emerald Viven Lacroix, 49, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Twelve months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 82 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,470 in fines and costs.

Vern Michael Jacobs, 30, Walloon Lake. Impaired driving. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 90 days; $400 in fines and costs.

Scott Robert Lyons, 27, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $950 in fines and costs.

Timothy Allen Girlinghouse, 29, Boyne City. Check-non-sufficient funds under $100. Fines and costs totaling $495.30.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Taylor Rental Center, 0482 M75, Boyne City, by Boyne Rental Inc.

W.E.S. Product, 1329 Lakeshore Drive, Boyne City, by Wendell Lee Spence.

Bayshore E*Store, 06104 Rocky Beach Street, Charlevoix, by John H. Krupa.

Infinit Enterprises, 303 Division Street, East Jordan, by Thomas Brennan and Tina Brennan.

Jay E. Balasz D.D.S., 707 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Jay Balasz.

The Bird's Nest, 1691 Zink, Boyne City, by Holly Watson.

J & J Family Farm, 02515 Camp Ten Road, Elmira, by Yvonne R. Hausler.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Craig Dean Higby, 42, Central Lake and Julia Sophia Emery, 40, East Jordan

Kenneth Earl Stephens, 45, Boyne City and Jean Marie Konecki, 39, Boyne City

Births

Christopher Jack Brueggeman weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces, was born to Cliff and Amy Brueggeman of Bellaire on Dec. 23, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Madison Lynn Milligan weighing 5 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to Robert and Tracy Milligan of Mancelona on Dec. 29, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has a sister named Molly. Grandparents are Gerald and Sheryl Milligan of Kalkaska and Albert (Joe) and Janell Salisbury of Bellaire.

Cancer group to have organizational meeting

Interested persons are invited to attend a brief organizational meeting of the Circle of Strength Cancer Resource Center at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10.

The meeting will be in the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Office located at 14634 Park Avenue in Charlevoix.

"We are looking for volunteers interested in helping to sew hats and quilts for cancer patients, as well as those who would like to be involved in other parts of our program," Diane Gorkiewicz with the Circle of Strength said. "We have opportunities for knitters, crochet masters, quilters and anyone who wants to help and maybe learn a few things along the way."

Kim Stevens, also with Circle of Strength, said, "Volunteers don't have to commit a lot of hours, they can set their own time schedule. We are looking forward to strengthening our circle even more and need volunteers to achieve that."

Those interested in helping with this project or with others may call the Circle of Strength office at 547-8950 for additional information or to inquire about other ways they can assist.

Callers may leave a message if there is no answer and they will be contacted by either Gorkiewicz or Stevens.

The Circle of Strength Cancer Resource Center was established this year by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation with funds donated by the Annual Pink Ribbon Ride and from the Eta Nu Home Tour. This program is designed to work with cancer patients, family members and friends, providing resources, training and support.

The Charlevoix Public Library works with the Circle of Strength to provide internet assistance on medical searches and questions.

For additional information about the program, how you can become involved or to request support or information, call 547-8950. Fabric and yarn donations are also welcome.

Correction

In last week's edition of the *Charlevoix Courier*, a story about the Charlevoix City Council going forward with plans for a $1.5 million building at the airport to house machinery, councilman Sherm Chamberlain should have been quoted saying the building will cost $40,000 after grants are applied to the bill.

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Jarema sworn in as new prosecutor

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

John Jarema has officially been sworn in as the county's new prosecuting attorney.

In a circuit court ceremony packed with supporters Monday, Jarema took the oath of office as given to him by judge Richard Pajtas. Jarema thanked the voters, his wife and the supporters for the opportunity to serve the county.

"I will do the best I can every day," he said.

Afterwards Jarema said it felt wonderful to finally step into the prosecutor's office as the prosecutor and he is looking forward to getting in the courtroom. In fact, Jarema said he was going to take on his first district court docket Tuesday and is already preparing for a big criminal sexual conduct trial on Jan. 18.

"I am going to hit the ground running," he said.

And, while he may have been sworn in on Monday, Jarema said he had already started preparing for the position last week when he met with witnesses for the Jan. 18 trial.

Jarema said the transition between former prosecutor Mary Beth Kur and himself went pretty smoothly. He added he is currently in the process of getting the office in order and getting the staff going.

He added, "I am confident the staff I have assembled will be up to the task."

Kur, who Jarema beat in the August primary, has also started a new path. On Monday she began working full time for the Petoskey law firm Schmoll, Martin and Kur.

She said things were going very well and she is not nervous at all about being in the private sector. Kur added she was in private practice before she went to the prosecutor's office.

"It is not a huge adjustment," she said.

Kur also said the transition between her and Jarema went pretty smooth.

She added, "I am very appreciative of the time (as prosecutor). I was very privileged to serve the citizens of Charlevoix County and I look forward to doing that in a different capacity."

Jarema, a Republican, beat off a challenge for the position by Green Party candidate Ellis Boal.

Photo by Jeremy McBain
Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, right, shakes hands with circuit court judge Richard Pajtas after being sworn in.

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Staff writer has plan to help American troops

Courtney E. Pace

Staff writer

When a loved one is deployed overseas emotions can run high and a feeling of powerlessness can set in. The ones deployed can feel estranged from home and adrift in a situation they can't control.

These experiences are normal in a time of war, which has reached into families in the tiniest towns and largest cities. The war in Iraq is like cancer, everyone knows someone affected by it.

However, no one has to feel disconnected or powerless against the mighty machine of war.

Charlevoix Courier Classified Manager Valerie Pedersen and I have created a group that will band together and help those who are overseas get the supplies they need and the attention they deserve.

Operation Soldier Awareness and Aid Packages (OSAAP) is a way to connect soldiers abroad and loved ones at home. It is also meant to help those who may not have someone cheering them on at home to feel appreciated.

One person can make a difference, but that differenee has to start at home. The idea behind OSAAP is to use our local soldiers as contacts to send care packages, letters and support overseas.

Since the government won't allow for "any soldier" packages anymore, the plan is to use the actual names of local soldiers who can receive the packages. From there, they will hand out needed supplies and letters to those in their unit.

So far, all of the local people that we have an address for are stationed at different bases and camps, which means more soldiers can be helped through our local heroes.

My boyfriend, Sgt. Country J. Middleton, was deployed on Dec. 29. He is going to be stationed in Kuwait for about 60 days while his unit receives more training. From there, there's no telling where the Army will station him in Iraq.

Valerie's son, Sgt. Sean Roberts, is currently overseas for his third tour in Iraq and is stationed at Camp Cuervo in Baghdad. He is in the midst of what is going on and knowing where he is doesn't make it any easier.

Both men receive much love and attention from home, but there are members of their units and other units who aren't so fortunate.

How would it feel to be in a country, far away from home and dealing with a hostile situation? How would it feel to not have someone back home to write and share experiences with?

This is the reality many soldiers are facing and Valerie and I would like to remedy the situation.

I am going to write several letters by hand that Country, Sean and the other local soldiers can pass out to anyone who may need a piece of home.

Iraq has divided the country before, during and after the election, but let's not forget those who are over there and facing the ultimate sacrifice.

We can't let Iraq become another Vietnam. Our soldiers need not feel adrift amongst the political mayhem that surrounds them.

Through OSAAP, the hope is that those soldiers won't feel forgotten and can spread the feeling of home to others they come in contact with.

No one needs to be forgotten in this war or any other. Veterans served their country and need to remembered. These young men and women are going to be the next generation of veterans and let's not wait until they come home to support them.

Donation boxes will be available at several Charlevoix locations including Stafford's Weathervane, the Charlevoix Public Library, the Coast Guard station, the Veterans Affairs office and the *Charlevoix Courier*.

Donations can include anything such as DVDs, CDs, games, feminine hygiene products, feminine and masculine skin care products, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, insect repellent wipes, miniature tape recorders and tapes, snacks, breakfast type foods and drinks, bottled water, canned soups, ready to eat chicken and tuna kits, dried fruit, nuts, eye drops, film, cameras and much more.

Monetary donations can be made at the *Charlevoix Courier* or the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Office. These donations will be used to purchase anything needed for a particular package to make things even.

Other items such as Beanie Babies, small toys and older coats and shoes are also welcome as soldiers like to hand them out to the young Iraqi children.

For more information on OSAAP contact me at 675-7394 or e-mail me at CourtneyEPace@hotmail.com or contact Valerie at 547-2968 or e-mail her at vpedersen@charlevoixcourier.com.

The first meeting of OSAAP will be at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 at the Charlevoix Public Library and all are welcome to attend.

Courtney E. Pace is a staff writer for the Charlevoix Courier.

Letters to the editor

Beautiful sight

Editor:

At mid-day on New Year's Eve, I walked on the shore of Lake Charlevoix.

Sunny with terrific straight-line winds: the lake was beautiful, more so than I think I have ever seen it. Snowmelt surged in rivulets from the embankment. Ice, previously formed and now broken with the thaw, beaten by sparkling whitecaps over blue, green, black and sand-colored water, clattered to the shore in breakers of gleaming tumbling shards.

Astonishing. Thrilling.

Ellis Boul

Hayes Township

Thank you

Editor:

It is difficult to put into words my gratitude to the people of Charlevoix County because being elected to serve as your representative in the Michigan House of Representatives is a privilege that is impossible to adequately describe. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the incredible honor bestowed by you, the voters. While such an honor is certainly gratifying, it is more a humbling experience to be given such a unique responsibility.

Beginning with the redistricting of 2002, the 105th district has included Antrim, Otsego, Charlevoix and Cheboygan counties. It indeed qualifies as one of Michigan's most beautiful regions. What an honor to be introduced as the representative of the 105th District! The beauty of the 105th District is not just in its striking geographical features. It is even more in the wonderful people who live here and make it what it is.

It is hard to imagine that six years have come and gone so fast. I guess working on such a great variety of issues and projects makes the time rush by and presents little opportunity for boredom. While I will miss working with and for you, I leave with the highest optimism. The new representative not only reflects the values of Northern Michigan, Kevin Elsenheimer is a man of faith, integrity, broad experience and energy. He will be a great representative.

I take with me the memories of the wonderful privilege that it has been to be your representative. Once again, I thank you all so much for the confidence you placed in me. I have tried to repay that honor by working hard for your interests and concerns, and by faithfully upholding the shared values of Charlevoix County's wonderful people. You are indeed the very finest people imaginable to represent, and it has been a great honor to serve you the past two years in that capacity.

Ken Bradstreet

Former representative of

Michigan's 105th House District

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

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That's the spot

Douglas, a 12 week old Newfoundland and Golden Retriever mix, enjoyed the warmer weather on Dec. 31. Douglas played on Michigan Beach while his owners, Heather Harrod and her son, Jacob, watched.

Reps' office hours

Residents of Antrim, Charlevoix, Otsego and most of Cheboygan counties with questions, concerns or needing assistance with state programs can contact newly-elected state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer at his Lansing office.

"I'm looking forward to making seamless transition from Ken Bradstreet's term to mine for the people of the 105th District," said Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire.

"I'm keeping Brian Mills and Dan Dundas as my office staff, and I'm using as much of the previous office contact information as I can to make it easy for everyone."

The office mailing address and toll free, main office and fax telephone number remain the same.

U.S. mail can be addressed to Elsenheimer at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514; the toll free Lansing office telephone number is (877) 536-4105; the direct phone line is (517) 373-0829 and faxes may be sent to (517) 373-1841.

E-mail can be sent to kevinelsenheimer@house.mi.gov and residents may also contact Elsenheimer and access valuable government information via the lawmaker's online office Web site at www.gophouse.com/elsenheimer.htm.

Lose weight at hospital

A Weight Watcher "At Work" class will start on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Registration for the class begins at 1:15 p.m. and the class will start at 1:30 p.m. and finish at 2 p.m.

While this is an "At Work" class, it is open to employees, volunteers, donors and friends of the hospital. This Wednesday Class will be downstairs in the large conference room.

Cost for the 12 week session is $114 for lifetime members or seniors or if you have Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance. The regular cost for the 12 week class is $126.

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COMMUNITY

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Calling for peace

Every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. several people stand on Bridge Street as a symbol of peace. (from left) Christa-Maria, JoAnne Bier Beemon, Sydney King, Joseph King and Meg McClorey take part in the Women in Black peace movement. Beemon and Christa-Maria said the movement began 15 to 20 years ago when an Israeli and Palestinian woman started a vigil for peace together in Jerusalem. It is now spread all over the world. The Charlevoix group has been doing it for about three years.

Read to your child at the Charlevoix library

It's never too early to read to your baby.

The Charlevoix Public Library is offering a opportunity for you and your small child. Lap Sit at the library is a way to introduce your child to the world of books, reading and the library.

Lap Sit is a program designed for children 18 months to 35 months old. The Lap Sit program brings parent and child to the library to enjoy 20 minutes of a mixture of stories, songs and poems.

The different types of literature are introduced through a variety of media including traditional books, storyboards, flannel boards, puppets and music.

"Researchers have shown that reading is an excellent way to foster language development," Val Meyerson, library director, said.

Lap Sit is at 10:05 a.m. every Thursday and follows the same schedule as the Charlevoix Public Schools. If there is an older sibling, bring him/her along as well, because traditional story hour is from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for your pre-school child to experience the library while you are upstairs with your toddler," Amy Spegele, youth services assistant, said.

For further information, please contact Spegele at 547-2651.

Quit smoking clinic offered

Are you ready to kick the cigarette habit? Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking program can give you the tools, techniques and motivation to quit for good.

Offered in cooperation with the American Lung Association, Freedom from Smoking is a lively, interactive, step-by-step program with a proven track record.

A new, eight-week series of classes will begin at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the hospital. There is no charge for this clinic.

Each week participants will learn how to break the nicotine habit; get practical tips for handling stress, maintaining weight, and making changes in daily routines; and receive plenty of encouragement and support as they adjust to their post-smoking life. Space in the classes is limited. To register, please call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

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NOTICE
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP

At the regular Charlevoix Township board meeting to be held on January 10, 2005 the board will discuss for adoption a proposed Blight Ordinance. Public comments are invited on the proposed ordinance. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road, Charlevoix.

Carol Martin,
Charlevoix Township Clerk

VFW fire declared accidental

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 1153 fire investigation is coming to a close.

Spl./Sgt. Jerry Briolat of the Fire Investigation Unit of the Michigan Department of State Police, said the investigation will close as an accidental fire.

"There's nothing more we'll be doing," he said.

Briolat said he and the private fire investigator from the VFW Post 1153's insurance company both agree that it was an accidental fire and not arson, which was a popular thought when the fire occurred.

The fire occurred on Dec. 10 at 2 a.m. and took the Charlevoix Township Fire Department about two hours to get under control. No one was hurt in the process and no one was inside the building at the time, however it completely destroyed the building.

The VFW Post 1153 was vandalized during the night between Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, when four rocks were thrown through two different windows.

The rocks broke through the 48 inch by 41 inch windows and storm windows and created about $1,000 worth of damage including cleanup costs.

The only other problem the post had in regards to vandalism was five years ago when the building was broken into during a string of breakins in the area. That incident cost the post about $10,000 worth in damage and those responsible were prosecuted.

Briolat said in a previous interview that the fire originated in the attic, which is an unusual place for an arsonist to start a fire. Recently, when Briolat was able to investigate the remains of the building he didn't find anything to support an arson theory.

"When inside, I found some really good distinct burn patterns to support an attic fire," he said.

Briolat said in a previous interview that two people accessed the building during the afternoon and early evening on the day of the fire. One person came in at 3 p.m. and another at 5 p.m., but neither person stayed long and everything was locked up when firefighters arrived. Briolat said a key was needed for the firefighters to enter the building.

He said in a previous interview that one of the highest probabilities is an electrical failure, since the fire originated near the building's electrical panel. However, there is no way to prove or disprove that it was an electrical fire because of the amount of damage.

The distinct burn patterns Briolat discovered were visible above the electrical service panel, in the same vicinity the fire originated.

Briolat said the building can probably be rebuilt about the same size with insurance money, but was told the biggest hit the post has taken is losing their Friday night Bingo games.

"When inside, I found some really good burn patterns to support an attic fire."

Jerry Briolat,
of the Michigan State Police Fire Investigation Unit

The home of VFW Post 1153 was formally dedicated in 1953 during the 13th District Rally. Before that time, the post and its auxiliary functioned out of the second floor of a building in downtown Charlevoix.

VFW Post 1153 received its charter on June 16, 1937 and has continuously served the community. The building that became the post's home in 1953 took two years to build and was constructed almost entirely by volunteer labor, including the plumbing and wiring.

The only feature that wasn't built by volunteers was the Onaway stone fireplace and other stone work. The volunteers also didn't dig the well.

A second edition was added in the 1970s followed by a garage addition in the 1990s.

Currently, the VFW Post 1153 is accepting any donations that come their way.

Charlie Butcher, commander of Post 1153, said in a previous interview that the insurance will only cover some of the costs and the rest have to be generated.

Some of the items that were lost were ceremonial rifles and flags and a speaker system. Some of these small details are what made the post a home to many veterans and not just another building.

Women's ski tour coming to Charlevoix

Celebrate women, winter and chocolate on Feb. 27.

Active Women Now, Inc. a non-profit organization will host The Second Annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour, a weekend of fun and activities that will take the winter blues out of northern Michigan.

Active Women Now, Inc. has ski tours in Michigan and the United States, celebrating the camaraderie that women hold in empowering one another while giving back to their community. This non-competitive winter event for women will be at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails will weave through Mount McSauba.

Novice winter activists are encouraged to attend.

Ski clinics will be given on Feb. 26 for beginners and those who are looking to cultivate their skills.

A wine and cheese event will be at Castle Farms as a prelude to the Charlevoix Ladies Tour. Log onto the Women's Ski Tour web site for more information.

Tickets in advance are $35 and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day. Proceeds from the Charlevoix Ladies Tour benefits BASES and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

E-mail Courtney Miles, regional event manager at Courtney@womensskitour.com with further questions.

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Obituaries

Bruce A. Green: Oct. 26, 1920 - Dec. 31, 2004

Bruce A. Green, 84, of Bay Shore, died Dec. 31, 2004 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Visitation was at the First Presbyterian Church of Bay Shore, on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005. A memorial service followed with the Pastor Ward Potts officiating. Interment will be at Greenwood Cemetery, in Petoskey, at a future date.

Bruce was born Oct. 26, 1920, in Boyne City, the son of Clifford and Bertha (Holton) Green.

He married Margaret Eileen "Deenie" Zipp on Jan. 31, 1942.

Bruce served as Master Sergant in the U. S. Army Signal Corps during World War II. He and his wife Margaret were proprietors of Green's Grocery Store in Bay Shore for 17 years.

Bruce was also an electrician and was proud to be a lifetime member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Bruce had many friends during his lifetime and most recently enjoyed camaraderic at the Emmet County Friendship Center in Petoskey.

Bruce is survived by daughters, Janeille (Jim) Sisserson of Melbourne, Fla., and Shelly (Joseph) VanWart of Bay Shore; grandchildren, James "Alex" Sisserson, Shelly "Alexis" Burrie and Andrew James VanWart; sister, Donna Kirby of Boyne City; numerous nieces and nephews.

His wife Margaret Eileen preceded him in death, as did his parents, brother Lyle, and sisters Georgia and Vivian.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Emmet County Friendship Center, or First Presbyterian Church of Bay Shore.

Winchester Funeral Home, in Charlevoix, is serving the family.

Estella Mitchell: Died Dec. 27, 2004

Estella Mitchell devoted her highly capable 95 years to being useful-teaching, nursing and traveling.

She died quietly the evening of Dec. 27, 2004 in Ann Arbor.

Estella had explored most of the world's countries, particularly excited by Central America and by Russia with its full employment and spanking clean streets.

She spent most of her life in Michigan, but was born in Maplewood, Mo. on Memorial Day, 1909. As a child, she thought that national celebration was for her birthday.

Estella will be remembered for her teaching in Flint and Pontiac schools, as visiting public health nurse and nursing supervisor in Monroe and Oakland counties and at St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac.

Upon retirement, she worked summers at an Indian reservation near Green Bay, Wis. and volunteered for 20 years at the Ann Arbor Red Cross.

An outstanding and determined student at a time when few women went to college, she earned her way through Northwestern University during the Great Depression, working as a nanny and maid, and she also sent home money to her widowed mother and younger brother. Later she taught in Flint for several years, but when the war came, she said she "wanted to be useful" and went to John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for a masters in nursing.

Part of an understaffed profession in World War II, nurses received responsibility quickly and Estella supervised the night shifts while studying. Afterward she moved to New York City for several years to work as visiting nurse with the Henry Street Public Health Nursing Facility in Harlem.

She loved spending summers waitressing at the Beach Hotel in Charlevoix where she met such interesting people.

She is survived by many friends; a cousin, Marie Mitchell Hayes, in Kenilworth, Ill.; and her brother's widow, Joan Mitchell, in Kenosha, Wis.

A memorial will be From 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Glacier Hills in Ann Arbor. For information call (734)769-6410, ext. 1.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to John Hopkins Hospital (Nursing Unit) or Northwestern University.

Final burial will be of her birthday, Memorial Day, 2005, in her family plot near Silver Lake, Wis.

Michael Craig Cooper: Oct. 29, 1966 - Dec. 30, 2004

Michael Craig Cooper, 38, formerly of Charlevoix passed away unexpectedly Dec. 30, 2004 at his home in Anderson, Ind.

Michael was born Oct. 29, 1966 in Petoskey, the son of Robert and Irene (Lepinski) Cooper. He was a 1984 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Michael had a passion for music and played with several bands in both Charlevoix and Indiana. He was a very talented singer, songwriter and guitarists.

Survivors include a son Draven Bryan of Indianapolis, Ind.; his mother, Irene E. Cooper of Charlevoix; a sister, Susan Cooper of Charlevoix; a brother, Steven Cooper of Farmington Hills; two nieces, Kristina and Nikole; his fiancé, Melissa Freestone and her two sons, Wyatte and Austin.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Robert C. Cooper of Charlevoix.

A memorial service will be planned for the spring.

Lily Chou to perform at Crooked Tree Arts Center

Crooked Tree Arts Center will host pianist Lily Chou in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 14 in the Ross Stoakes Theatre.

Chou has been many things in her life, mother, musician, missionary and, earlier this year, the first female minister at Smith Chapel United Methodist Church in Mount Olive, N.C.

Chou and her sister, Irene, happened to stop by the Crooked Tree Arts Center this past summer and were regaled with all that executive director Dale Hull had to say about the activities here. They also fell in love with Petoskey, calling it the "Beverly Hills of Michigan."

They hope to retire to Petoskey within a few years.

Chou learned to play the piano as a small child, taking lessons until she was 10 years old, then playing on her own until she came to the United States for college.

She is a graduate of Juilliard and has performed in the Tchaikowksy International Competition in Moscow in 1986, the Schevernigen International Competition in the Netherlands in 1989 and in Tchaikowsky and Rachmaninoff Halls in Russia. She's performed with orchestras from the Urals to Kazhakstan, with nine orchestras in China, Salzburg and the United States.

Tickets for the performance are $15 each and can be purchased at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins	
Church	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
9033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:30 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:10 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 ur -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.
Father Jim Gunn	547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins or Missionaries	588-2112 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix
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Sunday Morning Services	9 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Prayer Opportunity	6:00 p.m.
Church Office	547-9482

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9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:10 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	588-7805

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221
Parsonage	547-3852

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

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Children's Worship & Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship	9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Program	6:00 p.m.
Reverend Mary Willis	547-9122

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Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3099

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Geri Litchfield	502-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Greg Timmins	231-238-0052

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

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1003 Bridge Street

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Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
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Ice rink in early East Park plans

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The current ice skating rink, located in the grassy field across from Charlevoix Middle School, may not be the only place for long.

Along with plans to create a new marina, there are also plans to renovate East Park that would include a plan for an ice rink in the park.

The plan for a place to ice skate in East Park isn't new, but never came to fruition the first time around.

City Manager Michael Wiesner said the original idea was to have a natural ice skating rink in East Park. However, they had some trouble, which caused the rink to never be completed.

Wiesner said there were old building foundations that caused problems and the city hit some voids and couldn't build the rink.

Also, Wiesner said the air temperature was a concern in order to keep the rink frozen. He said Round Lake may have been causing the warm temperature.

The city had a liner that was going to be the bottom level of the rink, but Wiesner said it may have been damaged. However, its usefulness isn't what it should be.

"Unless you have an area that is totally flat, it isn't as effective," he said. "We haven't been using it the last few years."

With current East Park renovation plans, Wiesner said the initial concept of a new ice skating rink has been to install an artificial rink.

Hugh Mason, chairman of the Downtown Development Authority, said the renovation plans are in their preliminary stages.

Right now, the DDA is planning to see if it is feasible to have some sort of cooling system that would allow the rink to stay frozen when a natural rink would melt.

Mason said the weather was a problem the first time a rink was attempted to be built in East Park.

He said the liner is something that would keep the water from absorbing into the ground.

No matter what the ideas are, Mason said everything is too early to tell.

"It is far from a definite plan," he said.

Courtesy photo

Garden Club officers

The officers have been installed in the Charlevoix Area Garden Club. They are: (from left) Ann Marie Barnes, corresponding secretary; Mary Watson Chavez, record secretary; Joan Novak, president; Rhea Dow, first vice president and Barbara Clagett, second vice president. Missing is Jan Hand, treasurer.

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2. Discarded clothing and similar materials.
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4. Household furniture, couches, chairs, mattresses, tables, carpet and similar type items.
5. Passenger cars and pick-up tires. Limit 2 per pick up.
6. Boards 4 ft. in length and secured in bundles.
7. Christmas trees - scheduled pick up (to be placed at a site designated by the city).
8. Remodeling refuse if generated by homeowner, (2 cu. yd. limit per week).
9. Any other refuse items except what is excluded.

EXCLUDED REFUSE

1. Earth, sod, rock, concrete.
2. Refuse from construction or remodeling, except as in #8 of Collected Refuse.
3. Trees, other than Christmas trees.
4. Grass clippings.
5. Brush.
6. Household garbage.
7. Automobile or truck parts.
8. Manufacturing or trade waste.
9. Any containers weighing more than fifty (50) pounds, except large household appliances and furniture.
10. Any item that will be accepted for Recycling - such as, newspapers, cardboard, plastic, glass.
11. Hazardous products - paint, chemicals, solvents, motor oil, batteries.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Manager's Office at 231-547-3270.

John Martin, Street Superintendent

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission on January 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at 12491 Waller Road, to take public comments on proposed Amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance. The following language in bold face font represents the proposed amendments:

1. Amend Article V, Section 5.2 E. 1., Change one-family dwelling minimum lot area from 15,000 to 12,000 Square Feet.
2. Amend Article V, Section 5.6 B. Permitted Principal Uses. Land and buildings in the C Commercial District shall be used only for the following purposes, provided **no single-tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet and** the
3. Amend Article V, Section 5.6 C. Uses Permitted with Special Conditions. Land and buildings permitted with special conditions shall be used for the following purposes, provided **no single tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet,** the
4. Amend Article V, 5.6 D. Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit. Add the following: **5. Single tenant occupancies exceeding a footprint of 20,000 square feet. No single tenant occupancy shall exceed a footprint area of 90,000 square feet.**
5. Amend Article VIII Special Land Uses, Section 8.3 F. 4. b. 4). Change the size of large buildings from 2,000 to 20,000 square feet.
6. Amend Article VIII Special Land Uses, Section 8.3 to add Subsection H as follows:

H. Single Tenant Occupancies Exceeding a Footprint Area of 20,000 Square Feet in the C Commercial District. In addition to the General Standards listed in Section 8.2 A of this Ordinance, the following conditions shall apply:

1. Purpose. The purposes of this Section are to satisfy the purposes and intents of the Township Master Plan which are to insure that large buildings and occupancies: fit the small town character and appearance of the community, do not become a blighting influence, are more readily able to be reused if abandoned, and do not adversely impact existing businesses, the community, or the neighborhood.
2. Design Standards.
   a. Building Placement.
      1) Buildings shall have a well-defined front facade with entrances facing the street. They shall be aligned so that the dominant lines of their facades parallel the line of the street.
      2) The relationships between buildings and the street shall be parallel or perpendicular rather than oblique or diagonal. Front facades shall be parallel to the street with major roof ridges either parallel or perpendicular to the street.
      3) New buildings and additions to existing buildings shall maintain and continue the "street wall" created by adjacent buildings.
   b. Architecture.
      1) Buildings or parts of buildings facing onto public spaces and streets, including canopies for accessory facilities, shall have peaked roofs with a slope of at least 8:12, except that hip roofs with a slope of at least 4:12 and flat roofs that are hidden by a raised cornice shall also be permitted.
      2) Windows shall be vertically proportioned and balanced on facades, with width to height ratios ranging from 1:2 to 3:5. Horizontal windows may be used just below roof eaves ("eyebrow" windows) and as first-floor display windows.
      3) Trademark architecture, which identifies a specific company by building design features, shall be prohibited, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the design is compatible with the historic architecture of Charlevoix.
      4) Large buildings shall be broken up to provide the appearance of smaller volumes consistent with the use and building proportions found in the region's traditional architecture. Generally, facades facing a street shall have the appearance of several vertical buildings attached side by side.
      5) Buildings shall have windows and doors at street level, on the street sides of the building, to encourage pedestrian traffic and commercial activity.
      6) No buildings shall have more than 15 horizontal feet of wall facing the street without a window or door opening.
      7) Building materials for the exterior walls of all new buildings that are visible from a street shall be wood, brick, stone or similar materials traditionally used in the Charlevoix area. Building walls and structures that are not visible from a street shall be constructed of wood, stone, brick, concrete block, metal, and similar materials.
   c. Lighting. Lighting within parking lots shall be on low poles of 12 feet to 15 feet maximum height, with color-corrected lamps and cut-off luminaries designed to minimize glare and light pollution. Design of poles and luminaries shall be compatible with the style of the architecture and adjoining streetscape treatment. Sidewalks leading from parking lots shall be lit with bollard lighting and indirect illumination of buildings and vegetation.
   d. Landscaping. Minimum three-inch caliper shade trees, measured at breast height, shall be provided along all streets and pedestrian ways at intervals averaging twenty feet on each side. Existing trees, lawns and shrubs shall be preserved to the extent practical. Landscaping shall not be required as buffers between uses unless the uses are determined by the Planning Commission to be incompatible.
   e. Access and Connections. Access shall be provided in accordance with the Access Management requirements of Section 3.18 of this Ordinance.
   f. Sidewalks. Sidewalks or defined walkways shall be provided leading from parking lots and along streets.
   g. Parking and Loading.
      1) The Planning Commission may reduce the off-street parking and loading requirements of Article VI if the applicant can demonstrate that full compliance is unnecessary because of the characteristics of the proposed use, the availability of shared or public parking, or other circumstances. The Planning Commission may also consider "proof of parking" in lieu of finished parking improvements provided the applicant agrees in writing to provide parking when it is deemed to be needed by the Commission.
      2) On-street parking and shared parking shall be encouraged where feasible.
      3) Parking lots shall be located to the rear and side of buildings, and shall be laid out to minimize visibility from existing streets, wherever possible. Parking in front of a building shall consist of no more than one bay width or sixty (60) feet.
      4) Rear parking lots shall be connected to adjoining parking lots and side streets, if any, and shall have clearly delineated pedestrian paths leading to the sidewalks along the street.
3. Additional Requirements For Buildings Exceeding a Footprint Area of 50,000 Square Feet. The following shall be required:
   a. Market Feasibility Study. A retail market study shall accompany the application that indicates the potential of the market to accommodate the project and the impact of the proposed project on existing retail businesses in the Charlevoix market area.
   b. Traffic Study. A traffic impact study shall accompany the application indicating the effects of the proposed development on the level of service of all existing and proposed intersections within one mile of the project and how traffic impacts will be mitigated.
   c. Adaptability For Reuse Plan. The building design for a retail use shall demonstrate how the building is designed for adaptation to a multi-tenant building in the event of the abandonment of the single tenant occupancy. The design may include, but is not limited to, compartmentalized construction, including plumbing, electrical, service, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and wall placement. The plans shall also demonstrate how the exterior of the building can be divided into separate tenancies, facades can be adapted to separate entrances, parking can be shared, and the exterior can be maintained as a multi-tenant occupancy.

7. Amend Article XIV, Definitions, to include the following new definitions:
   Single Tenant Occupancy - The area of a lot that is used by a single tenant, exclusive of parking.
   Footprint Area - The area of the ground floor of a building computed by measuring the exterior faces of the exterior walls of said building.
   Proof of Parking - Demonstration on the site plan that parking equal to Ordinance requirements is satisfied on the lot, some of which is not improved, but may be required by the Township to be improved if parking demand warrants at a later date.
8. Amend Article XII, Administration and Enforcement, Section 12.1 F. 2., replacing Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with **Township Board.**

You may appear and testify at the hearing, either in person or by duly authorized agent, or you may provide written comments to the Township Clerks Office prior to the hearing and they will become part of the hearing record. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance and Amendments are available for inspection in the Township Clerks Office on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Carol Martin, Township Clerk

Stay focused on keeping resolutions

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

A popular New Year's resolution involves eating right and working out. Here, Janet Troppman walks on a treadmill as a part of her regular exercise routine.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The New Year may bring to mind festive parties and other celebratory events, but to some it is a fresh start to their lives.

Meghan Vogel, 21, of Charlevoix, said her New Year's resolutions for 2005 are to start a sensible diet, lose 10 pounds and to start going to the gym again.

"I want to get my old body back," she said.

Vogel said she would have also wanted to stop smoking, but she has already accomplished that feat. Now, she plans to get her old figure back by eating a low carb diet and eating natural foods.

Instead of eating out, Vogel said she wants to make her own meals. She is also going to join a gym.

Kirby Dipert, 53, of Charlevoix, said he doesn't necessarily have a New Year's resolution, but has decided to lose weight.

He plans on doing this by eating a low carb diet and working out on his own and not at a gym.

Candy Smith, manager, personal trainer and fitness instructor at Harbor Health and Fitness Center in Charlevoix, said any fitness and weight loss goal can be achieved if it is realistic.

Smith said in order to commit to a fitness routine, one should set long term goals, but also realistic short term ones.

"Something that allows them to have a real life," she said.

Instead of setting one's goal as losing 40 pounds this year, Smith suggests focusing on being active at least three times a week. This is easier to achieve and she said it makes people less likely to stop what they start.

Smith also said in regard to losing weight, one shouldn't say they are not going to eat anything unhealthy, but instead should focus on eating less sugar on certain days per week.

Smith will have been teaching fitness for 25 years and has been a personal trainer for 18 years. She said one thing for people to keep in mind when they start an exercise routine is to start gently, but stay consistent with whatever they like to do.

By starting out slowly, Smith said people don't overexert themselves and will feel good about their workout and most likely will want to come back and do it again.

Smith suggests starting out with a routine that is under one hour, which will make the person more likely to stick to it. The time can be lengthened as the person becomes accustomed to their new lifestyle.

"Just doing 15 minutes a day is better than not at all," she said.

A common misconception, Smith said, is that people tend to think they need energy to workout.

"When you exercise it gives you energy," she said.

Exercising with someone or at least having someone to talk to about fitness helps some people stay com-

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Some common goals and how to keep them

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mitted to their regiment, Smith said, but so does rewarding oneself.

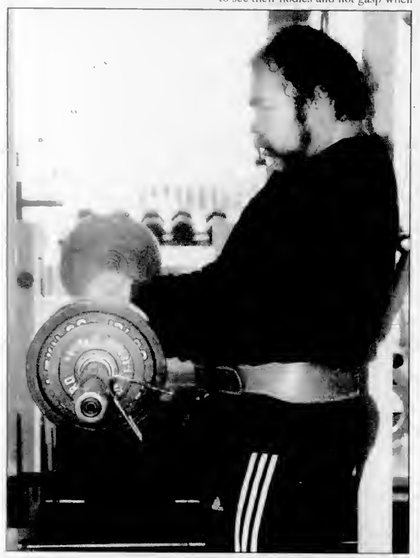
Smith suggests rewarding oneself with treats such as shoes or a new workout suit whenever a goal is achieved. However, fashion is not a prerequisite for working out in the gym.

"They don't have to look good in the gym," she said. "It's important to get here."

Smith said people of all ages and sizes can be found at the gym, which can be encouraging to most people.

With the weather outside not conducive to exercising, Smith said the gym or one's home is a great place to exercise.

During the winter, people cover up with bulky clothing that hides their bodies. Smith said exercising throughout the winter enables people to see their bodies and not gasp when they put on a bathing suit in the spring or summer.



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Mike Cannon does some curls as a part of his regular fitness routine. Many New Year's resolutions involved getting fit and working out.

At Harbor Health and Fitness Center, Smith said there are several classes available such as step, yoga, pilates, strength classes and more. However, a low-impact aerobic class will be starting up at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will not be the traditional type of aerobics, but rather a less intense version. Smith said this is great for those who haven't exercised in a while or those starting out.

Smith said newcomers are welcome and everyone is friendly and helps each other out.

One member achieved her 100 pound weight loss goal. Smith said she lost 50 pounds last year and 50 this year.

"It's definitely achievable," she said. "You just have to decide if that is a priority and take those steps."

Beth Strawbridge, 56, said her New Year's resolution is to start doing aerobic exercises for at least 30 minutes every day.

Strawbridge said she has already been snowshoeing and cross country skiing, but plans to create an exercise routine out of fast-paced walking when the weather is nice.

She also goes to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool to swim laps or take an aqua exercise class.

Al Gooch, director of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, said there is something for everyone at the pool whether they prefer to exercise alone or with a group.

The pool offers over 18 hours per week of lap swimming time where people can come and swim however long they have time for.

"Lap swimming is great because it's something you can do by yourself," he said.

Aside from lap swimming, the pool also offers over eight hours per week of aquatic aerobic classes, which are offered 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Gooch said the classes can be modified by each person to fit their fitness needs.

"Some people, by being in a group setting, are more motivated," he said.

There is also a Twinges in the Hinges class offered from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for those who are older or those who haven't exercised in awhile.

The class is geared toward people with arthritis, but Gooch said can be a way to spring board someone back into being active.

Frank Porter, 22, of Riverview, a suburb near Detroit, is making his New Year's Resolutions to try and save more money and to pay off debts.

"I used to save at least 30 percent of each check, but that was before I had any bills," he said.

Porter said he plans on accomplishing his resolutions by making a budget and cutting out buying unnecessary things he doesn't need at the moment. He also plans on making a list outlining everything he has to pay.

Derek A. Chowen of Edward Jones Investments of Charlevoix, said saving money is easy to get started.

Chowen said whatever institution one decides to deal with, they should sit down and talk about what would be the best strategy for them.

Opening a regular account or an IRA account, which Chowen said can be done at any institution is a good way to save.

At Edward Jones, Chowen said he has gotten a lot of people started by having them pay a monthly contribution to their account. He said this is the best way for people to get started.

"As people see their savings grow they get excited," he said.

Chowen deals with investments and not debt, but he said one can pay off debt by concentrating on the worst and working up from there.

"You want to get rid of it as quick as you can," he said.

Also, he said there is one sure fire way to get out of debt.

"Stop spending more than you make," he said.

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Pole barn fire reported

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The fire was contained to the pole barn and contents (no other structures were involved). The fire is not suspicious in nature and began near the woodstove that was used to heat the building.

The building and property is owned by Greg Vereyken of Williamsburg. Renters were staying in the house and were using the pole barn.

No injuries were associated to this fire. Firefighters were on scene over two hours.

The city fire department was assisted by the Charlevoix Township Fire Department, East Jordan Fire Department and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

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SPORTS

Volleyball team stopped short in tourney

BY B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

Charlevoix wasn't as adept at overcoming their lack of practice on the court last week as they were in the first tournament of the season.

A lack of practice and the excitement of the holiday season took their toll on the varsity volleyball team last Wednesday as they came in third overall at Leland.

"We didn't make it out of pool play," Coach Liz Grunch said. "I think it was kind of a hard week for us because of vacation. We didn't get a lot of practices in."

And, she added, the holidays made it difficult for the girls to focus.

But the tournament will have to suffice as practice time, as the regular season is about to begin.

"That's why I like to get them into a tournament. It's nice to get some time to play," Grunch said.

Indeed the loss to Pellston was what kept them from moving on in the tournament.

"The last game against Pellston we didn't play to our potential," she said. "We made a lot more mistakes than the other team. We were giving them the opportunity to spike it back at us."

And, she added, "We couldn't pass the ball; couldn't get it where we wanted it and set it up."

But, Grunch said, "It doesn't take away the fact that we played well in the morning."

"I think we attacked the ball pretty well and served pretty well, but our defense is still our weak point," Grunch said. "It's something we need to work on in practice. Defense is repetition: practice, practice, practice."

"We'll get there eventually," she added. "But right now we're not consistent enough to beat the really good teams."

According to Grunch, communication and defense are still downfalls, but things will improve as the girls get more court time with each other.

"We definitely have the potential to work with."

While the defense still has some work to do, Coach Grunch seems pretty happy with the job of the offense.

"I think we did a lot better job serving. We served probably 80 percent in the first tournament and the last tournament we served around 90 percent," she said.

The Rayders beat Kalkaska 21-12 and 23-21, Glen Lakes 21-7 and 21-15, both a loss of 7-21 and a win of 15-21 to Leland. The day ended with a two of three loss to Pellston with scores of 12-21, 21-17 and 9-15.

Players of mention were Teresa Martin with six aces, 19 digs and 18 kills. Kari Way with 10 digs, five aces and 22 kills; Betsey Dennis with five aces, nine digs and two kills and Zita Anderson with 49 assists.

Another challenge the Rayders face is the new rally scoring system adopted from the college level, wherein a mistake is an automatic point for the opposing team. Also, a ball which hits the net and goes over is considered good by the rule change.

Regardless of amended rules, Grunch said she is ready to get past last week's stumbling block and move on to the start of conference play against the Ramblers.

"In the past we've been very successful in beating them," she said.

But, she added, "They have a new coach this year. She's working really hard to build them back up."

The Rayders beat the Ramblers at the Inland Lakes tournament and hope to make a repeat performance this week.

"Our overall record is six wins, two losses and two ties," Grunch said. "Which is a good start."

The Rayders meet the Ramblers of Boyne City for the best three of five at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 6 at Charlevoix High School.

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If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

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Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Official Notice

Charlevoix County Commissioners
Synopsis - December 22, 2004

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on December 8, 2004. Commissioner Jason was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the December 8, 2004, regular Board meeting as presented.

Motion confirmed the following appointments: Commission on Aging - Janet Froats-Shepard, Betty Pearsall, Margo Johnson; Road Commission - Doug Way; Planning Commission - Randy Frykberg and Dennis Jason; Social Services - Carl Bloom; Veterans Affairs - John Mathers, Jr.; Economic Alliance - Joan Blanchard; Fair Board - Jane E. Brannon and R.C. & D. Council - Vic Patrick

Motion approved Resolution #04-118, Delinquent Tax Fund.

Motion approved Resolution #04-119, 2005 Building Department Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #04-120, 2004/2005 P.A. 511 Agreement, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign document.

Motion approved Resolution #04-121, Bank Depositories for 2005, and authorized County Treasurer to use these designated banks.

Motion approved Resolution #04-122, 2004 Budget Deficits.

Motion approved Resolution #04-123, Amend Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #04-124, Outside Counsel.

Motion approved the Investment Report as presented by County Treasurer.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2004 real estate with **unpaid 2002 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Charlevoix County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, **MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.**

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to **foreclose** on this property for **unpaid property taxes**.

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A **Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for January 24, 2005 - February 4, 2005 at 430 W Allegan, First Floor, Lansing MI 48922.
Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A **Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for 2:15 P. M., February 18, 2005 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State St, Charlevoix MI 49720.
At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 04-386-20-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- You have until March 31, 2005, to pay the delinquent taxes, penalties, interest and fees to redeem the property or, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, you will permanently lose your interest in the property.

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** in July, September, and November of **2005. These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2004**. The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Charlevoix County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

Name	Parcel #	Amount
AMERICAN BUSINESS MORTGAGE	014-035-019-00	$1,118.29
BANK ONE TRUST CO	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
BRENN, KATHY A	008-030-007-45	$3,401.22
BROCKETTE, JENNY A	051-378-012-00	$951.64
BROCKETTE, MICHAEL E	051-378-012-00	$951.64
BROWN, CYNTHIA	012-234-020-10	$489.56
BROWN, CYNTHIA	012-234-020-30	$489.56
BROWN, JEFFERY C	012-233-019-00	$647.96
BROWN, JEFFREY C	012-233-019-00	$647.96
BURKART, HARRY A III	051-347-035-50	$1,284.71
CABIC, JASON S	053-026-013-00	$867.79
CABIC, PAYGIE D	053-026-013-00	$867.79
CHARLEVOIX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	052-270-236-00	$2,482.88
CHARLEVOIX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	053-024-080-00	$1,064.67
CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE JNC	051-378-012-00	$951.64
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CITIZENS BANK	051-445-096-50	$5,825.76
CITIZENS BANK	051-445-098-00	$5,612.62
COLLINS, DAVID M	051-445-096-00	$2,785.09
COLLINS, DAVID M	051-445-096-50	$5,825.76
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COMERCA BANK DETROIT	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
CONNAGHAN, ANN	012-123-019-00	$1,401.09
CONNAGHAN, ANTHONY H	012-123-019-00	$1,401.09
COPPERFIELD ASSOCIATES	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
DENISON, MICHAEL A	051-150-084-00	$618.25
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-007-00	$2,090.28
FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-007-00	$2,090.28
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IDOLSKI, RICHARD J	015-005-009-20	$1,301.53
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SPORTS

Area hockey team busy over school break

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team participated in the St. Ignace Midget Holiday Classic Tournament over the past weekend.

On Dec. 31, the team drew St. Ignace for their first game.

Nick Dunwoody put in a one timer from just inside the blue line to open up the scoring. St. Ignace answered with three straight goals, then Ryan Hennessy scored an unassisted short handed goal, and Troy Searbrough hit the net with assists from Dunwoody and Josh Aown to tie it up.

The Saints put two more on the scoreboard, and Boyne scored a power play goal with 3:09 left in the third from the stick of Searbrough, with assists from defensemen Evan Keller and Matt Kopke. Despite pulling their goalie and skating on a power play, Boyne didn't get past the Saint's goalie and the score stood at 4-5 at the end.

Charlie Courtright was between the pipes and Dunwoody was named MVP.

On New Year's Day, the team played Alpena.

Alpena scored in the first period, and Hennessy tied the score with assists from Searbrough and Dunwoody. In the third period, Eli Barsy scored the go ahead goal, with an assist from Darren Looze.

Alpena tied it up again, then scored an open net goal with just 15 seconds left to take the game 2-3. Looze was named MVP.

Nick Ferree was in goal.

On Jan. 2, the team was matched with Sault Ste Marie's McCullough team.

Sault Ste. Marie scored first on a power play, but shortly after Russell Williams tied with a pass from Barsy.

Williams scored the go ahead goal with passes from Ryan Paridee and Barsy. Early in the second period, Sault Ste. Marie tied it up again. Then Dunwoody hit on a power play with assists from Searbrough and Kopke.

Barsy then tallied a rare natural hat trick with three goals in a row, with assists from Kopke, Looze, Isaac Krey, Searbrough and two from Paridee. Looze put in a breakaway goal unassisted, and Dunwoody capped off the 8-2 win with a scoop from in front from Barsy and Gear Robinson assists.

Paridee earned a playmaker with three assists. Barsy, with a hat trick and a playmaker, earned MVP. Goalies Courtright and Ferree split netminding.

Rod and gun club to have shooting leagues

Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club is offering 12 Week Leagues in five stand, skeet and rifle from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays continuing through March 23.

The 12 week leagues are for five stand at eight rounds level II, 12 rounds level III, skeet at 20 rounds and rifle at 12 targets. You can do one, two or three leagues.

The league's fees are $20 first league and $5 for each additional league plus cost of rounds. League dinner and awards are at 5 p.m., on Saturday, March 26.

To register, sign-up at the club house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays, Saturdays or Sundays.

Nonmembers are welcome. If you have questions, call the club at 547-2785, Kim at 547-0554, John at 588-6173 or Kevin at 347-7206.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League • Dec. 29, 2004

	W	L
Lutherans	40	10
Mark White Paint & Stain	36	14
State Farm Insurance	36	14
Ferguson & Chamberlain	32	18
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	32
The Inner Circle	14	36
St. Mary's	14	36
R & C Roofing	0	20

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Randy DeYoung	594	217
Bob Williams	560	208
John Murray	560	201

Tuesday Night Ladies • Dec. 28, 2004

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	3	1
Grey Gables	3	1
Paul Bunyan Lanes	3	1
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	2.5	1.5
Don's IGA	1.5	2.5
Central Drug Store	1	3
Mark White Paint & Stain	1	3
Twin Lakes Enterprise	1	3

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	590	225
Jane Holm	199	
Marlene Evans	534	
Leanna Motcoryak	528	194

Men's Senior League • Dec. 27, 2004

	W	L
Kerr's Racing	38	22
J Arnold Painting "A"	37	23
Cemex Cement	32	28
Central Drug Store	31	29
B Vanko & Sons	29	31
Weebowl-Wobowls	26	34
J Arnold Painting "Z"	26	34
Selph Trucking	21	39

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

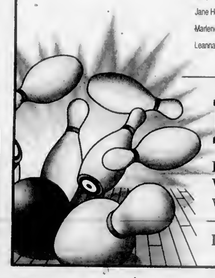
	Series	Game
Don Potter	536	233
Chuck Pop	571	227
Roger Vanniman		231
Brynn VanLoo	532	

Young at Hearts League December 30, 2004

	W	L
Half & Half	38.5	21.5
Past Timers	32.5	27.5
Misfits	31	29
Twilighters	30	30
Spare time	29	31
Alley Cats	29	31
Has Beens	26	34
Irish Rollers	24	36

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon		184
Bill Hamman	508	178
Don Bambach	483	167
Ralph Kitson	446	
Nancy Bambach	445	178
Mary Lakies		159
Zettie Kitson	433	
Judy Potter		156
Dolly Coen	410	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Bob Williams of the Wednesday Night Church League with a 208 actual.

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ONOFRIO, JULIO	013-707-593-00	$745.97	SINEWAY, DOUGLAS M SR	053-013-002-35	$2,304.74
PACESETTER CORPORATION	014-035-019-00	$1,118.29	SINEWAY, SHERRY	053-013-002-35	$2,304.74
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PFAFF, TODD	013-709-757-00	$382.44	THOMASON, DALE C	002-006-029-10	$568.03
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RUSSELL, BARBARA	009-014-009-20	$405.41			

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December melt

On Dec. 31 the weather became warmer as the sun shone through the clouds. The ice that had once covered the South Pier of Pine River Channel started to melt somewhat.

Dale Hull to kick off library program series

The kick-off to the Charlevoix Public Library 2005 program series will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the annual Friends of the Library Meeting.

Dale Hull, executive director of Crooked Tree Arts Center, will speak about the state of the arts in northern Michigan. A freelance actor and writer and former English teacher, Hull is responsible for the operations and implementation of all programs at Crooked Tree.

He has extensive experience in the arts, having previously been associated in Grand Rapids with its FM radio station, ballet company and civic theater.

A short business meeting with the election of officers and a review of the accomplishments of 2004 will precede Hull's remarks. Light refreshments will be served.

The public is invited to attend in the lower level of the Charlevoix Public Library, 109 Clinton Street. For further information call the library at 547-2651.

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DDA wants to extend lifespan for marina

Public hearings are being planned

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A plan to increase the life span of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority in order to pay for the Charlevoix marina renovations passed unanimously, and without discussion, Wednesday at the organization's regular meeting.

At the meeting, DDA officials stressed this is not a tax increase, but simply an extension of the organization's life span. Officials said the DDA will not take any more tax money than what it currently collects.

Chairman Hugh Mason said, "We are not going to take excess money than what we are going to need. If it comes to that, then we will give some back."

The DDA will have public hearings on this matter before final adoption.

City Manager Michael Wiesner, who brought the plan to the DDA, said he had recommended to the DDA that they update their Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan to incorporate the marina project. This would also allow the DDA time to pay off the bonds it needs for the marina plan.

In 2013, the DDA's financing plan will come to an end, but the marina project will require a 20 year time period to repay the bonds used to finance the million dollar project. This would extend the life of the DDA to 2024 or 2025, Wiesner said.

The DDA is footing the bill for some of the project and will repay the bonds over the 20 year period. By extending the financing plan, Wiesner said the DDA can reconsider the whole plan and not have to worry about bond rates.

The Michigan Waterways Commission is expected to pick up about 75 percent of the tab for the $10,570,207.97 marina project.

By extending the DDA's finance plan, Wiesner said it will only extend the amount of time the DDA can get taxes from property owners but will not increase the current tax rate.

Wiesner said whether the DDA was there or not, the downtown property owners would still be paying the 1.3 mills required for operations.

Wiesner said he didn't have the exact figures, but about five percent of the money collected by the DDA comes from downtown property owners and about 95 percent comes from taxes collected on downtown properties before it's shared between other entities such as the Charlevoix Public Schools. This money is generated from new tax dollars on properties located in the DDA district — the downtown area — that are gathered from inflation and new assessments on the properties.

The Charlevoix City Commission also looked over this plan at its meeting Monday night.

Charlevoix Council Member Shirley Gibson said she would like to see what different government bodies the DDA captures money from and how much exactly is taken. The DDA takes a little tax money from various government funds to pay for the projects it takes on.

Wiesner said he could supply her with that information.

Crooked Tree to 'Boogie Woogie' in art series

The Crooked Tree Arts Center continues its Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series with the Boogie Woogie Babies to warm up your January.

The Boogie Woogie Babies will perform two shows at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21 and Saturday, January 22 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Friday evening's performance is a high energy, entertaining and patriotic revue of music, history and trivia from World War II, while on Saturday, the Boogie Woogie Babies will perform their show, Boogie Down Broadway.

Boogie Woogie Babies is comprised of seasoned performers of the Grand Rapids theater and music scene: Mary Rademacher, Barbara Wisse and Francesca Amari.

Amari created the revue by request of the American Legion Boat and Canoe Club, and the group has been performing the show ever since throughout Michigan and Illinois.

Amari has been a professional vocalist for 20-some years and has appeared in national and regional theater and trained in New York City.

Rademacher is one of west Michigan's finest jazz vocalists and has appeared overseas with the USO, in dozens of area theater productions, is a regional Star Search winner, a former MSU cheerleader and is a busy choreographer and performer. She's opened for Taylor Dayne and Bob Newhart.

In addition to her own band, the RadPack, she performs regularly with The Night Band and the Midtown Horns in clubs, casinos and private events. She's released two CDs: Radhot and You Hit the Spot.

Wisse most recently performed her one-woman cabaret act, Laughing Matters as a part of Grand Rapids' Circle Theatre 50th Anniversary Cabaret Series.

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Contact the City Manager's Office at 231-547-3270 for more information and a complete list of job duties. Submit application to the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 by January 26, 2005. Applications and background waiver form available at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE.

(1-5-3-086)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Robert R. Graves and Linda T. Graves, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated October 3, 2000, and was recorded on October 6, 2000 in Liber 398 on pages 393 through 399 of the Charlevoix County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $2,395.46, including interest at 9% per year variable. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, January 21, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Peaine, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

The East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 4, Town 38 North, Range 10 West.

The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Date: December 9, 2004

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Independent Mortgage Co. Central MI, Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, M 48707
(989) 892-4574

L(12/22,12/29,1/5,1/12,1/19)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry R. Wiliams and Bridget N. Williams, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 10, 1999 and recorded June 14, 1999 in Liber 365, Page 697, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment Dated September 15, 2003 and recorded October 8, 2003 in Liber 577 Page 752 by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 40/100 Dollars ($124,532.40) including interest at the rate of 7.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on February 4, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: In the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, Bay Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan described as: Beginning at the Southeast corner of Alpine Hills No. 2 Subdivision in Section 10, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, Bay Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 205 and 206, Charlevoix County Records; thence along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 10, South 02 degrees, 51 minutes West 762.59 feet to the South line of said Section 10; thence West 248.65 feet along the South line of Section 10; thence North 02 degrees 51 minutes East 927.96 feet to the South line of Erickson Road; thence along the South line of Erickson Road in the following courses: South 56 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds East 177.20 feet and 114.61 feet along the arc of a circular curve to the right, central angle 06 degrees 06 minutes 30 seconds radius 1075.04 feet; chord bearing South 53 degrees 39 minutes 05 seconds East 114.56 feet to the Place of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: January 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage Company , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 200.0947 ASAP626106

L(1/5,1/12,1/19,1/26)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dan Dulong and Christine Dulong, husband and wife, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated June 23, 2004 and recorded July 16, 2004 in Liber 626, Page 520, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., asset Becked Pass Through Certificates, series 2004-R8, under the pooling and servicing agreement dated es of August 1, 2004, without recourse. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Seventy and 91/100 Dollars ($108,070.91) including interest at the rate of 10.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on February 4, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26 Lewis's Addition to Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 14, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: January 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, series 2004-R8, under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of August 1, 2004, without recourse. , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 214.1767 ASAP626105

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events and briefs

Democrats to meet

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 6, at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City beginning with a Dutch-treat dinner followed with a meeting at 7 p.m. On the agenda for the first of the monthly meetings will be resolutions northern Michigan Democrats wish to see presented by the county delegates at the state Democratic Convention in February in Detroit. Everyone who is interested is invited as they plan the direction of the party for the next two years.

Future monthly meetings scheduled for the first Thursday of each month, will feature guest speakers, beginning with Char-Em Superintendent Mark Eckhardt in February, who will discuss the topic of public school financing. In March, economist Dr. Samuel Williamson will lead a discussion on Social Security.

Bible study

A Disciple Bible Study begins at 5 p.m., on Jan. 9 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ located at 101 State Street, one-block west of Bridge Street. This is a program of Cokesbury Publishing involving an intensive study of the Bible over a 34-week period, 17 weeks with the Old Testament and 17 weeks with the New Testament. The only cost is $30 for the workbook. All are welcome and for more information call the First Congregational Church at 547-9122.

CPR, First Aid

The Charlevoix Area Hospital is once again offering CPR and First Aid Classes.

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid Courses are scheduled:

- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B.
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2005 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B
- From 6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Republican Convention

The next Charlevoix County Republican Convention is at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 13 at the Commissioner's Room of the Charlevoix County Building.

Fiddlers and Pickers

The Second Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day is from 3 to 10 p.m., on Jan. 15, at the Knight of Columbus Hall on Bells Bay Road just off US-31 South in Charlevoix. Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are all welcome. Donation at the door admits entrance to the event. The donations benefit the East Jordan Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund. For more information call Gabe Campbell at 547-9739, Bill Stevens at 547-9153 and Dan Johnston at 526-5145.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

All donors will be required to provide an ARC donor card, driver's license or other government issued ID prior to donating.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful meeting

The Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., on Jan. 20 at the Grey Gables. The public is welcome.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9132 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Help for Crowell family

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

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Partying into the new year

Weathervane

In order to capture the spirit of New Year's Eve in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Courier placed two disposable cameras in two downtown bars that night: the Villager Pub and the Weathervane Restaurant. People taking part in the New Year's festivities at those businesses were invited to take random pictures of the evening as it unfolded. Here are some of those pictures. Since the Courier staff was not in attendance, all of the names of the people in the photos are not known. Therefore, we have decided to just print the pictures without cutlines. From the looks of things, people in these two businesses had a great New Year's Eve. All photos are by unknown photographers.

Villager Pub

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New Year's Eve relatively quiet in Charlevoix

QUIET

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New Year's Eve proved to be a lucrative evening.

Rod Hayward, owner of All Star Taxi & Shuttle, said the night went fairly well.

"The rate (of people) was almost a normal Friday night in Charlevoix," he said.

He said despite a record number of people at certain places like Stafford's Weathervane, no more than normal took a taxi.

Hayward's taxi company services bars, restaurants, motels and individual people and an even number from each area took a cab.

All Star Taxi & Shuttle opened for business on Nov. 1, 2004 and Hayward said he is pleased with how things have progressed.

"It (New Year's Eve) was the best night I've had since I've been open by almost double," he said. "I wish it was New Year's every weekend."

He said it's hard to have a typical night when dealing with drunk people.

"That's why I do it," he said. "I enjoy it. It's good for laughs. People are so funny when they've been drinking and partying."

Another local taxi company also had a good New Year's Eve and said its business was up.

Robert Simpson, owner of Quickie Cab Company, said the night went really good.

"More people used the cabs than ever," he said.

Simpson has been running his company for the past three years, and his first proved to be the best so far. However, this New Year's pulled a close second.

Simpson runs a fleet of three taxis and had them all running for about 24 hours to service those in the area on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Throughout the evening and early morning, Simpson said his company gave rides to between 70 and 100 people. There weren't any problems.

Everyone was happy and jolly while enjoying the evening.

"We do our best to save every life we can," he said. "We try to do it at a fairly decent price."

Simpson said New Year's Eve was great as he served bars, airports and individual people. He said gave rides to about an even number of people per area he covers.

Simpson has been driving taxis professionally for five years, two of which while working for Harborside Taxi before creating his own company.

He created the company since there wasn't really a taxi presence in Charlevoix anymore.

"I try to take care of everybody," he said.

Yaroch has a few ideas for improving Charlevoix

DDA

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the same time adding additional events and functions that will bring more people to the downtown area.

Yaroch also stressed "smart growth," such as "increasing housing density and the population base to support the business community while minimizing sprawl." An example of that would be creating an ordinance that would allow apartments above garages, which will help create affordable housing with little or no additionally parking requirements of consumption of property.

Yaroch suggested the task force be composed of representatives form the city council, DDA, chamber, Charlevoix Visitors and Convention Bureau, Downtown Retail Merchants Group and other organizations.

But, Yaroch's plan did create some concerns among authority members and city staff.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said he did not like the idea of having another body trying to guide the downtown area. Currently there is the chamber, DDA and there was a downtown steering committee that is now inactive.

Some authority members also expressed this concern. It was suggested to look into having the DDA coordinate this goal with the current bodies that are involved in improving the downtown area.

Additionally, authority members questioned how involved it could become in a project such as this. Typically, the authority takes on building projects, such as funding renovations to the marina and East Park, in order to improve the infrastructure of the downtown area. But, what is not known is if the authority can take part in promoting the downtown area as was suggested by Yaroch.

Therefore, the authority asked Wiesner to look into the rule governing a DDA to determine just how much it can pay for promoting a downtown, if at all.

Authority member John Taylor said, "We want to know how far we can go down this path."

Authority chair Hugh Mason said the group will meet on this matter again in the near future. It is not known at this time when that next

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One Charlevoix family is becoming frustrated with the United States Army's treatment of their son during a family emergency.
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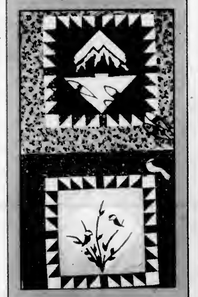

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Citizen considering petition

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

"I want to save that band shell that was built by donations in memory of Clarence Odmark, and I would like to keep that bandshell in that park."

Jill Picha,
Charlevoix resident

Charlevoix resident Jill Picha is upset with current proposed East Park renovation plans that show the Odmark band shell being torn down, and she is considering a petition to stop it.

Picha began questioning what it takes to start a petition to get a referendum on a city ballot stopping the destruction of the band shell at the Jan. 3 city council meeting.

"I want to save that band shell that was built by donations in memory of Clarence Odmark, and I would like to keep that band shell in that park," she said. "I am looking at a petition that will probably say, 'leave that park alone.'"

Picha stressed she is only considering this option at this time. She said she is trying to determine if there would be support for such a measure.

She added she has gotten a few telephone calls in support of her idea. She is hoping more people contact her about her plans for a petition that will lead to a vote by the public on the East Park project.

"It is too late if it is a done deal. Here, we have a chance to undo all of this," she said.

But talk of a referendum may be a little premature.

According to Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young, the charter says a referendum can be held on an ordinance that was passed by the city council.

However, Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said nothing in the park has been finalized yet, and the council is working towards getting the marina side of the project started. He stressed when the council begins looking at the park side of the marina and park renovation plans, if people want it to be changed, then that is the time to do it.

"There is nothing to have a referendum on right now," he said.

According to Young, city charter states that if council passes an ordinance or amends an ordinance a group of people don't like, then that group of people can take action.

Under the charter, five registered voters must file an affidavit with the city clerk, who provides them with petition blanks. That group then must get at least 15

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Winter filled with outdoor activities

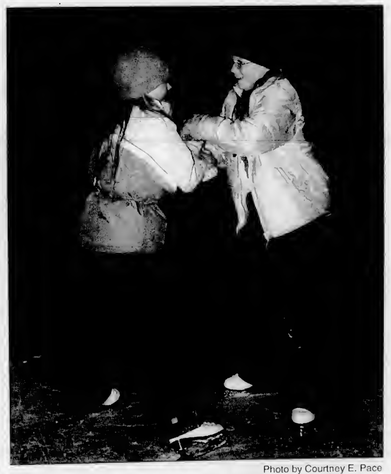
Photo by Courtney E. Pace
Grace Glenny, 9, and Carolena Elowsky, 10, practiced their figure skating skills on the city ice skating rink across from Charlevoix Middle School.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

When the weather turns cold and snow covers the land most want to hibernate until spring, but winter offers a variety of activities that can only happen when snow is on the ground.

Snowshoeing, ice skating, downhill and cross country skiing and snowmobiling are just a few aspects to the fun winter provides in Charlevoix.

Alison Adams, education specialist with the Little Traverse Conservancy, said people can snowshoe on the several preserves throughout the county.

The Charles A. Ransom Nature Preserve on Maple Grove Road, Adams said, provides a mix of open land and forests. Adams said the land was donated by the Ransom family in 1976 in memory of their son.

"It has a great view of Lake Michigan," she said.

Adams said there are two good sized loops snowshoers can use, but she advises beginners to choose a different preserve due to the steep and hilly terrain.

The preserve is 80 acres with a total of one-and-a-half miles to trek across.

Adams also suggested those who want to snowshoe can try Raven Ridge Nature Preserve near the Raven Hill Discovery Center.

"It's a neat way to spend the day," she said.

The preserve spans about 140 acres with three loops that total more than one-and-a-half miles in total length. Raven Ridge Nature Preserve also features an old homestead site.

"It's probably hard to find unless you're with someone who knows," Adams said.

Adams said the preserve also features a lookout over the valley in East Jordan.

The preserve was purchased in a joint fund-raising effort, Adams said, between the Little Traverse Conservancy and Raven Hill Discovery Center.

For those who want less hilly terrain to try their hand at snowshoeing, Adams said the Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve is great.

The preserve is about 55 acres with more than a mile of hiking trails and is located off M-66 across from Phelps Road on Sleepy Hollow Lane.

A spring fed stream, Cedar Creek, runs through the preserve and Adams said the plant life on the way to the creek is something to look at. When walking down to the creek the trees are all cedars

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Deborah Kay Potter, 43, Petoskey. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Six months probation; 45 days in jail, serve five days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 25 days held in abeyance; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Carol Jeanne Snively, 50, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Twelve months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,320 in fines and costs.

Juan Carlos Cuevas, 26, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Sentenced to 20 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 16 days.

Michael Ryan Belford, 22, East Jordan. Reckless driving. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Steven James Launstein Jr., 22, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $435.

Mary Lou Shananaquet, 46, Petoskey. Operator-no license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Terry Lee Clark, 44, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Two years probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 90 days on electronic monitor, 304 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,620 in fines and costs.

William John Argue II, 45, Charlevoix. Unlicensed contractor. Two year's probation; 90 days in jail with credit for 15 days, serve 75 days.

Dwight Alan Pickard, 28, Saginaw. Operating while intoxicated, operating while license suspended/revoked/denied, second or subsequent offense and controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Twelve months probation; 365 days in jail with credit for four days, serve 91 days, 270 days held in abeyance; $1,600 in fines and costs.

Maria Ann Sage, 25, Charlevoix. Police officer assault/resist/obstruct. Six months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 89 days held in abeyance; $300 in fines and costs.

Elizabeth Bombyk Norton, 26, East Lansing. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $950 in fines and costs.

Shawn David Willis, 30, Alanson. Domestic violence, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days, 61 days held in abeyance; $850 in fines and costs.

Rachel Ann Davis, 21, Beaver Island. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 40 days in jail, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $760 in fines and costs.

Esther Marie Choate, 35, Charlevoix. Harboring escapees. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, serve 10 days.

Pauline June McBee, 40, Boyne City. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 35 days on electronic monitor, 77 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $860 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Frank Edward Porter, 22, Brownstown. Probation violation-larceny from a motor vehicle. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 30 days.

Emily Ivory Hughes, 21, Ellsworth. Attempted larceny in a building. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $7,060 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 27, Boyne City. Attempted home invasion, third degree. Thirty-six months probation; 270 days in jail with credit for 59 days, serve 150 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 27, Boyne City. Uttering and publishing. Thirty-six months probation; sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 59 days, serve 150 days; $4,751.73 in fines and costs.

Allen Stanley Habel Jr., 22, Petoskey. Attempted tampering with evidence. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 120 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Matthew Allen Mitchell, 23, Laingsburg. Criminal sexual conduct, third degree. Sentenced to a minimum of 20 months to a maximum of 15 years in jail with credit for two days; $120 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Sonny's Ironton Market, 3619 M-66, Charlevoix, by Matthew G. Claflin and Lisa C. Claflin.

ABC Lawn Boy Plus, 06446 Old US-31 South, Charlevoix, by Alex Chaika.

Michigan Soapstone Company, 10016 Huffman Lake Road, Vanderbilt, by Gary Arseneault.

Eleventh Hour, 205 Second Street, East Jordan, by Lee Evan Durfee.

Compassionate Care Services In Your Home Care Inc., 112 South Water Street, East Jordan, by Carole E. Gilbert and John E. Gilbert.

Foster Boat Works Inn, 206 Ferry Avenue, Charlevoix, by Charlevoix Rental Company.

Michigan Barn Company, 00319 M-66, East Jordan, by Jeffrey S. Landon.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Raymond Leonard O'Donnell, 49, Charlevoix and Mary Ann Ferguson, 46, Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Angela Campbell vs. Anthony Campbell

Mary Ann Reed vs. Glen Reed

Melissa Kay Ecker vs. Patrick Jay Ecker

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Fiddle music feature of concert

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

With snow on the ground and the weather cold, one activity in Charlevoix hopes to get your blood pumping and your feet tapping.

The 2nd Annual Fiddler's and Picker's Day on Jan. 15 will feature the talents of various musicians for a night of musical enjoyment.

Gabe Campbell, Charlevoix resident and former mayor, said the idea for the event came from his wife, Karen Campbell, second ward city council member.

"It's great if you like that kind of music," he said.

Campbell said his wife was tired of the January boredom and asked their friends last year if they would mind getting together and playing. He said Bill Stevens and Dan Johnston agreed and the first event went well.

Campbell doesn't play an instrument, but enjoys listening to the talents of others.

Last year a total of 85 people came to the event and hopes are more will attend this year.

"It's really a lot of fun," Campbell said. "They (musicians) enjoy it and the people enjoy it."

Stevens has been playing the guitar for a very long time and said the object is to just get together and have fun during the winter months.

However, the event also helps raise money for up and coming musicians.

The event will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix and entrance is by donation. These donations will then go toward the East Jordan Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund.

Stevens is one of eight members of the Jamboree and said the scholarship program helped 17 young fiddler's last year.

The East Jordan Fiddler Jamboree has been occurring for 25 years, but for the last eight it has mainly been a scholarship program.

Campbell said Andy Tuck, Charlevoix resident and young string instrument prodigy, received help from the scholarship fund.

The Jamboree will be on March 5, and Stevens said the 2nd Annual Fiddler's and Picker's Day is a great way to prepare for the Jamboree.

Stevens said those who attend will hear banjos, guitars, fiddles, pianos and more.

"Just to keep the old time music alive," he said.

Campbell said attendees can hear old and new songs, hymns and much more.

To add to the atmosphere of the evening, old fashioned square dancing with a live caller will occur later in the evening.

The 2nd Annual Fiddler's and Picker's Day will be from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. and dancing will start at 7 p.m. Food and beverages will be available.

For more information call Campbell at 547-9739, Stevens at 547-9153 and Johnston at 526-5145.

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Still in business

The American Flag flew full mast at the site of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 1153 last week. The standing wall is all that remains of the building that had been the post's home since 1953 after clean-up efforts. The building caught fire on Dec. 10.

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Come together with plans for downtown

EDITORIAL

Make no mistake about it, Charlevoix's downtown could use help.

At a recent Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority meeting, member John Yaroch talked about the problems facing our downtown, such as loss of businesses and slow winters.

He said Charlevoix's downtown was more vibrant 30 years ago than it is today and it gets worse each year. And, he said, more people are starting to take notice of the neighboring towns and leaving Charlevoix behind.

But, Yaroch sees many positives that Charlevoix has to offer and many ways it can become competitive with neighboring towns. But, he believes, more needs to be done to promote Charlevoix's downtown and provide ways to get more people into the community, so they can see just what kind of city this is.

To do so, he suggested a task force. This task force would look at ways to promote the downtown area and provide events throughout the year to bring people into the area. Events like reviving the winter carnival, band festivals, motorcycle nights and many others. The key is using the character of the downtown that we have already.

In addition to this, he wants to see some enhancement to the downtown, in the form of new zoning laws making it easier for affordable housing — something he thinks is hurting the growth of the community — and trying to get a better mix of businesses downtown.

While some balk at the idea of another committee or group trying to help the downtown, Yaroch should be commended for trying to think of a solution and trying to help. Maybe his ideas will give fresh energy to those organizations, such as the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, who are already working to promote the community.

Maybe it wouldn't hurt if a task force was created, composed of those various organizations who concentrate on helping the downtown, to talk about ways to help the downtown.

This does not mean we need more studies that stick up more taxpayer or chamber funding. All we need right now are some fresh ideas and some energetic people, such as Yaroch, to get them started. This task force would simply be a way to give the downtown groups a chance to all get on the same page and brainstorm for this community.

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The history behind your morning coffee

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

At a season of the year when a cup of hot coffee in the morning is synonymous with getting up and getting going, it might be worthwhile to consider what it is we are drinking.

Coffee is one of a number of plants from around the world that produce the alkaloid caffeine. Other plants containing caffeine are tea, cocoa and the cola nut tree. Mate, another caffeine containing beverage, is made from a South American species of holly.

Not all alkaloids are harmless stimulants. Cocaine is an alkaloid from coca plants, opium and heroin come from poppy plants, nicotine from tobacco and scopolamine from Jimsonweed.

Hundreds of alkaloids are found in plants. What distinguishes caffeine from many of the others is that it is not outlawed as a dangerous drug.

Plants do not make alkaloids to please or stimulate us. The alkaloids found in plants are generally extremely bitter substances which provide a measure of protection for the plants from grazing animals that might eat them. Children generally avoid bitter-tasting things, but as adults we learn to enjoy at least some of them. Most alkaloids are also poisonous to some degree.

Humans have been using the caffeine in coffee as a stimulant for at least 1,800 years, first in the Arabic countries of the Middle East and later all over the world. At present we in America consume on average about 30 gallons of coffee per person each year, only slightly less than the average consumption of beer.

Coffee did not make its way from Arabia to Europe until the 1600s, but was then so popular that no city in England or France could call itself up-to-date unless it had coffee houses where men — almost always men — congregated, socialized and conducted the business of the time.

Women drank coffee at home, and it even found some use as a stimulant during childbirth. In Arabia if a husband refused to keep his wife supplied with coffee, she had grounds for divorce. All coffee came from Arabic countries until about 1700 when plantations were established in much of the tropical world: first by the Dutch and later by the English. Most countries in South and Central America and many of the Caribbean Islands grew and exported coffee before 1800, and many still do.

J.S. Bach composed a coffee cantata in honor of the precious stimulant. And Bruce Catton in his history of the Civil War says the north could not have won without the daily ration of coffee beans provided to every Union soldier.

Caffeine is a perfectly legal, non-addictive drug, but we should not think that it is completely harmless. Caffeine is habituating, which means that as we use it we need ever more of it to get the same effect.

We can also feel the very mild effects of withdrawal. A heavy coffee or tea drinker, or someone who drinks six cans of cola a day, is likely to feel the effects of a slight cold if they are deprived of their usual fix for a few days.

If either is taken in pure form, a lethal dose of caffeine is just about twice the lethal dose of cocaine. Fortunately, caffeine is legal and as a result is imported in the very dilute form of coffee or tea.

In the forms usually available, it is nearly impossible to consume a lethal dose of caffeine, although six or eight cups of coffee will certainly increase your heart rate and blood pressure.

Enjoy your morning cup of coffee and your afternoon tea and don't worry about the amounts of caffeine in soft drinks. But we should remember that cocaine is not the only slightly dangerous drug we import from Columbia.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letter to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

A sincere thank you goes out to all of you who contributed so generously to the Women's Resource Center's (WRC) Annual Harvest Food and Supply Drive to benefit the Safe Home! Your kind donations of food, supplies, financial support and gifts have stocked the shelter pantry and provided holiday cheer to many families in our community.

Last year the Safe Home housed over 130 women and children who otherwise would have been homeless due to domestic abuse. The shelter is a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, resource to families in crisis in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. The community support received during the Harvest Food and Supply Drive allows the WRC to continue providing these important services to families in need. Thanks to all the service groups, churches, businesses, schools, clubs and individuals that made supporting victims of domestic abuse in this community a priority. Your contributions have a direct, positive impact on the lives of many families in northern Michigan.

Jamie Winters
Safe Home Coordinator

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Back roads to be plowed on weekends

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix County roads will be cleared of snow despite tighter budgets.

Pat Harmon, Charlevoix County Road Commission manager, said the county is doing fine this year with its road budget and no changes were made that weren't already in place last year in the face of smaller budgets.

Harmon said the back roads in the county are cleared on the weekends and only if they are in bad condition.

In past years, Harmon said all roads were treated the same and cleared daily, but with a tighter budget coming in from the state the back roads had to become a weekend venture.

Harmon defined back roads as the secondary or local road system. These roads don't receive the same priority as the primary road system, which includes state highways and main roads that connect city to city.

Primary roads, Harmon said, are cleared daily. The primary road system in the Charlevoix area includes: Boyne City/Charlevoix Road, Marion Center Road, Bell's Bay Road, Barnard Road, M-66, Ferry Road, Lakeshore, Peninsula, Advance, Burgess, Upper Bay Shore, Maple Grove Road, Norwood, Dixie Highway and Richardson. On Beaver Island they include East Side, Kings Highway, McCauley and Pogenog.

In 2005, Harmon said the portion of funding the county gets from the Michigan Transportation Fund is projected to be three percent less than what it was for 2004.

Harmon said the money comes from Michigan gas taxes and license plate fees, which are used for operations by the county road commission. However, Harmon said there may be less funding because of permanent license plates installed on trailers.

It is still unknown exactly how this cut in funding will affect the county, Harmon said, because it may be more or less than the projected three percent.

"If it holds true to be three percent or more we'll have to make some adjustments next fall or cut a service somewhere along the way," Harmon said.

The final decision will be up to the County Commission to decide.

Things in the city, however, are a little different.

John Martin, street superintendent for the city of Charlevoix, said there haven't been any problems as they budget accordingly for the winter months.

"I don't think we're any different than any other year," he said.

Martin said there are four trucks that go out each day and clear roads, parking lots and sidewalks.

He said so far, he thinks everything will be OK throughout the season. However, no one can predict when snow will fall, he said.

Courtesy photo

Four generations

Ella Ingalls, left, was joined for the holidays by (from left) her granddaughter Jackie Hyer of California, great-granddaughter Phoebe and daughter Judy Lucas of Kodiak, Alaska.

Floor safe stolen from EZ Mart

Sometime between midnight and 5 a.m., Sunday someone broke into the Charlevoix EZ Mart on the corner of M-66 and Bridge Street and stole a safe.

According to Charlevoix Police Department Chief Dennis Halverson, someone pried the lock of the front door of the business and removed a 3-foot-by-3-foot safe using a handcart that was in the store.

The safe contained an undetermined amount of cash and checks.

Halverson said employees at the store told him the safe was too heavy to be picked up or moved by just one person. Therefore, police believe more than one person was involved with this crime.

Police do not have any leads at this time.

If you have any information on this theft, please contact the Charlevoix Police Department at (231) 547-3258.

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President John Lachman and his wife Agnes at the Kiwanis Club birthday celebration.

Kiwanis Club celebrates 70 years of service to area

Charlevoix Kiwanis Club celebrated its 70th birthday recently with 75 members and guests in attendance.

Present was District Governor Chuck Kincaid and wife, Nadine; Lt/Gov. Leroy Ormsbee and wife, Janet, of Division 22. Also representatives from the Boyne City, Cheboygan, Indian River and Petoskey Kiwanis Clubs were in attendance.

Charlevoix Kiwanis Club President John Lachman said the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club prides itself serving the youth and the Charlevoix community for these past 70 years. Sponsoring a Key Club for high school students, Builders Club for middle school students, K-Kids for elementary students and Aktion Club for adults with disabilities. Supporting Scout Troop 11 for 65 years, Camp Daggett a cabin and yearly scholarships and many other youth needs and community support.

Bottling maple syrup and selling it in local stores has been the club's longest fund-raiser and the Kielbasa stand is a favorite at Venetian and the Apple Festival. One hundred percent of all funds raised is returned back to the community.

Weight watchers class to begin today

A Weight Watcher "At Work" class will start on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Registration for the class begins at 1:15 p.m. and the class will start at 1:30 p.m. and finish at 2 p.m.

While this is an "At Work" class, it is open to employees, volunteers, donors and friends of the hospital. This Wednesday Class will be downstairs in the large conference room.

Cost for the 12 week session is $114 for lifetime members or seniors or if you have Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance. The regular cost for the 12 week class is $126.

To insure that adequate materials are available, please call (547-8502) or e-mail (gft@eah.org) if you would like to join this class.

Hull to speak at library

The kick-off to the Charlevoix Public Library 2005 program series will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the annual Friends of the Library Meeting.

Dale Hull, executive director of Crooked Tree Arts Center, will speak about the state of the arts in northern Michigan. A freelance actor and writer and former English teacher, Hull is responsible for the operations and implementation of all programs at Crooked Tree.

He has extensive experience in the arts, having previously been associated in Grand Rapids with its FM radio station, ballet company and civic theater.

A short business meeting with the election of officers and a review of the accomplishments of 2004 will precede Hull's remarks. Light refreshments will be served.

The public is invited to attend in the lower level of the Charlevoix Public Library, 109 Clinton Street. For further information call the library at 547-2651.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Spelling bee winners

Charlevoix Middle School winners of the fifth through eighth grade spelling bee will go on to the county spelling bee that will take place in February in Harbor Springs. Emma Baker, 13, an eighth grader was the runner-up (left) and Mathew Brown, 11, a fifth grader, won.

Get your news in the paper

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Charlevoix 4-H Travel Soccer Registration is at 7 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Charlevoix Middle School cafeteria for fifth to eighth grades.

To complete player registration for the 2005 spring travel soccer season, please bring your birth certificate (copy), player registration form, $50 for registration fees and a medical release form.

Complete the forms and bring them to the meeting.

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If you have questions, please call Sherry at 231- 881-2456.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, January 3, 2005, 8:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr., presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to appoint Bill Bellow as Mayor Pro Tem.
- Motion adopted to approve the appointment of Stephanie Brown and Alida Klooster as Deputy Clerks.
- Motion adopted to reappoint Dan Nuttle and Patricia Miller to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Motion adopted to reappoint Ralph Doan to the Board of Review.
- Motion adopted to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Phil Kluczynski to the Compensation Commission.
- Motion adopted to move into closed session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss union negotiations. Council re-entered open session at 9:22 p.m.

Council adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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Obituaries

Julie Marie Brewster: Aug. 11, 1971 - Jan. 1, 2005

Julie Marie Brewster, 33, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005 in Sarasota, Fla.

She was born on Aug. 11, 1971 in Royal Oak, but spent her years growing up in Charlevoix. Julie graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1989.

She spent a year abroad in Europe before attending college at Grand Rapids Community College. From there, she lived in various states throughout the country before settling down in Florida.

Julie enjoyed art, reading, music and a strong cup of espresso with friends.

Survivors include her father and stepmother, Vincent and Christine Brewster, of Charlevoix; her mother, Jeanie Olach, of Aurora, Ill.; one sister, Jackie L. Brewster, of Grand Rapids; one maternal grandfather, Clement Olach, of Charlevoix; one paternal grandmother, Mary Brewster, of Dayton, Ohio; stepfather, Dr. John Lignell, of Charlevoix; and one step-grandmother, Joan Rodgers, of Pulaski, Wis.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005 at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. A luncheon will follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

Richard L. Gennett: Sept. 18, 1933 - Jan. 8, 2005

Richard L. Gennett, 71, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, at his brother's home in Charlevoix.

Richard L. Gennett

Memorial service will be 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

The Rev. James Mort will officiate and interment will take place at Brookside Cemetery in the spring.

Dick was born Sept. 18, 1933, in Charlevoix, the son of Clifford M. and Margaret E. (Gornell) Gennett.

He was employed by the Belvedere Golf Course in Charlevoix for over 50 years.

Dick also worked as the caretaker for the Charlevoix Girl Scout Camp.

He married Margaret E. (Lyons) Schmidt in Charlevoix in September of 1967.

Margaret preceded him in death on Aug. 13, 1976.

Dick is survived by his brothers, Maxim Gennett, and Steve (Suzanne) Gennett of Charlevoix; sisters, Mary Louise (Edward) Stahulak of Bourbonnais, Ill., Barbara A. (Kenneth) Russell, and Genevieve (William P.) Brodin all of Charlevoix; close friend, Steven L. (Kim) Kniat, and "adopted" grandson Christian Kniat of Petoskey; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to: Hospice of the Straits, 761 Lafayette, Cheboygan, MI.

Dale W. Meredith: Aug. 15, 1924 - Jan. 9, 2005

Dale W. Meredith, 80, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 14, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Todd Thompson will officiate and interment will be in the spring at Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Dale was born Aug. 15, 1924, in Nelsonville, Ohio, the son of Floyd and Edna (Owens) Meredith. In 1942, he graduated from Union High School in Grand Rapids.

After graduation he enlisted in the Army Air Force and served during World War II as a Gunnery Sergeant on a B-25 Bomber. After the war Dale married the former Estelle Abel on Jan. 3, 1951, in Grand Rapids, they moved to Charlevoix in 1959.

Estelle preceded him in death Nov. 15, 1978.

Dale worked as a purchasing agent at Will-Flow in Charlevoix for over 28 years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. On Sept. 28, 1985, Dale married the former Cliftene Stuart in Harrisville.

He is survived by his wife, Cliftene; son Dale G. (Sandra A.) Meredith of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Christopher D., and Krystal A. Meredith of Charlevoix; step-children, Terry (Jeni) Stewart of Hohenwald, Tenn., Rose (Sam) Huerta of San Jose, Calif., Susan (Walter) Smith of Delmar, Iowa, Jack Stuart of Yantes, Texas, Carol Dickerson of Alta Loma, Calif., Dianne LeDieux of Ellijay, Ga., Laurel Stuart of West Palm Beach, Fla., and 12 step-grandchildren.

Dale was preceded in death by a stepson, Mark Stuart, and a stepdaughter, Ruth Anger.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Life as an ice hockey puck

Sophia Glazier, 5, and Abagail Glazier, 4, got the ride of their lives when Charlevoix City workers Matt Smith, 21, and Bryan Burns, 22, pulled them across the ice with hockey sticks.

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Area Church Services

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Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Horthul

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Jorner 547-2875

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Church Office 547-9482

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9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:10 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221
Parsonage 547-3852

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Worship & Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship	9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner & Program	6:00 p.m.

Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 547-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Arnson 547-6283

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Who is in your tree?

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

You really never know who is in your family tree until you look.

With five sessions of genealogy classes available through the Charlevoix Public Library this winter, one can learn research tips, how to utilize the Internet, original documents and much more.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be teaching the courses.

"I feel history is so important, both local and family," she said. "Who better to write your own history but your family."

Goodenough said the classes are designed for everyone, whether a newcomer to genealogy or someone who has already gathered some information.

Goodenough said she uses the terms genealogy and family history as two different things. Genealogy is the generational mapping of one's family that includes names while a family history incorporates professions, day-to-day life and much more.

Historical value is important to Goodenough when compiling a family history.

By incorporating the customs and professions of one's ancestors, Goodenough said it helps create a complete picture of who they were.

Sometimes the only clues to who they were are their professions and not other details. If this occurs, Goodenough said the individual's profession can be studied and read about in diaries of others who lived at the same time. Then, when writing the family history the author can incorporate what an individual's life might have been like.

"I think every family is important and every family contributes to the history of the country," she said.

There will be five classes that will introduce people to the study of genealogy.

Goodenough said she always starts out by asking people why they want to trace their family back and then guides them through the research process.

Interviewing people who are still living is a great way to get information, Goodenough said.

"They're the ones who lived it

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Courtesy photo

New president

Susanne Muma, Aktion Club advisor, presented incoming president Ruth of the Charlevoix Aktion Club her president pin. President Ruth's goal is to continue serving the needs of the people of our community. Members are adults living with disabilities who strive to give back to the community the benefits, help and caring that they have received. The Charlevoix Aktion Club has been active since 1999. Club involvement in the community has blossomed providing many services and assistance to various needs. Delivering meals, cleaning at the humane society, delivering surplus food, singing at nursing facilities, providing food packages to needy families or seniors and many other services are some ways the club helps out. The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club along with the Bergman Center sponsors the Charlevoix Aktion Club. The club meets at 11:30 a.m. every first and third Monday at the Senior Center. All are welcome at these luncheon meetings. For further information phone Kim Brock, Aktion Club advisor, at (231) 547-2979.

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Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission on January 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at 12491 Waller Road, to take public comments on proposed Amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance. The following language in bold face font represents the proposed amendments:

1. Amend Article V, Section 5.2 E. 1., Change one-family dwelling minimum lot area from 15,000 to 12,000 Square Feet.
2. Amend Article V, Section 5.6 B. Permitted Principal Uses. Land and buildings in the C Commercial District shall be used only for the following purposes, provided **no single-tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet and the**
3. Amend Article V, Section 5.6 C. Uses Permitted with Special Conditions. Land and buildings permitted with special conditions shall be used for the following purposes, provided **no single tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet, the**
4. Amend Article V, 5.6 D. Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit. Add the following: **5. Single tenant occupancies exceeding a footprint of 20,000 square feet. No single tenant occupancy shall exceed a footprint area of 90,000 square feet.**
5. Amend Article VIII Special Land Uses, Section 8.3 F. 4. b. 4). Change the size of large buildings from 2,000 to 20,000 square feet.
6. Amend Article VIII Special Land Uses, Section 8.3 to add Subsection H as follows:
   - H. Single Tenant Occupancies Exceeding a Footprint Area of 20,000 Square Feet in the C Commercial District. In addition to the General Standards listed in Section 8.2 A of this Ordinance, the following conditions shall apply:
     1. Purpose. The purposes of this Section are to satisfy the purposes and intents of the Township Master Plan which are to insure that large buildings and occupancies: fit the small town character and appearance of the community, do not become a blighting influence, are more readily able to be reused if abandoned, and do not adversely impact existing businesses, the community, or the neighborhood.
     2. Design Standards.
        a. Building Placement.
        1) Buildings shall have a well-defined front facade with entrances facing the street. They shall be aligned so that the dominant lines of their facades parallel the line of the street.
        2) The relationships between buildings and the street shall be parallel or perpendicular rather than oblique or diagonal. Front facades shall be parallel to the street with major roof ridges either parallel or perpendicular to the street.
        3) New buildings and additions to existing buildings shall maintain and continue the "street wall" created by adjacent buildings.
        b. Architecture.
        1) Buildings or parts of buildings facing onto public spaces and streets, including canopies for accessory facilities, shall have peaked roofs with a slope of at least 8:12, except that hip roofs with a slope of at least 4:12 and flat roofs that are hidden by a raised cornice shall also be permitted.
        2) Windows shall be vertically proportioned and balanced on facades, with width to height ratios ranging from 1:2 to 3:5. Horizontal windows may be used just below roof eaves ("eyebrow" windows) and as first-floor display windows.
        3) Trademark architecture, which identifies a specific company by building design features, shall be prohibited, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the design is compatible with the historic architecture of Charlevoix.
        4) Large buildings shall be broken up to provide the appearance of smaller volumes consistent with the use and building proportions found in the region's traditional architecture. Generally, facades facing a street shall have the appearance of several vertical buildings attached side by side.
        5) Buildings shall have windows and doors at street level, on the street sides of the building, to encourage pedestrian traffic and commercial activity.
        6) No buildings shall have more than 15 horizontal feet of wall facing the street without a window or door opening.
        7) Building materials for the exterior walls of all new buildings that are visible from a street shall be wood, brick, stone or similar materials traditionally used in the Charlevoix area. Building walls and structures that are not visible from a street shall be constructed of wood, stone, brick, concrete block, metal, and similar materials.
        c. Lighting. Lighting within parking lots shall be on low poles of 12 feet to 15 feet maximum height, with color-corrected lamps and cut-off luminaries designed to minimize glare and light pollution. Design of poles and luminaries shall be compatible with the style of the architecture and adjoining streetscape treatment. Sidewalks leading from parking lots shall be lit with bollard lighting and indirect illumination of buildings and vegetation.
        d. Landscaping. Minimum three-inch caliper shade trees, measured at breast height, shall be provided along all streets and pedestrian ways at intervals averaging twenty feet on each side. Existing trees, lawns and shrubs shall be preserved to the extent practical. Landscaping shall not be required as buffers between uses unless the uses are determined by the Planning Commission to be incompatible.
        e. Access and Connections. Access shall be provided in accordance with the Access Management requirements of Section 3.18 of this Ordinance.
        f. Sidewalks. Sidewalks or defined walkways shall be provided leading from parking lots and along streets.
        g. Parking and Loading.
        1) The Planning Commission may reduce the off-street parking and loading requirements of Article VI if the applicant can demonstrate that full compliance is unnecessary because of the characteristics of the proposed use, the availability of shared or public parking, or other circumstances. The Planning Commission may also consider "proof of parking" in lieu of finished parking improvements provided the applicant agrees in writing to provide parking when it is deemed to be needed by the Commission.
        2) On-street parking and shared parking shall be encouraged where feasible.
        3) Parking lots shall be located to the rear and side of buildings, and shall be laid out to minimize visibility from existing streets, wherever possible. Parking in front of a building shall consist of no more than one bay width or sixty (60) feet.
        4) Rear parking lots shall be connected to adjoining parking lots and side streets, if any, and shall have clearly delineated pedestrian paths leading to the sidewalks along the street.
     3. Additional Requirements For Buildings Exceeding a Footprint Area of 50,000 Square Feet. The following shall be required:
        a. Market Feasibility Study. A retail market study shall accompany the application that indicates the potential of the market to accommodate the project and the impact of the proposed project on existing retail businesses in the Charlevoix market area.
        b. Traffic Study. A traffic impact study shall accompany the application indicating the effects of the proposed development on the level of service of all existing and proposed intersections within one mile of the project and how traffic impacts will be mitigated.
        c. Adaptability For Reuse Plan. The building design for a retail use shall demonstrate how the building is designed for adaptation to a multi-tenant building in the event of the abandonment of the single tenant occupancy. The design may include, but is not limited to, compartmentalized construction, including plumbing, electrical, service, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and wall placement. The plans shall also demonstrate how the exterior of the building can be divided into separate tenancies, facades can be adapted to separate entrances, parking can be shared, and the exterior can be maintained as a multi-tenant occupancy.
7. Amend Article XIV, Definitions, to include the following new definitions:
   Single Tenant Occupancy - The area of a lot that is used by a single tenant, exclusive of parking.
   Footprint Area - The area of the ground floor of a building computed by measuring the exterior faces of the exterior walls of said building.
   Proof of Parking - Demonstration on the site plan that parking equal to Ordinance requirements is satisfied on the lot, some of which is not improved, but may be required by the Township to be improved if parking demand warrants at a later date.
8. Amend Article XII, Administration and Enforcement, Section 12.1 F. 2., replacing Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with **Township Board.**

You may appear and testify at the hearing, either in person or by duly authorized agent, or you may provide written comments to the Township Clerks Office prior to the hearing and they will become part of the hearing record. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance and Amendments are available for inspection in the Township Clerks Office on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Carol Martin, Township Clerk

Timms questions money for well

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix Council member Bob Timms is tired of the city using infrastructure funds to pay for anything other than roads and sewers and says a recent decision to using over $220,000 of that fund for wells at the golf course are an example of this.

During the Jan. 3 city council meeting, Timms referred to a Dec. 20 decision by council to transfer $228,999.50 from the city's infrastructure fund to install a new 14 inch well at the Charlevoix Golf Course in a 4-3 vote, calling it a misuse of taxpayer money. He pointed out at that same meeting the council was talking about creating a citizen's committee to look at city services.

"You were talking about a committee to save money, then in the next breath you vote for a quarter of a million water well," he said.

At the Dec. 20 meeting, Timms, council member Karen Campbell and councilmember Shirley Gibson voted against the plan to use infrastructure funds to pay for the well. Council members Bill Haggard, Sherm Chamberlain and Bill Bellows voted for it. Due to the tie, mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson cast a vote for the plan.

At that meeting, council was given two options to solve a water issue at the Charlevoix Golf Course. According to a memo to council from city manager Mike Wiesner, the city must water 12-16 hours a day because it is using a 6 inch well converted to an irrigation well, with a current flow of less than 200 gallons a day.

"We are concerned with the drop in the flow and that the system may fail, thereby possibility causing turf burnout," Wiesner wrote.

Therefore, city staff gave council members two options.

In "option a" the city would fix the existing well and install a new 10 inch well, with a final cost of $252,355. In "option b" the city would install a new 14 inch well, with a final cost of $228,999.50. Option "b" was approved.

Carlson said he voted for the second option because it was the cheaper of the two and, by putting in a new well, it would last longer.

"I was looking into the future, not just putting a Band Aid on it," he said.

But, while Timms did not argue there was a problem at the course with water, he was against using infrastructure funds, which are meant to be used for road repairs and similar issues, to pay for a water well. He also questioned the financial figures given to council, saying he does not believe it costs more to fix the existing well than put in a new well.

"Those are a lot of hokeyed up numbers for my money," he said.

Carlson pointed out to Timms that the city's budget for this year included using infrastructure money to pay for the golf course well and that Timms voted for that budget.

Timms said that vote was under "duress."

"If that's the case, then I won't vote for the budget next time," he said.

Charlevoix Public Library offers geneology classes

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and can tell it," she said.

All sessions will help prepare those who attend to compile a complete family history that they can eventually put down on paper. Goodenough recommends writing in biographical fashion, which makes it more pleasing for others to read.

Goodenough has personally been researching her family's history for over 30 years. She has traced her family back to the 1800s and 1700s and traced her husband's family back to the 1500s and almost into the 1400s.

The discoverics she made along the way prompted her to get involved in the field of genealogy.

She eventually started teaching some classes on the subject while living in St. Joseph and also spoke as a part of several programs through local genealogy societies.

Through time, Goodenough said she kept adding different kinds of programs to her teaching and started building up professional clients and helping others do research.

Her own research has led her to England where she and her husband were able to see places their ancestors lived. Goodenough got to see the building where her great-great grandfather ran a stationary shop. It's currently a restaurant, but Goodenough said the building is the original.

"I can't explain the feeling to go into these places and see where they actually lived and worked," she said.

Goodenough has extended her genealogical work to helping found the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society. The society is trying to get complete records on the history of the county and the people who lived and live in it before it's lost.

"While you're telling the history of an area, you're telling the history of the people," she said.

Cynthia Postmus, chairperson of the Michigan Room and a trustee of the library, said the idea for genealogy classes at the library came after the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library were inventorying the Michigan room and came across information that would help the study of genealogy.

Postmus said the library compiled literature and information that would tell of the life and times of people in Charlevoix.

A lot of letters and requests came to the library by people seeking information they needed for their personal family genealogies.

"That made us realize this is a hot hobby," she said.

Postmus said a lot of people in the area have an interest in finding out about their ancestors.

"Genealogy is like a puzzle," Postmus said. "You find one answer and it leads to another."

Postmus said the library is currently working on a project to get all the copies of obituaries from the *Charlevoix Courier* scanned into the computers. Then, people can access the information and print out a copy instead of only getting bits and pieces of information.

Currently, 800 obituaries have been successfully scanned in.

The sessions will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Jan. 19, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9 and Feb. 16. The cost is $7 for members of the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library and $10 for non-members.

Seating is restricted to 16 participants per session due to availability of computers, so it is first-paid and first-enrolled. For more information call the library at 547-2651.

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NOTICE OF SHOW CAUSE HEARING AND JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2004 real estate with **unpaid 2002 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Charlevoix County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, **MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.**

The State of Michigan is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to **foreclose** on this property for **unpaid property taxes**.

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A **Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for January 24, 2005 - February 4, 2005 at 430 W Allegan, First Floor, Lansing MI 48922.
Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the county treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A **Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for 2:15 P. M., February 18, 2005 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State St, Charlevoix MI 49720.
At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the State of Michigan, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 04-386-20-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

- You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**
- You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.
- You have until March 31, 2005, to pay the delinquent taxes, penalties, interest and fees to redeem the property or, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, you will permanently lose your interest in the property.

PLEASE NOTE:

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** in July, September, and November of **2005**. **These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2004**. The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Charlevoix County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

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BRENN, KATHY A	008-030-007-45	$3,401.22
BROCKETTE, JENNY A	051-378-012-00	$951.64
BROCKETTE, MICHAEL E	051-378-012-00	$951.64
BROWN, CYNTHIA	012-234-020-10	$489.56
BROWN, CYNTHIA	012-234-020-30	$489.56
BROWN, JEFFERY C	012-233-019-00	$647.96
BROWN, JEFFREY C	012-233-019-00	$647.96
BURKART, HARRY A III	051-347-035-50	$1,284.71
CABIC, JASON S	053-026-013-00	$867.79
CABIC, PAYGIE D	053-026-013-00	$867.79
CHARLEVOIX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	052-270-236-00	$2,482.88
CHARLEVOIX FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	053-024-080-00	$1,064.67
CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE JNC	051-378-012-00	$951.64
CITIZENS BANK	051-445-096-00	$2,785.09
CITIZENS BANK	051-445-096-50	$5,825.76
CITIZENS BANK	051-445-098-00	$5,612.62
COLLINS, DAVID M	051-445-096-00	$2,785.09
COLLINS, DAVID M	051-445-096-50	$5,825.76
COLLINS, DAVID M	051-445-098-00	$5,612.62
COMERCA BANK DETROIT	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
CONNAGHAN, ANN H	012-123-019-00	$1,401.09
CONNAGHAN, ANTHONY H	012-123-019-00	$1,401.09
COPPERFIELD ASSOCIATES	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
DENISON, MICHAEL A	051-150-084-00	$618.25
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	009-002-061-00	$11,256.37
FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-007-00	$2,090.28
FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-007-00	$2,090.28
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-150-084-00	$618.25
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-445-096-00	$2,785.09
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-445-096-50	$5,825.76
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-445-098-00	$5,612.62
FIFTH THIRD BANK, OLD KENT BANK NKA	015-019-016-15	$763.60
FITZGERALD, PATRICIA N	011-124-012-20	$776.57
GILLESPIE, JULIE	012-234-020-10	$489.56
GILLESPIE, JULIE	012-234-020-30	$489.56
GOODRICH, JANIE	008-031-001-15	$4,337.98
GOODRICH, KENNETH	008-031-001-15	$4,337.98
GRAVES, LINDA T	012-120-007-30	$337.66
GRAVES, ROBERT R	012-120-007-30	$337.66
GRIFFIN, ROGER J	053-024-080-00	$1,064.67
HAMLIN REVOC TRUST, HAROLD I	051-347-035-50	$1,284.71
HAMLIN, TRUSTEE, HAROLD I JR	051-347-035-50	$1,284.71
HANSEN, DONALD A	041-411-009-00	$711.15
HANSEN, GAYLE L	041-411-009-00	$711.15
HANSEN, GAYLE LYNN	041-411-009-00	$711.15
HARGAN, DONNA	009-300-006-00	$1,518.31
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Outdoor themed artwork to be featured at center

Crooked Tree Arts Center invites you to enter into the woods during the months of January and February.

In two separate shows dedicated to the beauty of trees, the West Gallery will house the woven forest of Saginaw artist Roz Berlin while the Edith Gilbert Gallery will showcase the work of Kalamazoo artist Ladislav Hanka and the Legend of the Crooked Tree.

For the first two weeks in January, Berlin, with the help of the visual arts committee at Crooked Tree Arts Center, will transform the West Gallery into a forest of woven color and light. Hundreds of trees rising as high as fifteen feet into the air will fill the gallery. Visitors will experience a different world when they enter the Fantasy Forest.

Berlin, having received bachelors and masters degrees in art from Michigan State University, has been "growing" her colorful forest for over 30 years. Employing a four harness floor loom, she has woven her trees using a blend of natural and synthetic fibers. Just like a real forest, her "new growth" has changed and evolved over the years to shape a deep, dense grove for wandering.

The Edith Gilbert Gallery will feature the etchings and drawings of Ladislav Hanka. In the fall of 2004, Hanka began a quest to research the "Crooked Tree" and create new works dedicated to this theme. After several lengthy conversations with the local Ottawa elders, Hanka has traveled the backwoods of the northern Michigan in search of specific tree formations. Hanka has graduate degrees in art and zoology, having studied at Colorado State University, Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University as well as in Bonn, Vienna and Prague.

The opening reception for both exhibitions is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Jan. 16.

"Crooked Tree will be alive with an interdisciplinary celebration of the arts" Gail Lambert, Visual Arts / Education Director at Crooked Tree Arts Center said.

There will be original music composed by Leif Kolt, original dance performances choreographed by Jody Adgate of Concord Academy Antrim and Sylvia Jania of Coneord Petoskey, original costumes designed by Jan Hoffman and food served by woodland characters.

Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street in Petoskey. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 until 4 p.m.

For information please contact the center at (231) 347-4337.

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Eagle scout honored

The rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America was officially awarded to Thomas Castiglione at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony on Dec. 19. This achievement was recognized at the Norwood Township Board during its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 20. By resolution, the township board members extended best wishes to Castiglione for future success and happiness on the behalf of the community.

The Castiglione benefited greatly by the completion of the approved Eagle Project performed by Thomas and some of his fellow scouts. This project resulted in the cleanup and renovation of the township park grounds, the outcome which can be enjoyed by many this upcoming spring and summer.

Antrim County Prosecutor warns about check scam

The Michigan State Police, Kalkaska Post, in conjunction with other local police agencies and the Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney's Office are currently investigating a fraudulent check writing scheme involving a fictitious business in the area.

On Dec. 28, some suspects opened a business checking account under the name of Torch Lake Landscaping. The individuals involved have been targeting local merchants, especially grocery stores and are either purchasing items from local merchants or are having local merchants cash checks that are made to appear to be payroll checks.

The checking account has been closed.

The individuals involved have been very active in the Northwestern area of the lower peninsula of Michigan, including the counties of Antrim, Grand Traverse, Charlevoix, Emmet and Kalkaska.

The Antrim County Prosecuting Attorney Charles H. Koop is providing this information to warn local merchants not to accept any check from Torch Lake Landscaping and to immediately report to their local police agency any individual attempting to pass checks written on the account of Torch Lake Landscaping.

If a merchant has been a victim of this scheme, or if a person has any knowledge of the persons who may be involved, they should contact the Michigan State Police Post in their area or their local police agency.

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Army frustrates family in emergency

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The one man in Charlevoix who can bring soldiers home in the event of a family emergency was denied the right to have his own son come home for his own family emergency.

Troy Drebenstedt

Bob Drebenstedt, director of the Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs Office, said the Army wouldn't let his son, Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt, come home to attend his grandmother's funeral.

"I am very disappointed and upset over the lack of concern," he said.

Drebenstedt, who is retired from the Army, said he went through all the right channels and was still denied the right to have Troy come home.

"Veteran's Affairs can bring home other service people, but I can't bring home my own son for an immediate family emergency," he said.

He sent a request through the American Red Cross in Petoskey on Dec. 21 and within two hours the Army had Troy on the phone.

Drebenstedt said he told Troy that his grandmother was dying, who is someone Troy had lived with for five years and was very close to.

Upon hearing this, Drebenstedt said Troy asked if he should come home. Drebenstedt said not yet as it was uncertain when she would die, but it would be in the next five or six days.

Drebenstedt said the Army gave Troy permission to leave, but he didn't take it and told them he was on standby until further notice.

However, when Drebenstedt learned it would take his son three days to come home he immediately called the Red Cross again.

This time, Drebenstedt said it took 14 hours before his son was notified by the Army. When Troy asked for permission to leave, Drebenstedt said the Army told Troy he couldn't since he passed up the first opportunity.

Drebenstedt said when he heard the Army denied his son the right to come home, he called the Red Cross for a third request. This time, however, it took the Army 24 hours to notify Troy.

Betsy Hanson, executive director of the American Red Cross in Petoskey, said the service they feature is called the Armed Forces Emergencies Services, which features communications as part of the services available.

"All we can do is deliver the message and make verifications," she said. "The military decides yes or no."

Hanson said the proper procedure starts by a family member calling because of an emergency, that the military person needs to know about.

The American Red Cross takes down the information about the soldier and the message to be conveyed. They then call the hospital or place where the person in the emergency is located and verify the information with a doctor or other medical personnel.

The American Red Cross then contacts the Armed Forces Emergency Center, who verifies the information. A message is then sent to the military service person. Hanson said the Red Cross then waits for confirmation that the message was delivered, which can take anywhere from six hours to a few days. Hanson said this all depends on the difficulty in locating a specific service person.

"We generally hear back within 12 hours," she said.

The commanding officer and the service person then make the decision to come home or stay and the Red Cross gets a message back to the family.

"With cell phones and the Internet, most people know what's going on," Hanson said.

For the most part, Hanson said the relationship between the Red Cross and the military runs smoothly.

"Families are pleased there's this message," she said. "It's been used for years and it's a nice service we can provide the community."

Despite all of his efforts and

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Father upset with army

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that of the American Red Cross. Drebenstedt said the Army denied Troy any leave since he had turned down the previous offer.

Drebenstedt said they also treated his son rudely instead of focusing on the person requesting his leave.

After talking to Troy for the third time on Dec. 26, Drebenstedt said his grandmother died an hour later.

"Troy was extremely upset," he said.

Drebenstedt said he saw his son go from a gung-ho young soldier to having hardly any morale at all.

"I believed in the country to the point that my son had my blessing," he said.

Despite all his sadness, Drebenstedt said his son has continued with his obligations to the Army.

Drebenstedt has written letters expressing his anger over how the Army handled the situation to United States Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin of Michigan, President George W. Bush, Congressman Bart Stupak of Michigan's 1st Congressional District and Congresswoman Candice Miller of Michigan's 10th District.

"This is a poor way to keep moral up with the troops by saying no," he wrote in the letter to President Bush.

"I am mad that no one can write either the Red Cross or me."

The Army is supposed to write a letter granting permission for leave or denying it to the Red Cross or the individual soldier's family.

However, Drebenstedt said he has yet to receive such a letter despite being told he would twice.

"They never wrote anything," he said.

"After I told Troy, his Battalion Commander said he can go home days after he heard that I would be telling the newspaper."

Drebenstedt said his hope is that this doesn't happen to other soldiers in the future.

Quilting not just for older women

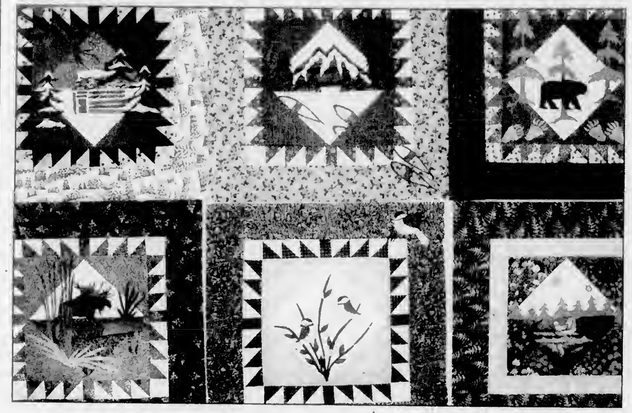

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Judith Ivan, a professional hand quilter, is currently working on a commissioned quilt for her business Joy of Stitching. The quilt is a 12-month quilt and Ivan has created the first six months. Ivan is using someone else's pattern, but has created some unique squares to accommodate her customer's taste.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Quilting isn't just women's work, it's an art that requires dedication, precision and a good eye and several Charlevoix residents are skilled with a needle.

Cynthia Garland, a member of the Charlevoix Historical Society, has been quilting for about 12 years. Despite the numerous ways to construct a quilt, Garland prefers the more traditional patterns that women have been quilting throughout the years.

"I'm a mathematician," she said. "I like the symmetry and preciseness of old patterns. It's geometry and algebra all wrapped into one."

Garland's interest in quilting comes from her mother, who quilted until she died. Garland said she started quilting soon after and has been doing it ever since.

To get started she used some of her mother's left over fabric and took a few classes. She has since helped make about 250 quilts in the last two years for the pediatric unit at Northern Michigan Hospi-

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Quilting has a rich history behind its art

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tal as a part of the Little Traverse Bay Quilt Guild.

For about a year, Garland made quilts strictly by hand, which is how she learned. But over the years she has done more and more with the assistance of a sewing machine.

"I make whatever I'd like to make and what looks good to me at the time," she said.

Two of the quilts in Garland's possession were made by her great-great grandmother when she lived in Charlevoix.

"I admired those," she said.

Back in that time, quilting wasn't necessarily a choice.

Garland said young women used to either knit or quilt in the evening and not just sit around, especially since there wasn't any television.

This gradually lent itself to the social circle of quilting bees, which can still be enjoyed today.

Garland herself said she enjoys the fun of getting together with other people and sharing in the craft.

Quilts were not only functional, they were also used to teach. Garland said a lot of the old, traditional quilting patterns come from the Underground Railroad quilts.

Since a lot of slaves were illiterate, quilts were used to instruct them on how to pass safely through the Underground Railroad and what to watch out for along the way.

Several patterns used then are still around today. The star pattern taught slaves to look for the North Star in order to find their way. Garland said the bear paw pattern instructed them to follow the bear's trail through the woods.

The quilts also were used as a sign of a safe house slaves could find refuge in while using the Underground Railroad. Garland said the log cabin quilt features a pattern that has a square center. If this center was red slaves keep walking, but if it was black they knew they would be safe there.

Her interest in the history of quilts has enabled her to be able to closely tell the age of a quilt by looking at the fabric that was used.

"I am strictly self taught," she said.

Garland has read several books and attended lectures and usually is close if not exact about the age of a quilt. However, this can be tricky as old quilts sometimes have new threads in them.

People sometimes inherit a quilt top, but it's not completed and so they add the back and a border. This, Garland said, causes some quilts to have two different dates.

"You really have to go by the latest fabric," she said.

Another local quilter, Kathie Briggs, not only enjoys quilting but had some of her work displayed at the International Quilting Festival in Houston.

Briggs took part in an Internet quilting group, A Page From My Book: Journal Quilt Project 2004, and created several small quilts per month along with the other women. Five of her quilts were displayed at the festival.

She said she enjoyed experimenting with new ideas on a smaller scale that she could reproduce on a larger scale.

Briggs has been quilting on and off for about 10 years but has been the most active the past three years. However, she has been sewing all her life.

As such, Briggs prefers to create picture or art quilts instead of the traditional patchwork quilts, which she also admires.

Fabric is her medium of choice, which she also uses to create her art dolls. Her dolls and quilts are interrelated as she said one inspires the creation of the other.

She loves fabric as it is a tactile medium and something one can actually manipulate while using.

"You actually feel the essence of the material," she said.

Judith Ivan, a professional hand quilter, has created a business out of her passion for quilting.

Joy of Stitching has been in business since June 2002. When she started out she quilted all of her commissions by hand, but found that this wasn't financially beneficial. She know quilts with the aid of a sewing machine and saves hand quilting for her own creations.

"I always had an interest in quilting," she said.

Ivan began sewing when she was 14 years old and has continued to do so for 35 years. However, quilting has been an evolution for her as she first began with garment sewing.

As a theater major she chose to help costume the actors, which allowed her to utilize her sewing skills and create an eye for color combinations.

A quilt isn't limited to one type or style and that's one aspect that keeps Ivan creating.

"It's brand new everytime you do it in terms of creativity," she said.

Choosing the color is the best part for Ivan. She said she loves to play with color schemes and try different combinations. Personally, she likes to use a lot of greens and blues.

Ivan enjoys creating utilitarian or functional quilts while others enjoy creating heirloom quilts.

Ivan has several antique utilitarian quilts from her great grandmother and her grandmother. Her grandmother's passion was singing, but at the turn of the century all young girls had to learn how to sew.

Ivan said she doesn't understand why needle and fabric art hasn't been considered fine art sooner.

"There are some phenomenal art quilters out there," she said.

Her theory, is that fiber art isn't considered fine art because it doesn't last as long as a sculpture or an oil painting. A painting by Leonardo DaVinci can be touched up every 500 years, Ivan said, but a quilt would be rotten in 500 years.

Stitchiug of any kind isn't just for older women as Ivan said many younger women are coming back to the art. Part of the history of women and quilting is the social aspect, which Ivan said can be like support groups.

"It's very helpful to get someone else's eye," she said.

The art of quilting is something Ivan wants to see continue to grow in the years to come.

"It's a connection for women through the centuries," she said. "Young women find a great deal of satisfaction in the creativity of it."

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Snowfall doesn't mean fun is over

WINTER

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and hemlocks, but then they become hardwoods including sugar maple, beech and ash.

Adams said the land was donated in 1980 by an anonymous donor.

For those on Beaver Island, Adams said the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve provides land for snowshoeing on 60 acres.

However, while the land is provided, people must already have snowshoes or rent them. Adams said snowshoes can be rented from Bahnhof Sports in Charlevoix or at Jordan Valley Outfitters in East Jordan.

If snowshoeing isn't the ideal way to spend a winter afternoon, one can cross country ski on those nature preserves as well or go to the many local ski hills including Mount McSauba.

Ice skating is also another winter sport that is great exercise and a fun way to spend the day. The ice skating rink in Charlevoix is located across from Charlevoix Middle School.

If speed is what one desires, then snowmobiling is the winter sport of choice.

With a snowmobile, one can cover more distance and see more land then by snowshoeing or cross country skiing.

Bruce Wood, president of the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club, said he loves all winter sports but snowmobiling is a great way to spend time with one's family.

"You get to be outdoors and enjoy the winter," he said.

As their main activity, the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club keeps the trails groomed between Charlevoix and East Jordan.

Also, as a member of the Jordan Valley Trails Council along with the Antrim County Snowmobile Club and the East Jordan Snowmobilers Inc., the trails between Charlevoix and M-72 are kept well groomed.

"Last year, we (Jordan Valley Trails Council) groomed the most miles than anyone in the lower peninsula," he said.

If snowmobiling is something of interest, Wood said the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club is going to have a ride-in from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 29.

Snowmobilers will ride into Charlevoix and meet in East Park, snow permitting.

Wood said if there isn't enough snow, then the group will meet at Ferry Beach.

"Club members put it on to try and get people to come to Charlevoix," he said.

The club has been hosting the ride-in for the past five years and last year they had an excess of 100 people attend and it was the first time the event occurred in East Park.

Wood said this year there will probably be over 100 that attend, snow permitting.

The club is also a member of the Michigan Snowmobile Association and does various activities as such.

Wood said the club will also go on destination or saddle bag trips that involve riding 100 to 200 miles to a certain destination and spending the night.

That is repeated for two to five nights before heading back to the trailers.

Wood does warn that those who are interested in snowmobiling and want to give it a try should buy the proper clothing.

Woods has been snowmobiling since 1968 and said the clothing has become so technologically advanced that one stays extremely warm.

"It's very comfortable," he said.

Women's ski weekend coming back to Charlevoix

Celebrate women, winter and chocolate on Feb. 27.

Active Women Now, Inc. a non-profit organization will host The Second Annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour, a weekend of fun and activities that will take the winter blues out of northern Michigan.

Active Women Now, Inc. has ski tours in Michigan and the United States, celebrating the camaraderie that women hold in empowering one another while giving back to their community. This non-competitive winter event for women will be at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails will weave through Mount McSauba.

Novice winter activists are encouraged to attend. Ski clinics will be given on Feb. 26 for beginners and those who are looking to cultivate their skills.

A wine and cheese event will be at Castle Farms as a prelude to the Charlevoix Ladies Tour. Log onto the Women's Ski Tour web site for more information.

Tickets in advance are $35 and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day.

Proceeds from the Charlevoix Ladies Tour benefits BASES and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

E-mail Courtney Miles, regional event manager at: Courtney@womensskitour.com with further questions.

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Military update

[Editor's note: In an attempt to keep the community informed on Charlevoix citizens in the service, we have added this section to the Charlevoix Courier on a monthly basis. If you know of any Charlevoix residents that are currently serving in the military and are not listed in this section, please contact the Courier at (231) 547-6558.]

Several Charlevoix residents or relatives of area residents are currently serving in the military and are either overseas in Iraq or stateside. Their efforts are recognized here.

Currently Overseas:

ARMY

1st Lt. Anthony Doan, 26 — serving as a part of the 506th Combat Infantry; was stationed in Korea in 2003; could stay deployed in Iraq for 18 months to a year; been in the Army for three years; inspired Operation Beanie Baby after hearing a radio operator wish for something to give to the Iraqi children; currently stationed at Camp Habbaniyah in Iraq since August.

Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt, 21 — stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; serving as part of the Big Red One, First Infantry Division; was involved in Operation Generosity I, which supplied fun items to children; involved in Operation Generosity II, which will supply winter clothing for residents in the area; currently stationed at Camp Anaconda in Balad, Iraq.

1st Lt. Waylon Gross, 24 — stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; is a platoon leader and featured in "Stars & Stripes Magazine" because his platoon has been fired upon more times than all the other platoons in his division combined; currently stationed in Baghdad.

Sgt. Country J. Middleton, 28 — recently called back for deployment to Iraq for 18 months; previously served in active duty for four years and was a part of Task Force Falcon, a multi-national peacekeeping mission in the Kosovo Campaign, which led him into Bosnia and Albania; stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; currently stationed in Kuwait.

Sgt. Sean Roberts, 25 — serving as a part of 1st Division, 41st Infantry, Charlie Company; stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; is serving on his third tour in Iraq; currently stationed at Camp Cuervo in Baghdad.

Pfc. Nicholas Strang, 20 — serving as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon; currently serving as grenadier for the 2nd Platoon, will be deployed for one year; stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; currently stationed at a camp near the International Green Zone in Baghdad.

MILITARY POLICE — ARMY

Spc. Benjamin Frederick, 20 — serving as a part of the 1st Cavalry, 545th Military Police Company, 4th Platoon; stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; will be deployed for about one year; currently stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

Spc. Jeffery Riley, 20 — stationed out of Camp Grayling; serving as a firefighter; currently stationed in Mosul, Iraq.

AIR FORCE

Airman Elizabeth Powers, 20 — stationed out of Fort Pope in Fayetteville, N.C. and is currently stationed in Balad, Iraq.

Master Sgt. Troy Swegles, 37 — has served for 20 years; was in Baghdad at the beginning of the war in 2003 for 90 days; has been in the Middle East several times for tours of duty including Saudia Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Kuwait; was also stationed in Haiti, Cuba and the Philippines; currently stationed out of Molesworth Air Force Base in England for the second time; in January will be going to Montgomery, Ala. for training to become a Senior Master Sergeant.

Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Thompson, 41 — stationed out of Camp Darby in Italy; was stationed in Korea for about 18 months; stationed in Saudia Arabia this summer for about four months; could face possible deployment to Iraq.

MARINES

Staff Sgt. James Ciuk Jr., 36 — stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; did a six month tour in Okinawa; currently on his second tour in Iraq.

Joshua Popenhagen, 20 — stationed out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; presently deployed in Iraq.

NAVY

Petty Officer 3rd class Matthew J. Campbell, 24 — was in Iraq for five months at the start of the war; has been stationed aboard the USS Kitty Hawk out of Yokosuka, Japan since 1999.

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Lignell, 43 — has served actively for two and a half years, but has been involved for eight years while educating himself; serves as the department head of anesthesiology at the naval base at Yokosuka, Japan.

Chief Petty Officer (EAC) Alvin Veenstra, 37 — will have served 18 years in February; serving as an Engineering Aide Chief (EAC) and with the SeaBees, a construction battalion and currently serving with the 7th Naval Construction Regiment out of Rhode Island; works hand-in-hand with the Marine Corps; last year was stationed in Rota, Spain for six months with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 out of Mount Clemens; is slated to be in Iraq for two years; currently stationed in Fallujah.

Curreutly Stateside:

ARMY

Sgt. Kent Newland, 24 — stationed out of Fort Richardson, Alaska; was on tour with a regiment for nine months in Afghanistan, served as a part of the Army Airborne 501st Parachute Infantry; currently facing possible re-deployment to Iraq next spring.

Capt. Douglas E. Sloan, 38 — stationed out of Fort Drum, N.Y.; was deployed to Al Fallujah, Iraq; currently facing re-deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan in May 2005; took command of Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry on Sept. 29, which he served with in Iraq; has received numerous awards and decorations.

Spc. Curtis Theisen, 25 — currently home from serving in Tikrit, Iraq; inactive status, but could face possible re-deployment.

Pfc. James Wiklanski, 25 — has served for almost two years; a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, 1-3 Attack Aviation Brigade, Delta Company; will be deployed to Iraq on Jan. 21 for a year to 18 months; currently stationed out of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.

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Sgt. Scott A. Campbell, 29 — has served for 11 years; served stateside in Homeland Security for six months at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (formerly Selfridge Air Force Base); currently stationed out of Camp Grayling.

Sgt. Gerald Zeitler, 41 — stationed out of Cheboygan; will be retiring in April 2005, served overseas in Egypt for about six months.

AIR FORCE

Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell, 24 — stationed out of San Angelo, Texas; in 2001 served in Saudia Arabia for three months; in 2002 was sent to Oman for six months, but came home the day the war started; is a firefighter instructor.

Airman Robert Helm Jr., 20 — stationed out of Montana; part of the Space and Missile Technology Program.

Airman 1st Class Christopher Luper, 21 — has served for almost two years; could face possible deployment to Iraq; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Airman 1st Class Hayley Torres, 21 — has served for almost two years; is currently a medical technician; not currently facing deployment to Iraq; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Airman 1st Class Jesus "Skip" Torres III, 20 — will have served two years in February; currently a medical technician; could face possible deployment to Iraq in May 2005; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Brett Vander Heide, 26 —was stationed in Turkey, Bahrain and Qatar; also served one year in Korea; is currently leaving the service after serving for six years; currently stationed at Pope Air Force Base at Fort Bragg, N.C.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Senior Airman Shannon L. Martin, 23 — graduated from basic training on March 12, 2004 from Lockland Air Force Base, Texas; graduated from munitions systems apprentice course on May, 19, 2004 from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and received the Ammo Warrior Award; unsure about possible deployment to Iraq; currently a member of the Air National Guard in Duluth, Minn.

MARINES

Cpl. Daniel Bennett, 23 — served in Iraq for eight months; been in the Marine Reserves for over four years; is currently home but could face re-deployment starting in January 2005.

Cpl. Dawson Matter, 23 — was deployed to Iraq for eight months and stationed in Fallujah; received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; is out of the Marine Corps, but is subject to being called back for the next four years.

Mary Selph, 22 – currently stationed in California.

NAVY

EOC Kyle A. Louiselle, 21 — has served as a SeaBee for two years; is an Equipment Operator Constructionman (EOC); received the Junior Sailor of the Quarter Award from the Master Chief at Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.; received a letter of commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon; a Top Honor Graduate in April 2003 from Construction Equipment Training School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; currently stationed in Monterey, Calif.

CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR

Jamey Spencley, 35 — previously served as an interrogation specialist from 1992 to 1996 with the Army; was deployed to Haiti as a part of Operation Uphold Democracy; has recently volunteered as a civilian contractor to do work as an interrogation specialist; will be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan for one year; left on Jan. 8 for Fort Bliss, Texas and will be there for a week before shipping out.

Information is not known about the following individuals except for they are currently serving or did serve: **(AIR FORCE) Dustin Albaugh, Crystal Beach, Kevin Beach, Jeff Schlinger, Paul Walker, (MARINES) Blake Renshaw** and **(NAVY) Christopher Hawk, Garry Miller** and **Phillip Slocum.**

Information is not known about what branch of the military these individuals served with: **Sophie Bootz, Jacob Clark, Nathan Clark, Tiffany Matter, Markus McWatters, Timothy McWatters, Garry Miller, LeEtta Miller, Leonard Nemeth, Christian Pashingbauer, Gregory Starr, Cody Thompson, Billy Werner** and **Steve Woodbeck.**

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Boss boys open modular home dealership

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

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But, Boss Building does not stop at helping you design your home. Boss said the company can also do site work, such as building basements, cement work, excavation and surveying.

As for affordability of the homes, Boss said many stick built homes cost around $125 a square foot. However, Boss Building can do the work for $80 to $85 a square foot.

Boss said the idea for creating Boss Building came out of his desire to come back to Charlevoix and work with his family. Currently, Boss works in Affendale as an industrial adhesive salesman, but was raised in Charlevoix.

"I was looking for an opportunity to get back up here," he said.

Now he has that chance and the chance to join his brother and father, Wayne, to help Charlevoix people find that perfect home. Boss Building Company is open in the winter from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday and 11 to 3 p.m., Saturday. The company can be contacted by calling (231) 547-9322 or faxing (231) 547-3432.

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SPORTS

Volleyball team improving its skills

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

With a blowout against the Ramblers lending to a total of eight of the last 11 matches won, the Rayders varsity volleyball team is showing marked improvement.

Charlevoix defeated Boyne City three games to nothing at home Thursday in anything but close competition with scores of 25-10, 25-15 and 25-11.

"It was nice to come out sweeping the match for our first conference opener," coach Liz Grunch said.

Emily Heffling led the team with four aces while Kari Way had 14 kills and Teresa Martin had nine kills, four digs and two aces.

Winning more matches than they lost wasn't enough to advance them Saturday as the Rayders lost to Petoskey 13-25 and 22-25.

They followed that with a loss of 17-25 to Harbor Springs.

"We were third in our pool so we didn't make it out of pool play," she said. "We really didn't get things going early against Petoskey."

She added, "We were dead offensively; we just didn't get going until the fourth game and by that time it was too late."

Despite a shaky start, the girls managed to end the day on a positive note as the fourth game resulted in a win against Harbor Springs of 25-15.

It was the turnaround they needed as they went on to win every other game at Saturday's conference.

Their late arriving winning streak consisted of 25-16 and 25-19 over St. Ignace, and 25-10 and 25-19 over Grayling.

Zita Anderson had 57 assists, Teresa Martin had nine digs, 23 kills and six aces, Betsey Dennis had six aces, 10 kills and for her hustle she was named team MVP. Way had 22 kills and four aces.

The girls are now 2-1-1 in the conference and 9-3-3 overall.

"Right now it's the consistency that's killing us," she said. "It's hard when we practice so hard and it doesn't translate when they come out and play. Hopefully in time we'll get that all together."

The lady Rayders seem to shine at times holding the first eight or nine points of a game.

But, Grunch said, "We haven't been able to keep that up the whole match. Communication is still our problem."

She added, "We've done a little better on defense, but our communication is what will hold us together."

Grunch is confident the communication issues will resolve themselves with more practice in game situations.

"We have two short practices and one long practice, hopefully we'll keep them (the girls) sharp," she said.

The Rayders' next game is against East Jordan, who they played early in the season.

"We split with them," Grunch said. "They have an excellent coach. He's working really hard to get the team turned around."

The Rayders have two conference games this week at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13 in East Jordan and 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 17 at home against Harbor Springs and Grayling.

Despite injuries, grapplers do well in tourney

The Rayders' wrestling team traveled to Frankfort's tournament Jan 8.

Charlevoix took fourth out of 10 teams.

"The team did well considering we went into the tournament short our 125 and 135 weight classes due to injuries and after pinning his opponent in the first round Nick Gotshall had to forfeit the rest of his matches due to an injury," Coach Craig Golovich said.

"We had three top wrestlers of the day."

Spencer Hankins, who was seeded seventh in a 10 man bracket, finished an impressive second. Jaimen Waha wrestled hard all day to take the championship in the 171 weight class. Jed Daman finished first in the 140 weight class and is holding an undefeated record this year at 17 - 0.

Other places for the team were second place for Shannon Gillespie and fourth place for Drew Klooster, Jeff Golovich and Woody Nitchman.

The Rayders are headed to Kalkaska Monday evening and Kingsley next Saturday.

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SPORTS

Area hockey playing well

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team played in Gaylord on Jan. 9 and decisively took both games.

In the first game, aggressive offense, tenacious defense by blueliners Matt Kopke, Isaac Krey, Will Brown, Darren Looze and Evan Keller, and rock solid goaltending by Charlie Courtright earned the team an 8-0 win and Courtright the shutout.

Troy Scarbrough opened the scoring midway through the first period with an assist from Nick Dunwoody, then Ryan Hennessy put away a breakaway goal unassisted.

Russell Williams executed a pretty wraparound goal with assists from Eli Barsy and Ryan Paridee. Paridee took passes from Barsy and Williams and bounced one off the goalie's legboard and in over his shoulder.

Looze slammed home a one-timer from the blue line from a JP Fiedorek pass. Williams popped two more in earning a hat trick, with assists from Kopke, Paridee and Barsy.

John Miller backhanded in the topper with a Gear Robinson pass. Barsy earned a playmaker with three assists in the game.

The second game was marked by balanced scoring, great passing and a total team effort. Britt King, Barsy and Hennessy each scored twice. Paridee, Gabe Korthase, Looze, Scarbrough and Chris Loyselle all found the net as well.

Barsy, Looze and Scarbrough each gave an assist; Brown, Matt Kopke, Keller and Dunwoody tallied two apiece. Courtright was between the pipes, and the score stood at 11-4 at the ending buzzer.

Basketball team wins close game against Harbor

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The night started off on the wrong foot so to speak for Charlevoix's Jared Hunt as he twisted his ankle on the opening tip of the Rayders' game against Harbor Springs.

Hunt recovered to score 35 points in one of the best performances in recent Charlevoix basketball history, leading the Rayders to a thrilling 83-81 overtime win over rival Harbor Springs. Jake Teuscher's tip-in as time expired won the game for Charlevoix.

The undefeated Rayders, ranked third in Class C by the Associated Press, also defeated Petoskey last week, 65-41.

After a nip and tuck first quarter

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Ski teams have slow start to season

"We got the first race jitters out of the way."

Sue Miller,
Charlevoix ski team coach

The Charlevoix/East Jordan High School boys' and girls' ski teams started off their seasons Jan. 4 at the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Invitational.

The boys finished thirteenth in the meet, out of 15, with Harbor Springs A team finishing first. The girls finished seventh, out of 14, with Marquette finishing first.

"We got the first race jitters out of the way," coach Sue Miller said. "The girls had good results considering we had some crashes and errors which cost us in the results. The boys also had some mistakes and crashes. We can only improve and move forward from here."

In the individual races, the boys finished twelfth in the giant slalom and fourteenth in the slalom. The girls finished fourth in the giant slalom and ninth in the slalom.

Individual results for the girls in the giant slalom were: Katherine Rowley in ninth, with a total time of 1 minute, 12.82 seconds; Michelle Fritsch in twenty-second, with a total time of 1 minute, 16 seconds; Kelsey Poincau in thirty-third, with a total time of 1 minute, 19.47 seconds; Katie Diller in thirty-fourth, with a total time of 1 minute, 19.92 seconds; Kristin Dupois in forty-eighth, with a total time of 1 minute, 26.25 seconds; Jennifer Rich in sixty-ninth, with a total time of 1 minute, 44.55 seconds.

Individual results for the girls in the slalom were: Rowley in fourth, with a total time of 2 minutes, 16.04 seconds; Diller in thirty-fourth, with a total time of 2 minutes, 45.50 seconds; Fritsch in fiftieth, with a total time of 3 minutes, 1.06 seconds.

Individual results for the boys in the giant slalom were: Andrew Mallory in twenty-seventh, with a time of 1 minute, 11.45 seconds; Mac Brennan in thirtieth, with a total time of 1 minute, 12.03 seconds; Billy Brodin in fifty-second, with a total time of 1 minute, 18.82 seconds; Geoff Baier in fifty-second, with a total time of 1 minute, 22.07 seconds; Sean Thomas in seventy-third, with a total time of 1 minute, 30.08 seconds; Nick Heid in eighty-ninth.

Individual results for the boys in the slalom were: Brennan in thirty-sixth, with a total time of 2 minutes, 34.09 seconds; Brodin in forty-ninth, with a total time of 2 minutes, 47.88 seconds; Baier in sixtieth, with a total time of 3 minutes, 6.06 seconds.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League • Jan. 5, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	68	32
Paul Bunyan Lanes	55	45
Lutherans	53	47
Ferguson & Chamberlain	50	50
Mark White Paint & Stain	49	51
St. Mary's	48	52
The Inner Circle	46	54
R & C Roofing	31	69

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Larry Damah		216
John Fiedorek	597	210
Don Potter		211
Ron Grulke	588	
Ken Schoenherr	576	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Jan. 4, 2005

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	6	2
Grey Gables	6	2
Mark White Paint & Stain	4	4
Paul Bunyan Lanes	4	4
Twin Lakes Enterprise	4	4
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	3.5	4.5
Don's IGA	2.5	5.5
Central Drug Store	2	6

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cindy Mansen	560	210
Doreen Burns	534	
Jane Holm	520	198
Cindy Brooks		197

Men's Senior League • Jan. 3, 2005

	W	L
Kerr's Racing	42	22
J Arnold Painting "A"	37	27
Cemex Cement	35	29
Central Drug Store	32	32
B Vanloo & Sons	31	33
J Arnold Painting "2"	29	35
Wesbowl-Wobowls	28	36
Selph Trucking	22	42

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	569	259
Jon Kleman	587	216
Chris Putman	587	
Don Potter	213	
Carlo D'Angelo	569	

Young at Hearts League • January 6, 2005

	W	L
Half & Half	4	0
Spaketime	4	0
Irish Rollers	4	0
Misfits	2	2
Alley Cats	2	2
Pact Timers	0	4
Hen Beens	0	4
Twilighters	0	4

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

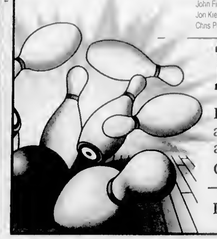
	Series	Game
Ken Schoenherr	518	182
Ralph Kitson	477	179
Don Bambach	485	171
Zellie Kitson	461	158
Shirley Flower	425	149
Ellen Joyce		147
Theola Ellenga	378	

Double Deckers Mixed League • January 9, 2005

	W	L
Bradley	20.5	7.5
Russell A & J	19	9
Spencer	18.5	9.5
Sladek	18	10
Blanchard/Cram	17	11
Novotny	17	11
Stein	16	12
Witthoeft	14.5	13.5
Russell C & R	14	14
Blanchard	14	14
Koffman	13	15
Ferguson	13	15
Webb	10.5	17.5
Patton	8	20
Nordman	7	21
Hart	4	24

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Ferguson	529	202
Roger Cram	533	
Kelly Bradley		202
Gary Spencer		193
Joe Sladek	504	
Amy Russell	441	174
Carrie Blanchard		171
Shelly Novotny	432	
Laural Sladek	429	166



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JAN 2005

Mayor: Petition talk on park is premature

PETITION

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percent of the total number of voters registered to vote in the last city election to sign it.

Then a referendum petition is filed with the clerk within 30 days after the ordinance in question was adopted. The clerk then checks the petitions, and if the petition is valid, the council determines whether it will reconsider the ordinance.

Council has 30 days to reconsider. If it fails to act or decides to stick with its decision , then it must be put to the voters of the city.

Carlson said he is confident a compromise can be reached before it comes to this point. He said when it comes time for the city council to decide on a final plan for East Park, if a majority of the residents tell him that they dislike plans to tear down the current band shell, he said he would support them.

Carlson added he is not against the community taking a vote on the East Park matter, especially if everything is taken care of on the marina side of the project.

"That is not necessarily a bad idea," he said.

What Carlson is concerned about is this latest issue is if it would hold up the marina side of the project. He said if the marina side is delayed any longer, then the city could lose its funding from the Waterway's Commission.

Carlson said he would like to see these two matters split.

However, at this time, Carlson does not seem to be in favor of keeping the current band shell. He said when it was built, it was in a great location because the Parkside and Wharfside buildings were still standing behind it. However, those buildings have been torn down to make way for new park-land and it the current band shell stays, it will be located in the middle of the park.

And since it is in the middle of the park, he said there will be access issues for bands and no room for dressing or storage rooms.

Picha said this matter is really only related to the band shell. She said, while she thinks the dock plan is too big on the marina side of the project, she is not trying to get that project stalled and does feel the sea wall at the Charlevoix Municipal Marina needs to be replaced.

The band shell Picha is referring to is located in the center of East Park. It was built using donations and named for former band director Clarence Odmark. Since renovation plans became public showing the band shell would be torn down in the park, many people have come forward voicing their disapproval.

At a recent Downtown Development Meeting, Charlevoix Planning Commissioner John Hess said he was part of a committee that was soliciting funds to build the band shell. Now only a few years later, he said, the city is considering tearing down that very band shell that he helped raise money to build.

"In my opinion, we are misusing public and private funds," he said.

He added, "I feel I have somewhat broken a promise (to those who donated)."

However, those in favor of plans to tear down the current band shell say it is needed. They say the current band shell does not have good acoustics and it will be out of place in the middle of the park. Proposed designs for East Park show a band shell being constructed on the southern boundary of the park, near Antrim Street.

But, Hess pointed out the current band shell was built using advice from an acoustical engineer.

The current band shell was constructed in 1992. At the time, plans to tear down the previous band shell to build the current one faced much criticism. The design for the current band shell was changed twice.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010762-NC

In the matter of:
Derek Donavon Garcia
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including those whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred of affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at Probate Court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Derek Donavon Garcia requesting that the name be changed to Derek Donavon Schroeder.

Date: January 3, 2005

Derek Donavon Garcia
311 Bailey St
Boyne City, MI 49712

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry R. Wiliams and Bridget N. Williams, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 10, 1999 and recorded June 14, 1999 in Liber 365, Page 697, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment Dated September 15, 2003 and recorded October 8, 2003 in Liber 577 Page 752 by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hun-dred Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 40/100 Dol-lars ($124,532.40) including interest at the rate of 7.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on February 4, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: In the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, Bay Town-ship, Charlevoix County, Michigan described as: Beginning at the South-east corner of Alpine Hills No. 2 Sub-division in Section 10, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, Bay Township, Charlevoix County, Michi-gan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 205 and 206, Charlevoix County Records; thence along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 10, South 02 degrees, 51 minutes West 762.59 feet to the South line of said Section 10; thence West 248.65 feet along the South line of Section 10; thence North 02 degrees 51 minutes East 927.96 feet to the South line of Erickson Road; thence along the South line of Erickson Road in the following courses: South 56 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds East 177.20 feet and 114.61 feet along the arc of a circular curve to the right, central angle 06 degrees 06 minutes 30 seconds radius 1075.04 feet; chord bearing South 53 degrees 39 minutes 05 seconds East 114.56 feet to the Place of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: January 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage Company , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 200.0947 ASAP626106

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dan Dulong and Christine Dulong, husband and wife, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated June 23, 2004 and recorded July 16, 2004 in Liber 626, Page 520, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, series 2004-R8, under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of August 1, 2004, without recourse. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Seventy and 91/100 Dollars ($108,070.91) including interest at the rate of 10.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be fore-closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on February 4, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 26, Lewis's Addition to Boyne, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 14, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: January 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCI-ATES PC Attorneys for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee of Ameriquest Mortgage Se-curities, Inc., asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, series 2004-R8, under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of August 1, 2004, without recourse. , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 214.1767 ASAP626105

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 04-010688-DA

Estate of Emerson F. Ehnis
Deceased
Date of Birth: April 16, 1916

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Emerson F. Ehnis, who lived at 3581 Church Road, Bay Township, Michigan died March 5, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carol Anne Garbaccio, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court a 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 3, 2005

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Carol Anne Garbaccio
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORs DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 04-010767-DE

Estate of Mary S. Malpass
Deceased
Date of Birth: May 19, 1917
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary S. Malpass, who lived at 01122 S. M-66, East Jordan, Michigan died November 10, 2004.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William E. Malpass, Jr. and Frederick F. Malpass, co-personal representatives or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the co-personal representatives within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 12, 2005

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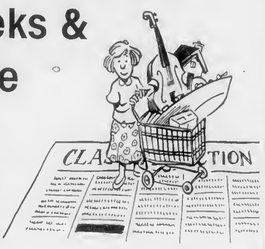

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events and briefs

Republican convention

The next Charlevoix County Republican Convention is at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 13 at the Commissioner's Room of the Charlevoix County Building.

Group to raise money for tsunami victims

Ragamuffin Theatre and Bay Shore will present "Hope For Those Who Despair" at 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Bay Harbor Conference Center. It is located on Main Street in Bay Harbor above the Gallery Gourmet. This is a fund-raising event dedicated to the victims of the tsunami. Admission is free. The public is welcome. Donations will be accepted for either Care USA or Health Teams International. For more details, visit Ragamuffin Theatre.com or call Kathleen Whittaker at 237-9686.

Scuba classes

Scuba diving is coming to Charlevoix Area Community Pool starting from 8 to 10 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 18 and the cost is $15. This night will be for beginners to use scuba equipment in the pool to see if the sport is for them. Next there will be a open practice night for certified divers from 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 22 for the cost of $15. The next session will be an opportunity to complete the classroom and confined water portions of dive certification training from 6 to 10 p.m., Tuesday Jan. 25, Feb. 1, and Feb. 8 and Saturdays 2 to 6 p.m., Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12. The cost for these sessions is $215. For more information about any of these events contact Murray Kilgour at 547-0983 or Scuba North at (231) 947-2520.

Soldier group to meet

Operation Soldier Awareness and Aid Packages (OSAAP) is meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Charlevoix Library. They are meeting to organize an outreach to any soldier in need currently serving our country by sending cards, letters or care packages. Families of those currently serving are invited as well as the public. For more information please contact Courtney at 675-7394 or Valerie at 547-2968.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

All donors will be required to provide an ARC donor card, driver's license or other government issued ID prior to donating.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful meeting

The Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., on Jan. 20 at the Grey Gables. The public is welcome.

Roe vs. Wade protest

There will be a Witness for Life at East Park from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jan. 22, at the corner of Bridge and Clinton Street in Charlevoix . This is the date of the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision allowing legalized abortion. They are asking those who are like minded to come and bring their signs. Their time will be spent in silent prayerful protest.

Roe vs. Wade support

Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan (PPNM) is asking community members to join them in celebrating the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States, by attending a showing of a Golden Globe nominated film.

The film "Vera Drake" will be shown at the Charlevoix Cinema. The movie tells the story of an ordinary housewife secretly performing illegal abortions in 1950's London. It will run at 4 p.m., Jan. 22 , at 2 p.m., Jan 23, and at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 24. A portion of the proceeds will benefit PPNM. Following the Jan. 22 showing, participants are encouraged to come to Whitney's Oyster Bar for dinner, drinks and to discuss the film with like-minded individuals. For more information please call the health center nearest you or 347-9692.

Food pantry

The Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

Crowell fund-raising

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare program is currently being offered at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. DivorceCare 7-9 p.m. Childcare is offered Wednesday evenings only. DivorceCare is a free program for anyone experiencing, or have experienced a divorce. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

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Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

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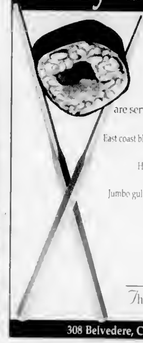

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'Days gone by'

This week, Lottie Dixon, who now lives in Massachusetts, gave me a picture of his class in the school year of 1949, 1950.

He also had a copy of the Charlevoix High School Chanticleer, the school annual of 1924. His sister, Louise, let me use the information to write an article. The picture of Louie's class is first, and the children are listed as follows: (front row, from left)* Melvin Blane, Al Towsley, Robert Sharrow, Bobby Balch, unknown, Jim VerWys, (second row) Charles Alexander, Steve Wells, Joe Battle, Joe Schultz, Doug Smith, Don Sutton, Robert Harrington, (third row) Judy Ingalls, Helen Schwab, Charlene Novotny, Carol Belfy, Cynthia Curtis, Gail Curtis, Sandra Ulrich, Ms. Arnold, Wilma Johnson (back) Jill Davis, Tom Lakies, Don Beeman, Mike Geneit, unknown, John Bingham and Louie Dixon.

I remember most of these Charlevoix kids, and I appreciate seeing a class picture of them.

Louie's mother, Elizabeth, also had a 1924 Charlevoix High School year book, which was given to her by Mutt Vosburg. It is called The Chantieleer. In the forward it says, "To the students of Charlevoix High, and the townsmen of Charlevoix." Rollie L. Lewis, a local attorney, was chairman of the Board of Education. The other board members were Mrs. Lisle Shanahan, Lee R. Smith, Mrs. Arthur Bergeon and Dr. Frank M. Wilkinson.

They had a list of their high school spring elections, and the most popular boy was Albert E. Widdifield. The handsomest was Gordon Todd. The laziest was Norman Shanahan, the worst line of bunk was Albert Widdifield. They elected Norman Shanahan to be the biggest liar and Thomas Neilson to be the biggest hayseed. Among the girls, the most popular and most studious was Peggy Drulik; the prettiest, Margaret Fitch; most bashful, Lottie Ager and Vera Belding. The girl with the worst line of bunk and the biggest liar was Anne McCann.

In the junior class, the most popular boy was Charles Dagwell, and the most popular girls were Thelma Ranney and Doris Hammond. In the sophomore class, the most popular boy was Gilbert Saltonstall and popular girl was Henrietta Baldwin. The most popular boy in the freshman class was William Fessenden, and popular girls, Virginia Parker and Gwen Geneit.

In the junior high, the popular boy was Lye Beaudoin and the popular girl was Doris Krulik. I was surprised at some of the categories.

Some of the advertisers were The Charlevoix County Bank, with 40 years of service. The owners were Nicholls, Buttars and Bridge, (the bank on the corner). The Charlevoix State Savings Bank, had $600,000 in assets. There was George Priest, photographer, located in the old Parkside building. There was Bergeon's Dry Goods, and men's and boy's wear. The Argo Milling Co., located where the Weathervane restaurant is today, advertised White Rosé Flour. Charlevoix Abstract and Engineering sold insurance, and had a $5 special automobile accident policy. M.A. Levinson advertised that they had all the new spring shades in silk hosiery. Fred Cartier, a tailor and cleaner, had the latest styles in fabrics for suits, and said that he was using odorless Energine for cleaning.

Campbell Shoe store advertised shoes of quality. Central Drug Store had Eversharp pencils for 75 cents to $5.00, and fountain pens for $1 to $5. Charlevoix Lumber Co., at the bridge, had a complete line of building materials. Their phone number was 22. Benjamin Brown Auto Sales was the agent for Star, Durant and Overland cars. H.R. Fowler operated the Charlevoix-Petoskey bus lines, and it was only a 50 minute ride to Petoskey. The Sugar Bowl at 218 Bridge, was owned by George Glados. They had homemade candy, fancy box candy and soft drinks of all kinds. Fessenden the Druggist, located where Subway is today, was the agency for Whitman's Chocolates.

The Hallett Hotel for tourists, located where Oleson's is today, advertised handy garages on M-11, which was the main highway into town, and is now Antrim Street.

That is the reason for the boulevard lights which run the full length of Antrim, as that was the main road into Charlevoix from the south.

It wasn't until 1932 that the main highway came into town, and is now called US-31. The deteriorated curbing from Carpenter north to Hurlbut Street, is the 1932 vintage, and is the reason the street is so narrow.

I enjoy receiving these bits of the past, and appreciate being able to use them to let you also remember the old days.

Courtesy photo

This picture from the 1949-1950 school year is talked about in more detail in Marilyn Boss' accompanying column this week.

Rayders' basketball team has closest call yet

BASKETBALL

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which ended in a 16-16 tie, Harbor Springs took the lead at 20-18 at the 6:37 mark of the second quarter. The Rams would keep that lead until there was 5:14 left in the game.

Harbor Springs led by as many six in the first half and by five, 36-31 at intermission.

In the third quarter, the Rams extended the lead to 12 at 43-31 before Eddie Waldron scored four points in a run that cut the advantage to 44-37 with 3:20 left in the third period.

Hunt, who had scored eight points in the game's first 21 minutes, scored eight points in the last three minutes of the third quarter, including a three at the buzzer to cut the Ram lead to eight at 54-46.

In the fourth quarter, Hunt took over, scoring Charlevoix's first 14 points of the quarter in just three minutes of play. Hunt traded baskets with the Rams, hitting three three-pointers in the run, including one from beyond NBA three-point range that brought the Charlevoix crowd to its collective feet and cut the lead to 61-59 with 5:45 to go.

Harbor called timeout and extended their defense on Hunt to cover him belly to belly the length of the court but he still escaped to get open for a three-point shot. When the Rams ran to cover him, they committed a foul. Hunt calmly sank all three free throws to give the Rayders the lead, 62-61 with 5:14 remaining.

Three Ben Bergmann drives against the extended Harbor defense gave Charlevoix a 70-67 advantage with two minutes to play. The Rayders called timeout and went into a four corners offense designed to run time off the clock. The strategy failed though when Charlevoix was fouled and couldn't convert at the free throw line.

The Rams hit one of two free throws with 57 seconds left in regulation to tie the game. Hunt then drove and when the defense collapsed against him, he dished to Jake Teuscher for a layup.

Harbor tied the game on free throws with 40 seconds left and appeared to take the lead on a steal and dunk with 20 seconds left but the Ram player was called for traveling. The noise of the gym was so deafening that most did not hear the referee's whistle stopping play.

Neither team scored again in regulation. In overtime the teams traded baskets with Hunt and Phil Steen scoring for Charlevoix. Harbor Springs hit a three-pointer to go up 79-76 with 2:45 to play but Jake Teuscher answered with a putback off an offensive rebound to cut the lead to one.

Waldron then scored off a feed from Hunt to give Charlevoix a 80-79 lead with 1:28 to play. The Rams scored on a putback to retake the lead seconds later. Hunt then sank one of two free throws with 57 seconds left to tie the game, 81-81.

For the last possession of the game, the Rayders put the ball again into the hands of Hunt who drove and dished to Cody Crain in the corner. Crain shot with only seconds to go and his shot bounced long. Jake Teuscher timed his jump perfectly tipping the ball in as time expired.

Hunt had six assists to go with his 35 points on the night. He made five three-pointers. Waldron had 13 points, nine rebounds and five assists off the bench.

Jake Teuseber had 10 points and nine rebounds. Matt Kautz had seven rebounds.

Against Petoskey, Hunt led the way with 13 points. Waldron and Steen each scored eight points. Waldron grabbed six rebounds. Crain had five rebounds and four assists.

Charlevoix hosts Traverse City St. Francis on Friday, Jan. 14 in Lake Michigan Conference play. They hosted Grayling earlier in the week, but results were unavailable at presstime.

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Chamber Annual Dinner and Awards

The Chamber's 47th Annual Dinner is Thursday, January 13, 2005 at Mahogany's of the Charlevoix Country Club. The evening starts with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to their community and/or the chamber. The Ambassador of the Year Award recognizes an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix community. The Outstanding Citizen Award recognizes an individual who, over a number of years, has given time, talents, and resources to make Charlevoix a better place to live. The Chairman's award recognizes an individual who has volunteered time and/or resources to help the Chamber. The cost is $25.00 per person, including tax and gratuity. The Chamber wants to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Charlevoix State Bank, Citizens Bank, and Northwestern Bank.

Wayne Wynkoop Voted Norwood Township Supervisor

Wayne Wynkoop, owner of Wynkoop Truck and Auto Body Repair located on US 31 South of Charlevoix, is the new Norwood Township supervisor. He has been a Chamber supporter for many years, and we wish him well in his new position!

Harsha House Closed for 3 Months

The Harsha House closed on January 4 for three months. Persons wanting to purchase an item can go to the side door. The front door will be closed but staff will be there to help. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 1 – 4 pm.

Duke's Deli Open for the Winter

Duke's Deli will remain open all through the winter months. Their hours are 10am – 3pm. They will be closed on Sundays.

EVENTS:

2nd Annual Fiddlers & Pickers Day is January 15

The 2nd Annual Fiddlers & Pickers Day is on January 15, 2005 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix from 3 - 10pm. Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are all welcome. Food and beverages are available. Entrance by donation. For more information call Gabe Campbell 547-9739, Bill Stevens 547-9153 or Dan Johnston 526-5145.

6th Annual Snowmobile Ride-In is January 29

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club is sponsoring its Snowmobile Ride-In on Saturday, January 29 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm. Participants rendezvous in downtown Charlevoix's East Park (weather and snow permitting) where riders can warm up by the bonfire and enjoy free hot dogs, chili, hot chocolate and coffee. There will be drawings for a wide variety of door prizes donated by area merchants. Last year's ride-in was a great success drawing between 150-200 riders. www.chxsnowmobile.com.

Charlevoix Ladies Tour is Sunday, February 27

This noncompetitive cross country ski event for women will be held at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails weaving through beautiful Mount McSauba. You can register on line at www.womenssktour.com or call the Charlevoix Area Chamber for further details.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Jan 13 Chamber Annual Dinner and Awards, 547-2101

Jan 15 Pickers & Fiddlers Jamboree, 547-9739

Jan 15 Raven Hill Art for Adults - Jewelry, 536-3369

Jan 19 Public Library - This Is Genealogy and How We Do It, 547-2651

Jan 22 Knights of Columbus Annual Community Free Throw Contest, 547-5437

Jan 26 Charlevoix Public Library - Using the Internet, 547-2651

Jan 29 Snowmobile Ride-In, 547-2101

Feb 1 Valentine's Party – Historical Society, 547-0373

Feb 2 Public Library Class: How to use Genealogy, 547-2651

If you have news that you would like to have included in our next Chamber Monthly please contact the Chamber office.

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Breakfast is February 4 at 7:30 am at Grey Gables

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting is January 20 at 8:45 am at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant

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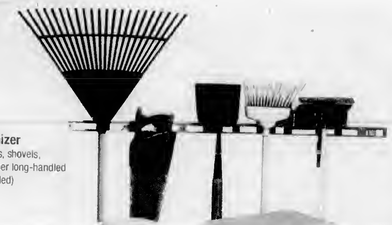

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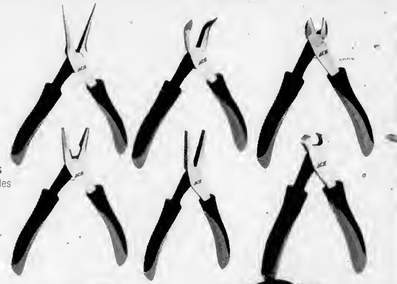

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The city planning commission is looking at a way to keep big box stores at bay by limiting their size.

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LaBlance honored

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

This year's recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award isn't afraid to sing to her own tune.

Charlevoix resident Marina LaBlance received the honor on Jan. 13 during the 47th Annual Meeting of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I am truly surprised, shocked and speechless," she said.

The Outstanding Citizen Award is given to someone who has surpassed any expectations of them and has served the community.

John Sturock, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, said LaBlance has helped create programs the schools wouldn't otherwise have.

"She couldn't be a more deserving person to receive the award," he said. "She does so much for our communities and schools."

LaBlance, a music educator at Charlevoix Elementary School, has been teaching for 32 years and believes strongly in the benefit of the arts in a child's education and development.

She moved to Charlevoix in 1972 and since then has helped area children form an appreciation for the arts.

Her dedication to education earned her the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America Award in 1973 during her first year of teaching. Then, in 1996, her colleagues and peers nominated and voted for LaBlance to receive the Outstanding Person of Education Award.

LaBlance has also received the E. Dale Kennedy Award for excellence in promoting education and in 2004 received an eddi Award for her dedication to the arts and education during the Fourth Annual eddi Awards on Sept. 17.

The eddi Award not only recognized LaBlance's dedication, but also her role in promoting the arts in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

The award was in honor of the late eddi Wrigley-Offield, who dedicated her life to the arts in northern Michigan.

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Photo credit

At the Annual Meeting of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, three citizens were honored for their contributions to the community and chamber. John M. Frey received the Ambassador Award, but was out of the country so Robert Tambellini, president of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (left), accepted the award on his behalf. Marina LaBlance, a music educator at Charlevoix Elementary School received the Outstanding Citizen Award and James R. Ledahl received the Chairman's Award.

Ledahl, Frey receive awards for work

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

James R. Ledahl and John M. Frey were recognized for their efforts and contributions to the community during the 47th Annual Meeting of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was Thursday, Jan. 13 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Ledahl was recognized with the Chairman's Award and Frey received the Ambassador Award.

"There are so many of you here who are more deserving of this than I am and I thank you very much," Ledahl said.

The Chairman's Award is given to someone who has gone above and beyond what was required of them in helping the chamber service the greater Charlevoix area through various projects and events.

Ledahl started working at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce in 1999 and dedicated his time and efforts to improving the organization.

Even though he is retired, Ledahl continues to volunteer his time to the chamber including the new event, the Taste of Charlevoix.

"It's both overwhelming and humbling," he said of receiving the award.

Ledahl was born in Frankfort and moved to Charlevoix 23 years ago. He and Inge, his wife of 35 years, currently live in Horton Bay in the house Ledahl built. Ledahl thanked his wife and said she has always been his best friend.

"I'm relieved that I'm not keeping a secret anymore," Inge said. "I'm very proud of him."

He has one child and two grandchildren and is dedicated to his family.

Both Ledahl and Inge served in the United States Air Force. Ledahl served as a navigator on bombers and was also part of the Air Force Logistics Command. He completed two tours in Vietnam and retired as a major after 20 years of service.

He has served his country and continues to serve his local commu-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Lawrence George Bergmann, 65, Charlevoix. Dogs-kill/injure a licensed dog. Six months probation; seven days of community service work in lieu of seven days in jail; $892.50 in fines and costs.

Samuel George Chulick, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Steven George Massey, 27, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Twelve months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $785 in fines and costs.

Steven George Massey, 27, Boyne City. Embezzlement-greater than $200 but less than $1,000. Twelve months probation; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 163 days held in abeyance; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Gary Wayne Gibson, 35, Harbor Springs. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 60 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,170 in fines and costs.

Michael Alan Follette, 39, Boyne Falls. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Martin William Moody, 42, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Jeffery Lee Brodin, 45, Charlevoix. Domestic violence and two counts of assault/assault and battery. Fines and costs totaling $1,500.

Jeffery Lee Brodin, 45, Charlevoix. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 67 days, serve 23 days; $1,500 in fines and costs.

Michael Owen Bradford, 17, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Six months probation; 30 days in jail with credit for six days, 24 days held in abeyance; $250 in fines and costs.

Aaron Alonzo Wagenschutz, 21, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Fines and costs totaling $600.

Zachary Laugen Boos, 17, Ada. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Shellie Dawn Bavers, 39, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Nine months prohation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Lily's World, 126 West Cedar Street, Boyne City, by Gayle L. Bouters.

Tymeless Graphics, 01174 M 32, Gaylord, by Seth D. Green.

Blessed Heart, 01174 M-32, Gaylord, by Seth Green.

D.A. & Son, #63 Park Drive, East Jordan, by Daniel Kayser and Alicia A. Steinhoff.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Daniel E. Burton, 33, Beaver Island and Carol Marie Wiggers, 35, Beaver Island

Joseph Devere Harshman, 27, Charlevoix and Maranda K. Vandenhosch, 23, Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jason Bradley Cross vs. Rebecca Ann Cross

Web site features men wanted for child support

Sheriff George T. Lasater, in conjunction with Charlevoix County Friend of the Court Office, will feature a subject wanted from the sheriff's office for failure to pay child support when warrants to arrest are authorized by the circuit court Judge.

The sheriff will feature one circuit court subject each month on the web site with a photograph, description, information and amount of arrears. This effort is being promoted to expedite Friend of the Court matters for financial support of children in Charlevoix County.

The sheriff's office will offer a reward of $50 to the citizen who submits information that leads to the arrest of the featured subject. If the wanted subject is arrested before the month is over a replacement wanted person will be placed on the web site.

To access the sheriff's office web site go to www.charlevoix-county.org/sheriff.asp.

If you have information on the featured subject, you may contact Sheriff Lasater or Undersheriff Don Schneider at (231) 547-4461.

Correction

In a picture cutline for a boy scout that was honored at the Norwood Township meeting on page 14 of last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier, it should have said the township benefited greatly by Thomas Castiglione's project.

Also, in the scrapbook section of last week's edition of the Courier, in a list of the children pictured on the page, it should have included George Schultz and Eric Arvilla.

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Births

Aimee Elizabeth Cavaness weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Danielle Warren and Matthew Cavaness of East Jordan on Dec. 30, 2004 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Robert Warren of East Jordan, Beth Knehl of East Jordan, Tony Knehl of East Jordan, Tony Cavaness of East Jordan and Terrie Cavaness of East Jordan.

Kaya Rain Jones weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Deanna Desrochers of East Jordan and Shaylan Jones of Boyne City on Jan. 1, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sibling is Jaden Jones. Grandparents are Robert Jones of Boyne City, Sandy Jones of Boyne City and Melissa Klintworth of East Jordan, Tom Stanley of East Jordan, Debbie DesRocher of East Jordan, Rodney DesRocher of East Jordan.

Vanessa Lynn Kleeman weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Jennifer Dawn Shoemaker and Robert William Kleeman of Mancelona on Jan. 1, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her brother is Robert Dennis Kleeman II. Grandparents are Robert Dennis Kleeman, Karne Crydram, Shawn Shoemaker and Lynda Hesiner.

Griffin Connor McFadden weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Brian P. and Nancy L. McFadden on Jan. 1, 2005, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Mason, 2. Grandparents are Bob and Jesse McFadden of Indian River and Jim and Candy Miller of Oregon.

Hailey Jo Looze weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Melissa Gregware and Chad Looze of Boyne City on Jan. 6, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Dale and Charolette Looze of East Jordan, Joann and Ray Miner of Boyne City and Charles Gregwaue of Boyne City.

Jonathon David Brookins weighing 12 pounds was born to David and Brandy Brookins of Ellsworth on Jan. 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His brother is Aaron. Grandparents are David Brookins of Ellsworth, Kathleen Brookins of Ellsworth, Ron Selggreen of East Jordan and Diane Selggreen of East Jordan.

Jordan Scott Devers weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born to Sarah Devers and Bryan Simmons of Boyne City on Jan. 7, 2005. His brothers are Zachariah and Dominick. Grandparents are Victor Devers, Kathy Devers of East Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Simons of Boyne City.

Kelton Brody Hunter weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Randi Delamater of Lakeview and Ryan Hunter of Texas on Jan. 10, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Mary Green Delamater of Beaver Island, Rick Delamater of Six Lakes, P.J. Boothby of Texas and Jim Hunter of Texas.

Skylar Renee Barnett weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Lori Parshall and William Barnett Jr. of East Jordan on Jan. 16, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Bill and Gloria Parshall of East Jordan, Colleen Dontje of East Jordan and the late William Barnett Sr. of East Jordan.

Commission to have public hearing on building sizes

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

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The city of Charlevoix Planning Commission will be having a public hearing at 6 p.m., Feb. 14 to consider an ordinance limiting the size of retail stores.

The ordinance is targeted at "big box" stores, such as Wal-Mart, which are known for very large, boxy retail buildings, surrounded by big parking lots. These stores are blamed for causing the decline of downtown areas.

Charlevoix planner Gerry Harsch said, "There are a number of communities around the country that have enacted limitations on the size of these stores."

The proposed ordinance that the commission is looking at would limit retailers having a gross leasable area of greater than 15,000 square feet to not exceed a gross leasable area of 45,000 square feet.

Harsch said, for the purpose of comparison, the Glen's Market at the corner of M-66 and Bridge Street is 40,700 square feet and the Rite-Aid drugstore is 13,000 square feet.

He said the ordinance that would limit the size of the retail stores to 45,000 square feet appealed to him as he compared it to the current buildings in Charlevoix, such as Glen's Market.

"That (45,000) tends to keep in character with the community and is a part of the community," Harsch said.

He did tell the commissioners that his suggested ordinance is a little larger than the buildings currently in Charlevoix, but they can back that off a bit. However, the commissioners elected to let the issue go before the citizens of Charlevoix in a public hearing.

Commissioner Dennis Kusina said, "Let's approve this and see what we get (on size). Truthfully, tonight we cannot OK something that may change."

While the commissioners voted unanimously to send the matter to a public hearing, in discussing the ordinance, some did have concerns about it.

Commissioner John Hess questioned if a developer could just build several 45,000 square foot buildings next to each other to get around the ordinance.

Harsch said a developer could do that under this ordinance, but he added, "We simply do not have land where you could do three 45,000 square foot stores."

Commissioner June Cross questioned if the ordinance was strong enough to hold up in court.

Harsch answered it does, according to city attorney Jim Young and many other communities in the nation have ordinances just like this. In fact, Charlevoix Township is considering a retail building size cap similar to this one.

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Water solutions and band shell compromises

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

I just have a few thoughts this week on a couple of subjects.

School water

I was a little concerned recently when reading a story written by staff writer Courtney Pace on the water runoff situation at Charlevoix High School.

According to some of the neighbors of that school, one who has owned land in that area for 60 years, and the former Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner, there is a problem with water running off of the high school property and onto neighboring properties. This water runoff makes the neighbor's property very wet and causing some problems for the farmers. But the school board and Charlevoix School's superintendent John Sturock dismiss all claims pointing to an environmental study that seems to show there is less runoff now.

I question the claims that there are no water problems in that area. It is plain to see, at least to me, that there is a water runoff issue there. Every time I drive by the high school, I can see a pond that seemed to appear on the south-eastern portion of the school's property, near Veenstra Road, after the construction of the high school. From looking at the various other pockets of water on the school property, I believe there is an issue with water runoff.

Now, is it worse than before? I can't answer that. But, I still believe it is a problem.

What also concerns me is that when the idea of a problem with water runoff came up at a recent school board meeting, the school board and Sturock seemed to almost laugh it off and belittle the messenger, who was Beemon. Beemon had simply come to the board to present some plans to alleviate the water issue in that area. It was a friendly gesture, with no ill-will meant, and was intended to help both the school and local property owners.

But, they dismissed her ideas outright.

I think that is wrong. Our school board needs to be open minded to people who come to speak at its meetings, especially when it is to point out solutions to problems that the school board should address, instead of insist it doesn't exist.

It would benefit the school board to actually hear out Beemon and their neighbors on this issue, realize that there is a water problem — even if it is less than before the school was built — and look at the appropriate ways to solve it. That would be the neighborly thing to do.

If the school board is concerned about getting money to pay for finding a solution to the water issue, I don't think that should be a worry. After all, this is the same board that in the midst of cutting staffing positions and funding for programs due to budget constraints, was able to fund the construction of a new weightlifting room at the high school.

It would seem to me that money for infrastructure improvements, especially one that would help out the area the school is located in, could be found.

Band shell

Lately there has been some controversy stirring about the band shell in East Park.

It seems some of the preliminary plans for East Park show the current band shell being torn down and a new, bigger one being built in the southern corner of the park. However, there are many people in town who are upset with this plan, saying the current band shell was built, in large part, with the help of funds donated by residents of this community in the early 90s.

In fact, one resident, Jill Picha, has expressed interest in stopping any changes to East Park in order to save the band shell by starting a petition to get any future ordinances approving the destruction of the band shell on the ballot as a referendum.

But, those who support the removal of the current band shell say the current one is too small, does not have good acoustics and will stick out if left in the middle of the park.

Before this gets blown up anymore than it already has, and the community begins to argue bitterly — as has been the case many times in the past — let's find a compromise.

Let's get the groups who want the band shell left alone together with the groups who want it to be torn down to come up with a solution before we have another issue that tears us apart. How about moving the current band shell to the southside of the park and expanding it to include space for equipment storage and the such? Or using pieces of the current band shell in the design and construction of the new shell?

There has to be a compromise here. Let's nip this argument now before it flourishes into a weed that will be hard to eradicate.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558, or e-mailing news@charlevoix-courier.com.

Letters to the editor

Missed a story

Editor:

I read with interest your article on the most important stories in 2004. I respectfully suggest that you left out one of the most important events of the year. That was the decision of the Charlevoix Library's Board to build a new library and the outstanding job they did to get community support for the project.

1) They held open meetings to determine where the community wanted the new library located.

2) The decision was made to keep the library downtown. The board, with the help of the DDA, and the city, after some very difficult negations with the school board was able to acquire the old Middle School and a good part of the rest of the block.

3) The board then persuaded the voters of the district to pass a new millage to pass a new building and properly staff it.

4) The district was able to sell a bond issue at very attractive rates.

5) The board is successfully completing a capital campaign, which had a very ambitious goal.

The library board and the citizens of the library district have done an outstanding job for the residents of the area, the children of the area and future generations. They all deserve recognition and praise for a job well done. Since your newspaper did an excellent job covering these events, surely the new library should be included in the major stories for the year 2004.

Marvin Molasky
Charlevoix

Remembering a friend

Editor:

I have a picture on my desk that reminds me of a simpler time in my life. A time when the important things were getting a passing grade in school, getting home before the 9:30 curfew, staying in good graces with Ray Kipke and above all of that coming away with a Rayder victory every Tuesday and Friday night during the season.

If you haven't figured it out by now it is a picture of the 1960 Rayders Basketball Team. It looks like any other team from the 50s and 60s. But to understand what this team really means to me you would have to look past the uniforms and the faces. I joined this team in the third grade when we moved back to Charlevoix after two years in Battle Creek.

We played together through the grades, first Coleman's Cats, then Pete's Pups, then on into high school. We grew up together playing ball, sharing life experiences and growing close and depending on each other on and off the court. Everyone on this team is special to me for one reason or another, but none more special than number 11, first player on the first row starting from the left.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Seminar class raises money

As their community outreach project, Dawn Hovie's seminar class from Charlevoix High School had a Christmas Santa Gram sale to raise money for supplies to be used in Kelly Wood's kindergarten class. The idea stemmed from a flyer that was sent out requesting items to get the new kindergarten class up and running. The seminar sold, assembled, sorted, and distributed the candy grams before Christmas break. The money earned was used to purchase a gift certificate to The School Store in Harbor Springs. Josh Paul, along with the rest of his seminar classmates are pictured here presenting Mrs. Wood with the gift certificate.

12,000 toys donated in area

The Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League is pleased to announce that more than 12,000 new toys were donated for youngsters in the three counties of Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan this past Christmas season.

The toys were distributed to nearly 2,500 needy children in the same counties.

Much of the generous support should be attributed to the following organizations: The Salvation Army of Emmet County, the Salvation Army of Cheboygan County, the Boyne Area Community Christmas and Care and Share of East Jordan.

Also contributing greatly were the Charlevoix Christmas Program, the Alanson Project Redolph, Char-Em Intermediate School District and several churches. Several schools also participated by sponsoring special projects by school children.

Individuals made huge contributions of time and toys. Grateful appreciation goes to the many business and community organizations who offered assistance by allowing Collection Boxes to be placed in their establishments (some 40 stores and retail businesses in nine cities).

The Toys for Tots program, originated in 1947 by a USMC Reserve Major, of Los Angeles, and has grown to be a nationwide program involving 13 millions of donors, toys and children annually.

Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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He had a lot of nicknames as did we all. He went by Harry (his dad's name), Jimmy-John, Karl, a nick name he and I came up with; I was Earl. I am not really sure where all of these names came from but back then they meant something. Most of the people outside our fraternity called him Jim, but they didn't know Jim like we did. My cousin Doug Bergmann called to give me the news that Jim had lost his battle with cancer. While I was saddened by the news, I was grateful to Doug for letting me know.

The distance and my job would not allow me to attend the service although I really wanted to, but on Dec. 9 I was there in spirit. As I look at the picture of the 1960 Rayders number 11 is still sitting on the first row the first player from the left. While I know that he is gone physically, what will never leave me will be the memories we shared on and off the basketball court and the friendship we developed over the years.

Thanks Jim for sharing part of your life with me as a classmate, a teammate and most of all as a friend.

Dave Schuchard
classmate, teammate and friend
Aberdeen, N.C.

Thank you

Editor:

Because we bottle and sell maple syrup, the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club has been called "the sweetest club in Michigan." But our club is just a little "nutty" too and we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that purchased the Kiwanis nuts during our recent sale, helping to make this the best nut sale ever. We sold out in record time. Thank you all.

What you many not know is that proceeds from our nut sales and from our other fund-raising projects during the year (rose sales, maple syrup, installation of 911 signs and kielbasa sales) all benefit Charlevoix. While a small portion of our funds leave the area in support of the Kiwanis International projects, the bulk of our money stays right here in Charlevoix.

For 70 years Kiwanis has been an important part of this community. For 65-plus years we have supported Boy Scout Troop 11. We sponsor the Northwest Academy Key Club for high school students, two Builder's Clubs at Charlevoix Middle School and the Charlevoix Elementary K-Kids Club. We also sponsor and work with the Aktion Club at the Bergmann Center.

Another group of Kiwanis members goes once each week and reads to children at Head Start. (By the way, we're always looking for new members and especially members who might like to participate as Head Start readers or in any of our projects to benefit children.) We also support Camp Daggett, BASES, Camp Quality, Charlevoix Area Community Pool and Exceptional Riders (just to mention a few).

Thank you again, to all those who supported our nut sales. As the oldest service club in Charlevoix, we look forward to supporting Charlevoix for another 70 years.

John Lachman
President

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Petition talk prompts two new amendments by city

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

> *"If a vote took place on the entire project, we would very likely lose the Waterways Commission funding and the ability to complete the project."*
>
> **Mike Wiesner,**
> Charlevoix City Manager

According to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner, the city is taking steps to insure any petition drives over preliminary plans to tear down the band shell in East Park does not harm funding for the marina renovations.

"I think it was said, 'We don't want to hurt the marina.' This gives them the option not to," Wiesner said.

In last week's edition of the *Charlevoix Courier*, Charlevoix resident Jill Picha said she was seeking information on if and how a petition drive could be started to protect the East Park band shell. Picha and others like her are upset over preliminary East Park renovation plans that show the current band shell being torn down and a new, bigger, one being built on the southern corner of the park.

Picha said the current band shell was built using a lot of money from a fund-raiser and was named in honor of Charlevoix band director Clarence Odmark. However, those who support the renovation plans, say a new band shell is needed because the current one is out of place, does not have enough storage room and has poor acoustics.

However, to start a petition and have a referendum on the ballot about the band shell, the city council must pass an ordinance.

At this time no ordinances have been passed. But, the city council is working on an amendment to the Downtown Development Authority plan that would expand the DDA's life and add the marina and park plan to its project list, thus allowing the DDA to fund it.

This amendment, which must go through a public hearing to be adopted, originally included the entire marina and park plan in it. Since it was an amendment, that means once it was passed it could be open to a petition and referendum.

Since this original amendment included both the marina and park in it, if a petition was started on it and it went to referendum, city officials are concerned that the Waterways Commission would take back the money it has said it would pay — the Waterways Commission has said it would pay about 75 percent of the total project cost.

In a memo on the matter to city council, Wiesner wrote, "If a vote took place on the entire project, we would very likely lose the Waterways Commission funding and the ability to compete the project."

Therefore, Wiesner has asked Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young to draft two amendments to the DDA plan to avoid this. In the first amendment, the DDA project list would include the marina and park plan, as presented, but specifically exclude the relocation of the band shell. In the second amendment, the DDA project list would include the marina and park plan, as presented, but allow for the relocation of the band shell.

It is Wiesner's hope that if a petition drive is started, it will be for the second amendment.

In the memo to council, he wrote, "If the second amendment were petitioned, it would cause some real difficulties in planning construction in the park and increase the final cost of the band shell if the vote would fail, but the basic marina plan could proceed."

Wiesner said Young will have drafts of these amendments completed very soon and he is expecting to ask for a joint meeting of the DDA and city council this week or early next week to approve it and set dates for a public hearing.

If neither amendment is petitioned, Wiesner said the order of the amendments will allow for a new band shell to be built on the southern side of the park.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Aren't you a little early?

A robin was spotted last week sitting in a tree in Charlevoix. The bird was a surprise to some who consider it a sign of spring. However, this week's near-zero temperatures tell a different story.

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Youth Foundation gives grants to many groups

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee recommended awards totaling nearly $22,000 to benefit young people, from establishing mentors for court referred youth, to support for a variety of enrichment opportunities including snowboarding, dance instruction and drama classes, an art illustration workshop, live music performances and ukulele lessons.

There were 13 non-profit organizations receiving Youth Advisory Committee money for programs within this funding cycle. The organizations, the successful projects and amount of the grant awards are as follows:

• Bliss Fest Music Organization — $700 to provide baritone ukulele lessons for fourth and fifth graders in the Boyne City/Boyne Falls area.

• Challenge Mountain — $2,400 to expand the snowboarding program for physically impaired youth.

• Charlevoix County Probate Court partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters — $3,000 to provide mentors for court referred youth.

• Child and Family Services — $1,720 to continue to provide materials and instruction for foster parents to prepare a scrapbook style record of the life of the child in their care.

• City of Boyne City — $1,540 to help construct a pavilion in Rotary Park for the Boyne City Rotary centennial project. It includes restrooms, concession stand and a covered picnic pavilion.

• Harbor Springs Public Schools — $750 to expand the "Girls on the Run" program into Charlevoix County, targeting girls ages 8 to 13 years old. The program prepares girls for a lifetime of self-respect and education on how to make healthy lifestyle choices, as well as training for running.

• Jordan River Arts Council — $1,000 for live music performances in schools and for the public.

• Jordan River Arts Council — $2,000 towards an art illustration project, "From Pencils to Pixels" including guest artist appearances, workshops for school children and a public exhibit.

• Lake Charlevoix Mariners — $1,700 to purchase a boat for the youth sailing program.

• MSU Extension, Charlevoix County — $2,000 to provide stipends for low-income, high-risk youth to participate in 4-H programs.

• MSU Extension, Charlevoix County partnering with the American Red Cross — $1,200 to support the babysitting instruction program.

• Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre — $1,720 to support the Christmas Variety program, as well as dance and dramatic instruction and theater productions on Beaver Island throughout the winter months.

• Raven Hill Discovery Center — $2,000 to support the Ancient Science outreach program for Middle schoolers throughout Charlevoix County.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee has now distributed more than $436,000 to programs benefiting young people since the group started making grants in 1994. Money for grant making comes from a special endowment called the Charlevoix County Youth Fund held by the Community Foundation. The fund was spearheaded with financial support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and has assets of more than $1 million.

Members of the Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee are Brittany Crandall, Danielle Cary and Brenna Green from Beaver Island; Erin Moriarity, Reed Angel and Cory Mills from Boyne City; Terra Wasylewski, Ashley Mauchmar and Darryl Kowalski from Boyne Falls; Zita Anderson, Dustin Dibble and Matt Teuscher from Charlevoix; and Paul Schneider, Tabitha Grover and Sierra Roberts from East Jordan.

The next deadline for submitting a grant request to the Foundation for youth related projects is April 1, 2005. For more information about grant making opportunities, or the Community Foundation, call (231) 536-2440.

Free throw contest Jan. 29

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a youth free throw contest.

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be at 3 p.m., Jan. 22 at the Charlevoix Middle School gym.

The championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competition. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible and will compete in respective age divisions.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or information contact Shawn McDonough at 547-5437.

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Obituaries

Bruce L. Henley: Oct. 14, 1921 - Jan. 11, 2005

Bruce L. Henley, 83, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital in the presence of his children.

The funeral was Saturday, Jan. 15, 2005 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Michael Teuscher of the Bethany Lutheran Church officiated. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Bruce was born Oct. 14, 1921, in Charlevoix, the son of Walter H. and Nellie Mae (Edwards) Henley. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1939 then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

On Sept. 12, 1946, he married the former Lillian B. Evers in Charlevoix, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 28, 1980. Bruce worked at the U.S. Post Office in Charlevoix, retiring as Assistant Postmaster in 1981, after 29 years.

He was a member of the Charlevoix Lodge 282 F&AM, VFW Post 1153 and the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post 226 in Charlevoix. Bruce was married for nine years to the former Norma Beaudoin.

Bruce is survived by his daughters, Rona (Rob) Harrison and Penny (Dan) Engstrom of Charlevoix and son, Ned (Amey) Henley of Rockford; Grandchildren, Cecy (Craig Bailey of Alto, Liberty (Tom) Purdy of Middleville, Jennifer (fiancé Justin Russell) Gregory of Granbury, Texas, Julie (fiance Jason Holman) Gregory of Hastings, David Engstrom of Charlevoix/Traverse City, Alex H., and Morgan N. Henley of Rockford, Great-grandchildren, Caitlin and Kyle Bailey, and Sydney and Reed Purdy; sister, Leola Beachum of Delton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital or to the Charlevoix Sports Boosters.

Marjorie Rose Russell: Dec. 15, 1928 - Jan. 12, 2005

Marjorie Rose Russell, 76, of Charlevoix, died Jan. 12, 2005, at her home.

The funeral was Friday, Jan. 14, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Nancy Rhode officiated.

Marjorie was born Dec. 15, 1928, in Flushing, the daughter of Barney and Grace (Grimshaw) Englehart.

She graduated from Lapeer High School, and on July 2, 1947, married Walter "Pug" Russell in Charlevoix.

Marjorie worked as an inspector at American Mold and ran the bathhouse at Lake Michigan Beach. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 72, Charlevoix, and the VFW Post 1153 Auxiliary.

She was a mother to all and accepted everyone.

Marjorie is survived by her daughters, Ginger (Bob) Bishoff of Charlevoix, and Jackie Rosenberg of Douglas, Ariz.; son, Carney (Jeanette) Russell of Petoskey; grandchildren Patrick Hamlin, Danielle Clark, Justin Russell, Josiah Russell, Adrian Russell, Jennifer Russell; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband on Aug. 7, 1997, and son, Walter, on Oct. 27, 2001. Memorial contributions may be made to Charlevoix County Hospice.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Dancing the night away

Many couples hit the dance floor and performed several dances throughout the night during the Second Annual Fiddler's and Picker's Day on Jan. 15. The event occurred in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix and over 100 people came, ate, danced and enjoyed the sounds of old time music.

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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

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Students learn about Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Martin Luther King Jr. gave his famous "I Have A Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is about the Civil Rights Movement and equality for all, but while it is being celebrated throughout the nation not much is being done in Charlevoix to commemorate the occasion outside of the schools.

City Manager Michael Wiesner said Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday and something most cities don't acknowledge. City Hall was open on Jan. 17.

"Historically we haven't," he said about the city's participation in commemorating King.

He said he couldn't answer why, but said the city doesn't acknowledge other federal holidays such as Veteran's Day, Christmas and Thanksgiving through City Council action.

"We certainly don't mean any disrespect to anyone," he said.

Charlevoix isn't alone, however, as five random cities were called and only one closed on Jan. 17 to commemorate King.

Boyne City, Alpena, Clare and Hillsdale all remained open and so did their public schools except Alpena Public Schools. The schools in Alpena were closed to students due to a record day for teachers, but not to commemorate King.

However, the city of Benton Harbor closed along with all the public schools in the district.

Charlevoix Public Schools as a whole did not do anything to honor Martin Luther King Jr. Day and were open on Jan. 17. However, Northwest Academy was closed for the holiday.

"It's just something we never really recognized," Charlevoix Superintendent John Sturock said.

He said the schools honor King's legacy by incorporating black studies

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Charlevoix County Commissioners
Synopsis - January 12, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on January 12, 2005. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved election of Commissioner Patrick as permanent Chairman, and Commissioner Frykberg as Vice-Chairman.

The Board unanimously agreed to keep the meeting schedule the same for 2005. Board of Commissioners meetings will be held the second Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. and the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Motion appointed Jane E. Brannon Fiscal Officer for 2005.

Liaison appointments were made.

Motion approved the minutes of the December 22, 2004 meeting as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #05-001, Computer Support Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #05-002, Amend Equalization's Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #05-003, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #05-004, Create New Department, Department 229, Information Systems.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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City, schools remain open on holiday

KING

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into the student's curriculum.

Despite being open for school, there are individual Charlevoix teachers who reached out and shared information about King's life and legacy with their students.

Bryan Hawkins, a United States history teacher at Charlevoix High School, decorated his classroom and quizzed his students on their knowledge of King and the Civil Rights Movement.

"Even though Charlevoix isn't the most ethnically diverse place, there are black students," he said. "The privileges that the majority status have were fought for by the non majority status."

Hawkins said by not honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it would be short shifting the topic.

In the past, Hawkins has typically selected notable quotes to be read to the entire school over the speaker system. He also talked about the life of King and reflected upon the efforts of those involved with the Civil Rights Movement. This year, the students read the passages.

Hawkins said the commemoration occurred in the morning as the rest of the day was dedicated to the beginning of midterms.

Several teachers at Charlevoix Elementary School commemorated King by incorporating his life and what he stood for into their lessons.

Principal Richard Swenor said the first grade teachers talked about core democratic values of liberty and justice. They also talked to the students about what is fair.

Swenor said the students then wrote a story about how they could make the world a better place and starting off with King's phrase, "I have a dream . . ."

The multiage classes read a story and then talked about the non-violent ways King made changes in the world.

Northwest Academy closed, but incorporated King's legacy into the classroom.

Administrator Cindy Romero said this is the first year the school had recognized the holiday.

Several students at Northwest Academy are of African American heritage and Romero said it's important to show support for their heritage and the community as well.

"I think it's important for students of African American heritage that they see us recognize a part of our history and not putting it under the rug," she said.

Also, Romero said it's important for all students to recognize that Martin Luther King Jr. is important in not just African American history, but the history of the nation.

"It's not that he's African American, but a significant person in our history for our rights," Romero said.

Karl Redmer and Sarah Ross, two teachers at Northwest Academy, are making an effort to create an awareness amongst their students.

Redmer, a government and art teacher, had his students create a project about King that required writing a paper and creating visuals.

"They looked at his impact on society, what shaped his views up to the point of him becoming involved in the Civil Rights Movement," Redmer said.

He also had his students look into how King's death impacted the Civil Rights Movement and what it would have been like without him.

Many of his government students didn't understand how King related.

"A lot of issues were put forth in legislation because of King's civil rights for all and not just blacks," he said.

Redmer said he tried to relate to his students what occurred before, during and after the Civil Rights Movement and what the outcome was of the movement that King started.

Redmer, who attended the University of Michigan in Flint, said he was around the inner city and saw how important many issues were to those affected by them.

"Up here, a lot of students aren't exposed to inner city issues," Redmer said, which is why he wants students to know why Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed.

Ross, a social studies and English teacher, said she focuses on the non-white version of history that most textbooks don't document.

To commemorate King, Ross said she will probably have her students read something written by King and others at that time.

One activity Ross did last year she will also do this year, which required having her students undergo a simulation of what African American's faced.

Students are segregated according to some feature such as sex, eye color or hair color and then bathrooms and other places will be marked for certain features.

"It puts them into it and not just talking about it," she said. "Just using those real ideas to try and bring it out."

Since there is not a large group of different ethnicities in northern Michigan such as in larger cities, Ross said students should be made more aware.

"Making them aware is a step in the right direction because you can't expose them to people of that culture," she said.

Ross also said she doesn't think people are necessarily prejudiced up here, but that they are uneducated on other cultures.

"I think if everyone in the world was more educated on different people's walks of life it would be better," she said.

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Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

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Student trying to help tsunami victims

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

A few Charlevoix individuals and organizations are trying to ease the suffering of the survivors of a tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Jessica Gauthier, a Charlevoix High School freshman, is spearheading a relief effort to help the tsunami victims.

"It's our responsibility as human beings to help out others," she said.

Gauthier, along with friends and members of the prayer group that meets before school want to try and raise $5,000 that will be given to the American Red Cross International Tsunami Relief Effort.

Gauthier is planning on getting bracelets, like the yellow Livestrong bracelets, from Screenmasters in Charlevoix and selling them at basketball and volleyball games and other local sporting events.

Nothing is finalized yet, but Gauthier said it's possible that some downtown merchants may sell the bracelets in their stores.

While sitting in her room and thinking about how to help the victims of the tsunami, Gauthier said she looked down at her Livestrong bracelet and thought that would be a feasible way to raise funds.

The bracelets will be teal and say Relieve the Grief and will sell for $3 to $4 dollars.

"It's one of the few colors used," she said. "It reminded me of water, which is the cause of it (the tsunami)."

To purchase the bracelets it will cost $2,000, but Gauthier said Screenmasters will pay $1,000 if they pay the other half up front.

"It's the only thing that's holding us back right now," she said.

Once they get the money Gauthier said they have 30 days to raise $1,000 to pay back Screenmasters.

Gauthier said she is in the process of talking to local businesses and trying to see if anyone would be willing to donate money.

Gauthier said a bank account will be opened for the tsunami fundraiser and the account's status will be available to anyone that asks.

For more information or to make a donation to help raise the money necessary to cover costs of purchasing the bracelets call Gauthier at 547-6273.

CEMEX in Charlevoix is also helping out with tsunami relief efforts.

Bud McCormick, plant manager of the Charlevoix plant cement division, said CEMEX will match employee donations two-for-one, with a minimum of $2 million in corporate donations.

"It's been a good campaign," McCormick said of the information from CEMEX's headquarters in Mexico.

The funds will go to the United Nations where it will be used in areas of great need.

McCormick said several employees were asking management if there were any programs going on they could support that helped with tsunami relief efforts.

"It's heart warming to know that people are concerned about people on the other side of the world to get together on this type of effort," he said.

CEMEX has cement plants in Indonesia, which McCormick said weren't damaged. However, a plant in Aceh owned by Lafarge was destroyed, which was equal in size to the one in Charlevoix.

Of the 625 Lafarge employees, 362 are safe, eight are injured, three are dead and 252 are still missing, according to information provided on Lafarge's web site.

McCormick said CEMEX is donating money to the Lafarge plant in order to help their cement-making brothers.

CEMEX also has a cement plant in the Philippines, which McCormick said sent employees four hours away to help clear debris.

The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan in Petoskey is currently taking donations for the American Red Cross International Tsunami Relief Effort.

Betsy Hanson, executive director of the Petoskey chapter of the American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan, said in a statement that the American Red Cross has received more than $185 million through pledges from individuals, corporations and philanthropic supporters.

"To date, we have received $27,755 in donations to aid the victims of the earthquake disaster and tsunami relief efforts in Southeast Asia," Hanson said in a statement. "One hundred percent of these funds have been forwarded on to the Red Cross International Relief effort, and no administrative fees or expenses were deducted before these funds were sent along."

Hanson said in a statement that the American Red Cross will partner with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and other global partners in order to provide short and long-term relief.

"There is no question that assistance will get to those who need it," Hanson wrote. "That's our commitment. We are concerned about how quickly we can get the aid to 12 different countries, each with their own needs and philosophies about outside assistance."

In order to provide this aid, the American Red Cross has committed to $134 million for the initial phase of relief efforts for survivors of the tsunami, Hanson said in a statement.

The aid includes $55 million for emergency and supplemental food aid, $10 million for water and sanitation support, $36 million for vaccination and health support, $20 million for immediate family support, $2 million for psychological assistance, $3 million for emergency response staffing and deployment and $8 million for direct support costs.

Those who would like to support the American Red Cross International Tsunami Relief Effort can call the Petoskey chapter office at 348-7666 or can send a tax-deductible donation to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 2478, Petoskey, MI, 49770 and International Relief or Tsunami Relief should be written on all checks.

Donations can also be made by calling the American Red Cross at (800) HELP-NOW or going online to www.redcross.org.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Jessica Gauthier, a freshman at Charlevoix High School, is spearheading a fundraising effort to help the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Charlevoix Public Schools as a whole are not doing anything to help the victims of the tsunami. However, individual teachers are.

Carol Madison, a fifth grade teacher at Charlevoix Middle School, had connections to an orphanage in Sri Lanka that she had her second grade class write to last year.

After the tsunami hit, the orphanage was destroyed and nothing is known about what happened to the kids.

"It's so weird to me because these nameless, faceless children we had original contact with," she said.

Madison's contact from Rotary International in Traverse City is currently overseas trying to find out what happened to the orphans. Once he returns with more information, Madison said she wants to organize something to help.

Charlevoix High School Principal Gary Grundman said some of the seminar teachers are organizing a tsunami fund-raiser of some sort, but he hasn't gotten any paperwork back yet.

Richard Swenor, principal of Charlevoix Elementary School, said the only fund-raiser the school is currently participating in is for the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Northwest Academy is also not making a school-wide effort to help in Southeast Asia.

Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School personnel are currently in the process of creating a fund-raiser to help the tsunami effort.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
Regular meeting held on January 10, 2005

Supervisor Glass opened the meeting with board members Martin, Williams, Rajewski and Center present.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer.

Motion carried to approve the rezone requested by Robert Chaika.

Motion carried to approve the lot split requested by Thomas & Kathleen Kirby.

Discussed the proposed Charlevoix Township Blight Ordinance. It was decided that changes need to be made and it will be on the March meeting agenda.

Motion carried to purchase new window treatments for the township hall.

Motion carried to allow the Clerk to pay bills presented and appropriated.

No meeting in February. Next regular township meeting will be held March 14, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

Carol Martin, Charlevoix Township Clerk

JAN 2005

Anna Kuebler honored

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Anna Kuebler was acknowledged for her 50 years of service as an election worker for Hayes Township with an appreciation plaque during the Jan. 10 township meeting.

"I was really very impressed," she said. "I feel it was a great honor."

Kuebler said she has always enjoyed working with people and out in the community, which kept her coming back year after year.

Having been raised in northern Michigan, Kuebler chose to stay in order to raise her family. This fall, she will have lived in Hayes Township for close to 55 years.

When she and her husband, Lloyd, were new to the township, Kuebler said she remembers registering to vote and being asked if she would join the election board.

Kuebler said she was approached by Frank Burnett, former township clerk and Hazel Evers, former township treasurer.

Meeting the people was one of her favorite aspects because she was new to the area and it allowed her to get to know those in the community.

"I like meeting people and doing something I hope to better the community," she said.

Throughout her 50 years as an election worker, Kuebler said she has seen changes in regards to the community and voting.

When she first started out, Kuebler said there were about 400 registered voters in the township.

"I got to where I knew everybody," she said.

However, over time the township has grown to have a few thousand registered voters.

"It was interesting to watch the area change," she said.

The most surprising change Kuebler saw was in regards to voting regulations. She said in the beginning the election process required the election workers to count the ballots by hand. Now, there are voting machines that do all the work.

"There's hardly any comparison," she said. "It's so modernized compared to what it was."

Kuebler said she doesn't have any plans to stop now and will continue serving the community as an election worker as long as she can.

Courtesy photo

Anna Kuebler is given a plaque in honor of her volunteer work with Hayes Township elections by supervisor Tim Boyko.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Frozen for the winter

On Jan. 10 the weather was cold enough that ice and snow covered the land, but warm enough that it started to melt. These icicles clung delicately to a cedar bush as some water ran off of them.

Women's ski tour returns

Celebrate women, winter and chocolate on Feb. 27.

Active Women Now, Inc. a nonprofit organization will host The Second Annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour, a weekend of fun and activities that will take the winter blues out of northern Michigan.

Active Women Now, Inc. has ski tours in Michigan and the United States, celebrating the camaraderie that women hold in empowering one another while giving back to their community. This non-competitive winter event for women will be at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails will weave through Mount McSauba.

Novice winter activists are encouraged to attend.

Ski clinics will be given on Feb. 26 for beginners and those who are looking to cultivate their skills.

A wine and cheese event will be at Castle Farms as a prelude to the Charlevoix Ladies Tour. Log onto the Women's Ski Tour web site for more information.

Tickets in advance are $35 and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day. Proceeds from the Charlevoix Ladies Tour benefits BASES and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

Please log onto www.womensskitour.com for more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities and purchasing event tickets. E-mail Courtney Miles, regional event manager at Courtney@womensskitour.com with further questions.

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Sheriff Lasater gives ATM safety tips

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• Do not be in a hurry during the transaction and carefully secure your card and cash in your wallet, handbag or pocket before leaving the ATM.

• Memorize your PIN number. If you must write it down, do so in a disguised manner and never carry it with your card.

• Never disclose your PIN number to anyone, whether to family members, bank staff or police.

• Do not use obvious numbers for your PIN number, like your date of birth.

• Change your PIN periodically and if you think it may have been compromised, change it immediately.

• Set your daily ATM withdrawal limit at your branch at levels you consider reasonable.

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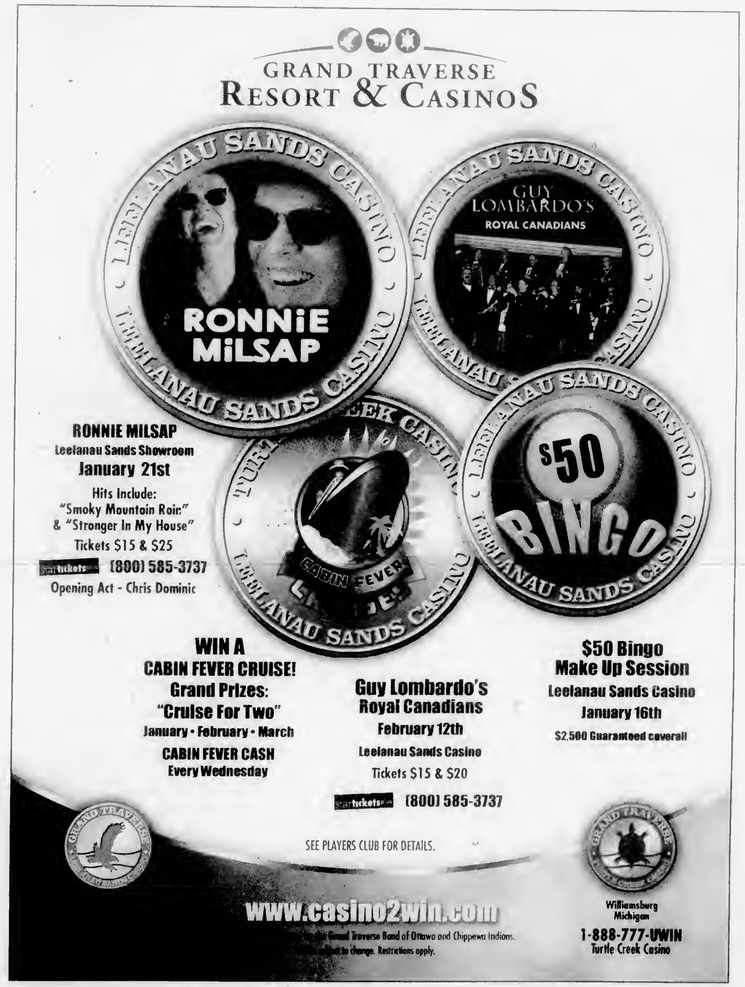

JAN 2005

Charlevoix Red Hat Society celebrates birthday

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One group of Charlevoix women are all about friendship, color and a whole lot of fun.

The Red Hat Society "Ladies of the Nite" celebrated their one year anniversary on Jan. 14.

Queen Mom Vivian Mettler and several other members celebrated in having fun for one year and enjoying each other's company.

Mettler, Lorene Sakamoto and Maryann Beaumont founded the "Ladies of the Nite" because most of the women worked during the day and couldn't attend the other Red Hat Society group's functions.

The group isn't a service organization, but rather a gathering of women who want to have fun after volunteering in various capacities. Some continue to volunteer their time.

"We just have fun," Mettler said.

The "Ladies of the Nite" support local businesses as they mostly eat at restaurants in town.

To celebrate being together for one year, the group met at the Edgewater Inn to share in a few laughs before heading to Stafford's Weathervane for dinner where they met up with members of the Pink Hat Society "Ladies of the Nite."

The Pink Hat Society members are women under the age of 50. However, Mettler said when they turn 50 they "reduate" into a member of the Red Hat Society.

Currently, there are about 30 members of the "Ladies of the Nite" and Sakamoto said the group is a great one to be a part of.

"We're old, we wear red hats and we can do whatever we want," she said.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

The Red Hat Society is (from left, first row) Nancy Walker, Katie Curtis, Brigitte Smith, Birdie Whitley (second) Betsy Reynolds, Sally Hoelderle (third), Sandy Allard, Katie Stone, Bea Warner, Lorene Sakamoto and Barb DeGood, Grand Rapids, (fourth) Queen Mom Vivian Mettler, Maryann Beaumont, Wendy Sloan, Sue Pihl from Grand Rapids, Queen Mom Helen Van Farowe from Grand Rapids and Linda Norton from Grand Rapids.

Photo credit

Members of the Pink Hat Society "Ladies of the Nite" gathered at the Weathervane on Jan. 14 in celebration of the one year anniversary of the Red Hat Society "Ladies of the Nite." Pink Hat members are Colleen Griffin, Debbie Godfrey and Sally Nye.

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Charlevoix music teacher named citizen of the year

LABLANCE

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During a previous interview with the *Charlevoix Courier*, LaBlance said it's her passion for what she does and her love for the children that has kept her teaching music all these years. Being a music educator isn't just a job, she said, but it is a part of who she is.

LaBlance teaches kindergarten through fourth grade. She said, in a previous interview, that she truly believes that art and music bring together the whole child and enables them to connect what they learn in other academic areas because music involves math, geometry, science and reading.

"A lot of the time people think it's a frill or an extra thing, but really it's an intricate part of the curriculum," LaBlance said in a previous interview.

Her love for teaching goes beyond the classroom as she founded the Annual Spring Musical. The event enabled the public to view art through area students and it has remained a tradition for 32 years.

LaBlance also gave the commencement address to the Charlevoix High School graduating class of 2002.

Her love for art led her to become one of the original founders of the Charlevoix Council for the Arts. She currently serves on the executive board and also that of the Waterfront Art Fair.

"I am truly surprised, shocked and speechless."

Marina LaBlance,
Charlevoix Citizen of the Year

She is currently working on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library and Crooked Tree Arts Center to present a program on March 24 about the opera "Carmen." The lecture will help people prepare to view the opera that will be performed on March 25 at Charlevoix High School's auditorium.

Aside from education and the arts, LaBlance has played the organ for weddings and funerals at St. Mary's Parish. She has also organized singing groups for the Salvation Army, Charlevoix Area Hospital, local nursing homes and during the Community Christmas Tree Lighting.

LaBlance has been an active member of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce by having owned an art gallery downtown and served as the chairman of the Venetian Festival Street Parade for several years.

The look of the Venetian Festival Street Parade became more colorful and fun due to LaBlance. She not only added more clowns, but also required all parade participants to decorate their cars and floats.

LaBlance also restricted the participation of political candidates to only state and federal elected representatives.

She has also served as chairman of the Dress-Up, Doll and Pet Parade, a Venetian Festival event. Due to an accident in which a dog killed a rabbit, LaBlance changed the parade to the Dress-Up and Doll Parade.

On a personal note, LaBlance shared her experience of surviving cancer with other women currently dealing with it.

When accepting her Outstanding Citizen Award, LaBlance said she is glad for having chosen Charlevoix to live and raise her two children, Maro, her daughter, and her son, George.

"I feel it's important for all of us to be a part of the community," she said.

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Old time music

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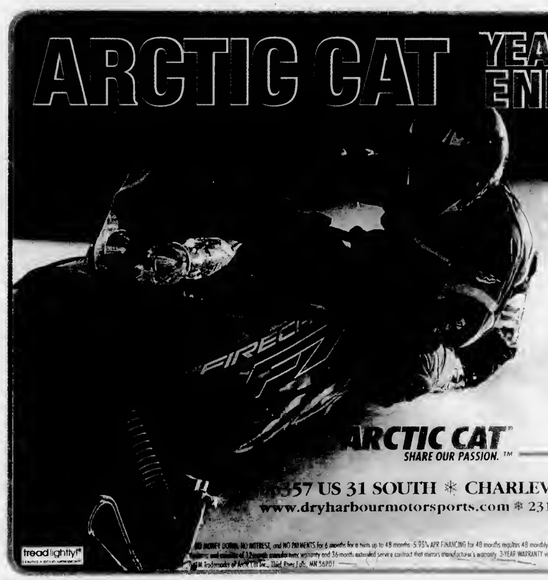

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Township to have hearing on limit to building sizes

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission will be having a puhlic hearing on amendments to the zoning ordinance in order to hear what the people have to say at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road.

The proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance includes limiting the size of large buildings to 90,000 square feet.

The size of 90,000 square feet was voted by the commission at the Nov. 17 meeting.

Nancy E. Rajewski, chairman of the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission, said in a previous interview that 90,000 square feet is the size most people could live with.

During a previous meeting, the commission voted for a cap size of 80,000 square feet. The vote resulted in a tie with Rajewski and John Dixon supporting the size and Dave Christiansen and Stanley Martin voting against it.

Robert Hoffman, head of This Is Our Town, which fought Wal-Mart, said in a previous interview that the cap size is just another tool to help guide the community.

"That's what the zoning ordinance is," Hoffman said in a previous interview. "A tool the planning commission uses to assure that the township and the community are following what the community wants for the master plan."

Al Wojan also attended the meeting and said at the meeting that a zoning ordinance isn't a tool for growth, hut is something that limits free enterprise.

The proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance also include changing the size of large buildings from 2,000 to 20,000 square feet. This change will also require a special-use permit.

Another proposed amendment includes requiring any projects that are 50,000 square feet to have a market feasibility study, traffic study and adaptability for reuse plan submitted with their application to build.

The proposed zoning ordinance will also require all builders to adhere to keeping their building in line with the look of the community.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the City of Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a request to amend the Title V - Zoning and Planning, Chapter 51, also known as the City Zoning Ordinance, on Monday, February 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chambers in Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

The proposed amendment is outlined as follows:

A. Amendment to Section 5.82 (23) - to add the following text

(b) Retailers having a gross leasable area of greater than 15,000 square feet. Any single retailer shall not exceed a gross leasable area of 45,000 square feet.

The intent of this section is to insure that large retail development is of a quality that enhances the character of Charlevoix, and does not overwhelm its surroundings, and protects and contributes to the health, safety and welfare of the community. Large retail development can result in substantial impacts of the community, such as, but not limited to, noise, traffic, community character, environment, and the local economy. The purpose of this section is to address these impacts and provide for detailed review of such uses.

The public is invited to attend and present its comments on the interpretation. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or may be sent to the City Planning Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix Michigan 49720 before the public hearing.

January 14, 2005 Gerry Harsch, City Planner

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Men awarded at annual chamber dinner/meeting

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nity.

Ledahl has served in a leadership position at Horton Bay United Methodist Church and is the leader of the Charlevoix County Jail Ministry. Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater is a good friend of Ledahls and the two men share fond memories over a mistaken donation.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club has had Ledahl as a member since 1989 and he is also a member of the Charlevoix Men's Chorus.

Ledahl has also volunteered his time to the local Boy Scout troops where he has been a leader for several years. He is even a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow. This honor is only given by special selection and acknowledges a person's contributions to the scouts, one's lodge and community.

Frey received the Ambassador Award, which is given in recognition of someone who promotes the spirit of the community.

In 1975, Frey and his wife moved to Charlevoix and they currently live on a farm.

Frey, who is protective of the environment, is involved with the EARTH University Foundation and is also interested in issues regarding the Great Lakes watershed and upland habitat issues.

He used to serve on the board of directors for the Little Traverse Conservancy.

Frey has dedicated his time to serving the Charlevoix community by being involved with the Charlevoix Area Hospital Development Council and was on the Board of Directors of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce from 1983 to 1985.

He helped form the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and served on the board of directors.

Since the foundation helps everyone in Charlevoix County, Frey chose to have it be located in East Jordan.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation was formed with a donation from the Frey Foundation, which is one of the largest family foundations in Michigan.

Frey is currently a trustee of the Frey Foundation in Grand Rapids, which helped start two Michigan community foundations and has provided almost $100 million in grants to Michigan families, communities and individuals.

Aside from environmental issues, Frey is interested in the performing arts and was a classical actor with a regional theater on the East Coast when he was younger.

He also carves wood and creates bowls, pens and other items by woodturning.

The arts have benefited from Frey as he has been a part of the board of regents for the University of Hartford and has served on the advisory board of The Hartt School of the University of Hartford that features music, dance and theater.

He has also been a part of the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre Endowment Fund and also served as a part of the John D. Voelker or Robert Travers Foundation.

Frey was out of the country and unable to attend the meeting, hut Robert Tambellini, president of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, accepted the award on his behalf.

"He can't think of a better gift than to be recognized this way," he said. "And he hopes that after he lives here another 30 years he can be considered a native."

Boyne Area Hockey team outshoots all opponents

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team was one of 16 teams playing in the Grand Traverse Invitational Tournament this past weekend, and went 2-1.

Boyne outshot all three of its opponents.

On Jan. 14 the team played Traverse City's North Bay to a 8-1 win.

Darren Looze tallied a hat trick with three goals. Russell Williams hit the netting twice; Ryan Paridee, Troy Scarbrough, and Ryan Hennessy each added a goal.

Assists came from Nick Dunwoody, Looze, and Scarbrough; Josh Aown, Hennessy, and Williams all contributed two. Eli Barsy gave three assists earning a playmaker. Goalies Charlie Courtright and Nick Ferree shared netminding.

Looze was awarded MVP.

On Jan. 15 the team fell to Mt. Clemens 1-3. Two of the Mount Clemen's goals were scored on power plays and the last on an empty net.

Boyne's goal was scored by Barsy with assists from Scarbrough and Paridee. Charlie Courtright was between the pipes. Williams was named MVP.

Their last match was a 3-0 win over Ice Mountain.

Hennessy put the first score on the board with a Scarbrough assist. Paridee notched the second with passes from Looze and Barsy, and Hennessy scored a short handed breakaway goal after receiving an nice pass from Looze.

Goal tender Ferree earned the shutout and the MVP trophy for the game.

Snowmobile ride-in to be Jan. 29

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will be hosting it's annual ride-in from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 29. Snowmohilers will ride into Charlevoix and meet in East Park, snow permitting. If there isn't enough snow then the group will meet at Ferry Beach.

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SPORTS

Volleyball, basketball teams thrill on island

By FRANK SOLLE
Special to the Courier

The Beaver Island sports teams made the most of their first home series of the winter as both the volleyball and basketball teams swept a pair of contests from the Hannahville Soaring Eagles.

Each of the Islander teams improved to 6-0 on the season with the wins and each are in first place in the Northern Lights League standings.

The teams travel to Paradise this coming weekend before hosting Grand Marais Jan. 28-29 for homecoming.

The volleyball team opened the weekend action Friday with a hard-fought, four-game match, winning 25-14, 19-25, 25-14, 25-17 as they introduced a large home crowd to the new rally scoring format.

The Eagles proved to be a scrappy bunch and never let the Island girls feel comfortable. The large crowd and first home appearance didn't help the locals' comfort level either said coach Connie Boyle.

"We played better in our first two matches than we did tonight. Perhaps a little bit of home crowd excitement and jitters went with finally playing in front of everyone," she said.

Hannahville held early leads of 5-1 and 7-4 in the first game before the Islanders rallied. A four-point service run by Emily Gray lifted the Islanders to a 13-8 lead. Solid serving from there carried them to the win. Bailey McDonough served the final four points with Danielle Cary contributing two powerful kills.

The Eagles flew ahead early again in game two. Despite a big service run by Cary that brought the Islanders back to a 15-15 tie, the Eagles maintained momentum and went on for the win.

The win by Hannahville motivated the Islanders over the final two games of the match and they did not trail again. Krystle Timsak served up eight points in game three while Cary and Andrea Moore each sent over a number of aces.

Saturday's battle lasted the minimum of three games, but still the win didn't come easy. The Islanders claimed the 25-19, 25-19, 25-20 win despite a poor effort from the service line.

"It shouldn't have been that hard," Boyle said. "I can't begin to explain why so many couldn't get their serves in. And that's the difference in rally scoring, your serves better go in because fifty percent doesn't do you any good."

Once again Hannahville grabbed the early lead in game one, but the Islanders battled back. A service run by Melissa Bailey led to an 18-10 Islander lead. From there the Islanders held off the Eagles despite a late five-point rally.

Game two was pivotal as the Islander serves went astray. Holding a 12-7 lead the Islanders missed seven straight offerings from the line as the Eagles closed to 19-18. Eighth-grader Caitlin Boyle finally stopped the bleeding and senior Cary closed out the win.

The third game outcome was decided on an 9-3 run bolstered by two aces off the serve of Christine McDonough, another from Brenna Green, and three more kills by Cary. When the dust settled, the Islanders were up 16-10 and went on to claim the match.

The Islander basketball team also battled some first-home-game jitters on Friday, but after a 13-13 first quarter they sailed past the Eagles to an easy 59-44 win.

The turning point came in the second quarter as the Islanders picked up their defensive effort, holding the Eagles to just five points.

Meanwhile the Green and White unleashed junior Brett Maudrie who scored 10 of his game-high 24 points in the quarter.

Crashing the boards and creating numerous Eagle turnovers, the Islanders dominated the final five minutes of the half, keeping the Eagles scoreless while putting up 14 points en route to a commanding 33-18 lead.

The Islanders continued their strong play in the third quarter, pushing the lead to 45-25.

A late 10-0 run in the fourth quarter sent the lead to 59-28 and the Island starters to the bench for the final few minutes of play. The Eagles took advantage by scoring the final 16 points of the game, but it was by far too few, too late.

"Hannahville is a much quicker team than we played last weekend," said Islander coach Mike Myers. "But we adapted well. We had some nerves with the first home game, but overall did a good job."

Joining Maudrie in double figures were Jared Wojan and John Albin with 14 apiece. Jimmy Gillespie added five and Keith Szczepanski two. The Islanders out-rebounded the Eagles 41-31, pulling down an impressive 29 offensive boards.

Saturday's game proved to be a closer contest as the Islanders held off a late Eagle rally for a 56-49 win.

Junior John Albin led the Islanders out of a slow start, scoring twice off offensive rebounds and with a soft jumper as the locals took a 12-10 edge after the first quarter.

Albin scored six straight points midway through the second period, showing his versatility by hitting from the top of the key and with a soft hook from the wing, as the Islanders extended their margin to 29-23 at the half.

Albin and Gillespie each knocked down three-pointers in the third quarter as the Islander lead grew to double digits. Gillespie and Szczepanski hit back-to-back buckets to give the home boys their largest lead, 45-32.

Hannahville's Ogeema Anziano, who led all scorers with 26, scored twice in the closing seconds to close the gap to 45-36 going into the final frame.

The Eagles closed within four midway through the quarter, but a 6-0 Islander run pushed the lead back to 10. The final two points of the run come as Wojan stole an Eagle inbounds pass at midcourt and hit Maudrie with a pass near the basket for an easy layin.

Albin and Maudrie each finished with 15 points, Gillespie netted 14.

Wojan added seven, Eric Albin three and Szczepanski two.

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Girls' team does great in ski meet

The Charlevoix/East Jordan high school girls' ski team finished in second place in a league meet Jan. 13 out of six teams, while the boys' took last in the same meet.

"The girls really skied well together as a team. To have four girls in the top 15 is a great accomplishment. They all have been working hard," coach Sue Miller.

However, she added, the boys' team skied OK and were hampered by a few errors that hurt them in their final results.

"We will only learn from these and move forward," she said.

The girls' team finished second with a score of 73. Traverse City St. Francis was in first with a score of 36. The team finished second in the giant slalom and slalom, as well. Sarah Lorne, Stephanie Poindexter, Kristen Kovel, Tricia McClung, of the Rayders' team, were in the top five for the giant slalom in the "B" team. Elizabeth Hazeld, Jennifer Rich, Poindexter and Kovel were in the top five for the slalom in the "B" team.

The boys' team finished sixth, with a score of 166. Harbor Springs was in first, with a score of 24. The team finished sixth in the giant slalom and slalom, as well.

Individual results for the girls' team in the giant slalom were: Michelle Fritsch in second with a total time of 54.12 seconds; Katherine Rowley in fifth, with a total time of 54.66 seconds; Katie Diller in eleventh, with a total time of 57.45; Kelsey Poincau in fifteenth, with a total time of 59.49 seconds; Kristen Dupuis in twenty-first, with a total time of 1 minute, 4 seconds and Jennifer Rich in twenty-sixth, with a total time of 1 minute, 12.10 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the slalom were: Rowley in fourth, with a time of 57.74 seconds; Fritsch in ninth, with a time of 1 minute, 1.44 seconds; Diller in twelfth, with a time of 1 minute, 3.05 seconds; Dupuis in fifteenth, with a time of 1 minute, 9.87 seconds and Lorne in nineteenth.

Individual results for the boys' team in the giant slalom were: Mac Brennan in thirteenth, with a time of 52.96 seconds; Andrew Mallory in fourteenth, with a time of 53.14 seconds; Billy Broden in twenty-sixth, with a time of 58.03 seconds; Nic Williams in thirtieth, with a time of 58.78 seconds; Nick Heid in thirty-fourth with a time of 1 minute, 3.16 seconds and Sean Thomas in thirty-fifth, with a time of 1 minute, 8.99 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' team in the slalom were: Brennan in eleventh, with a time of 55.24 seconds; Mallory in fifteenth, with a time of 59.54 seconds and Geoff Baier in twentieth, with a time of 1 minute, 3.91 seconds.

Charlevoix volleyball takes all six matches

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

Good things may come in threes, but for the Rayder's varsity volleyball team, six was the magic numher.

As if one clean sweep the week before wasn't enough, Charlevoix captured all six of last week's matches putting them at 11-3-3 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

Play opened last Monday against Elk Rapids with the lady Rayders taking solid leads for three wins with scores of 25-12, 25-6, 25-18.

Kari Way had nine kills and three aces, Teresa Martin had four kills and eight digs, Beth Pearson had six kills and Zita Anderson had 23 assists.

"I think we were playing pretty good," said coach Liz Grunch. "We're ready to step up our level of play."

True to her words, coach Grunch and the girls went on to defeat East Jordan three games to nothing on Thursday with scores of 25-11, 25-15 and 25-18.

Teresa Martin had 11 kills and three aces. Kari Way had perfect serve-receives for the day with 18 of 18, plus seven kills and three aces. And Zita Anderson rounded out players of mention with 24 assists.

According to Grunch, solid practices and hard work propelled the girls through a week of tremendous wins.

"We're working on more sophisticated plays," she said. "We just have to keep building and add to our foundation."

Stressing the basics and sticking to their game plan are key to maintaining the Rayders newfound momentum.

"I think we're always working to be more consistent — every team does," Grunch said.

She added, "Practicing properly is going to help us improve that."

The Rayders seem to be in good shape as they near the close of first round conference play. And as long as they continue to improve on passing and communication they have a good chance of coming out on top.

According to Grunch, there is always something the girls can improve upon.

"It's frustrating for the players when they don't pass how they want," Grunch said. "Passing and communication are not consistent, so we need to keep working. But I think we'll get there. We have a lot of great athletes and the desire."

Next in conference play the Rayders are pitted against Traverse City St. Francis, to whom they suffered a loss at the end of last season.

"Traverse City is a hard place to play," Grunch said.

According to Grunch, the long bus ride to Traverse City during exam time is hard on the girls.

She added, "We have to be on top of our game. If we do that, everything will take care of itself."

Charlevoix prepares to meet Traverse City at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20 in Traverse City.

The girls then travel to Grandville for non-conference tournament play against as of yet unspecified teams. Game time is 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 22 in Grandville.

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Jane Holm	572	204
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	W	L
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	Series	Game
Chuck Pop	599	225
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Jon Kleman	573	224

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	W	L
Sparetime	7	1
Half & Half	5	3
Misfits	5	3
Alley Cats	5	3
Irish Rollers	5	3
Twinghters	4	4
Has Beens	1	7
Past Timers	0	8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenheit	517	191
Mo Dixon		186
Art Ruis	506	
Ralph Wilson	488	182
Irene Celmer	434	182
Judy Potter	453	164
Dolly Coon		154
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	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	27	13
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Spiegl	498	189
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SPORTS

Basketball team leads the pack

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders moved to no. 2 in the latest Associated Press poll this week, with wins over Grayling, 70-67, Traverse City St. Francis, 85-80 in overtime, Boyne City, 57-35.

Charlevoix is now alone atop the Lake Michigan Conference with a 5-0 league record. Grayling is 4-1, Kalkaska is 3-1 and St. Francis is 2-2.

Against Grayling, the Rayders led by as many as seven in the first quarter, taking a 16-9 advantage on back-to-back three-pointers by Cody Crain. The Vikings rallied though, to cut the lead to two at the end of the first period, 16-14.

The Rayders led 30-27 at the half.

The lead changed hands three times at the start of the second half until Grayling took a 37-36 advantage with 4:08 left in the quarter. Charlevoix suffered through a two and a half minute scoring drought as the Vikings extended their lead to 42-36.

Grayling led by nine, 49-40 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Rayders quickly cut the lead to three on a drive by Crain and two jumpers by Eddie Waldron. The Vikings pushed the lead back up to seven at 55-48 with six minutes to play.

In the next minute and a half, Charlevoix outscored Grayling, 12-2 to retake the lead, 60-57. The spurt was keyed by three-pointers by Jared Hunt and Matt Kautz. Hunt and Kautz also each hit two free throws during the run.

Grayling wasn't finished however, as they put on a run of their own to take a 66-62 lead with only 1:33 to play.

Hunt made a key steal and his resulting layup cut the lead to two with 45 seconds left to go. After a Grayling free throw and another Hunt free throw, Waldron scored on a great feed by Hunt, was fouled and made the free throw to give Charlevoix a 68-67 lead with 12 seconds to play.

"Hunt made some big plays for us down the stretch," Coach Keith Haske said. "His steal was big and so was the pass to Waldron at the end of the game."

Hunt's two free throws with two seconds left iced the game for the Rayders.

He led all scorers with 20 points. Ben Bergmann had 16 points and seven rebounds. Crain had 16 points and six assists.

Waldron finished with 10 points. Kautz had five steals.

"It was an ugly game," Haske said. "I was asking myself afterward, how did we win that?"

"We had difficulty executing against Grayling's press," Haske added. "We knew what they were going to do but we just didn't make very good decisions against the press."

The Rayders won another nail-biter, going an extra session to beat Traverse City St. Francis. It was Charlevoix's second overtime win of the season as they defeated Harbor Springs in a similar situation, 83-81.

"I felt good about (the St. Francis win)," Haske said. "We played well, they played well. It was just a great high school basketball game."

St. Francis' Ben Popp hit a three-pointer at the end of regulation to force overtime.

"We knew they were going to him," Haske said. "It was his fifth three-pointer of the night, but he made a great shot."

In the extra session, the Rayders took the early lead, used a rare delay game to force the Gladiators to foul and canned seven of 10 free throws in the period.

Hunt led all scorers again with 38 points. He also dished out eight assists.

"Hunt was just unbelievable," Haske said. "I've never had a kid score that many points for me before (in 21 years of coaching)."

Bergmann and Waldron each scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

The Rayders endured a physical, slowdown game against Boyne for their third win in seven days.

"It was a typical Boyne game," Haske said. "They slowed it down. It was close in the first half and most of the third quarter but we had a little run in the end of the third, start of the fourth to put it away."

Charlevoix led 15-11 after the first quarter, 27-21 at the half and 39-29 after three stanzas.

Waldron scored 15 points to lead the Rayder attack. Hunt added 13 points and six assists. Bergmann corralled nine boards.

Freshman Dastin Dibble scored six points off the bench in what coach Haske termed "his best game of the season."

The 9-0 Rayders travel to Kalkaska on Friday, January 21 and then play at Elk Rapids, next Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Charlevoix wrestlers do well at invitational

Charlevoix Rayders took second place at the Kingsley invitational Saturday, Jan. 15.

Charlevoix won over Cadillac 57-24. Wins by pins went to Nick Gotshall, Jed Daman, Shannon Gillespie, Jeff Golovich and Nathan Tripplehorn. Wins by decision went to Woody Nitchman, Kris Bartling, Spencer Hankins, Matt Novotny and Jaimen Waha.

Against Manistee Charlevoix won 45-30. Pins went to Daman, Novotny, Drew Klooster, Waha, Golovich and Tripplehorn. Wins by decision went to Bartling and Hankins.

Kalkaska beat Charlevoix in a tie breaker. Pins for Charlevoix went to Daman and Tripplehorn. By decision were Nitchman, Novotny, Gillespie, Waha and Golovich.

In the finals Charlevoix went up against Kingsley in an exciting battle for first. The teams were neck and neck right to the final match with Kingsley coming ahead in the end with the win for first place 42-33.

Pins for Charlevoix went to Nitchman, Hankins, Daman and Waha. By decision, Bartling and Golovich.

"I have never seen the guys put their heads together before like they did in the semi-finals and finals," said coach Craig Golovich. "Jeff Golovich at 215 and Nathan Tripplehorn at heavy both pinned their opponents in the semi finals to secure us a win against Manistee. Going to the finals against Kingsley we had three open weight classes due to injury that put us 18 points in the hole.

"This was the most intense finals we have ever been in and in the end we lost by only nine points. My top wrestlers of the day were Woody Nitchman, Kris Bartling and Nathan Tripplehorn all with pins in the semi finals. I have never been prouder of this team for their sportsmanship, determination and heart. They did a great job."

Charlevoix travels to Petoskey Thursday, Jan 20 and hosts their own home tournament Saturday, Jan. 22.

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Jaimen Waha sets up a takedown in the finals at a recent tournament.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Roger A. Korthase and Terri L. Korthase, husband and wife to Western Financial Bank, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee, dated May 5, 1999 and recorded May 7, 1999 in Liber 362, Page 931, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and was subsequently assigned to: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Seven Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents ($61,007.57) including interest 10.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house, Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00AM. on Friday, February 11, 2005. Said premises are situated in Village of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 32 and 33 of Bailey & Wilson's Second Addition to the Village of Boyne, according to the re-corded plat thereof. Commonly known as 1020 East Main Street, Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: JANUARY 5, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-31090 ASAP626816

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events and briefs

Soldier help meeting

Operation Soldier Awareness and Aid Packages (OSAAP) is meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Charlevoix Library. They are meeting to organize an outreach to any soldier in need currently serving our country by sending cards, letters or care packages. Families of those currently serving are invited as well as the public. For more information please contact Courtney at 675-7394 or Valerie at 547-2968.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive in Charlevoix from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Community Reformed Church at the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street.

Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or just drop in.

All donors will be required to provide an ARC donor card, driver's license or other government issued ID prior to donating.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful meeting

The Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., on Jan. 20 at the Grey Gables. The public is welcome.

Witness for Life

There will be a Witness for Life at East Park from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Jan. 22, at the corner of Bridge and Clinton Street in Charlevoix . This is the date of the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision allowing legalized abortion. They are asking those who are like minded to come and bring their signs. Their time will be spent in silent prayerful protest.

Roe vs. Wade celebration

Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan (PPNM) is asking community members to join them in celebrating the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States, by attending a showing of a Golden Globe nominated film.

The film "Vera Drake" will be shown at the Charlevoix Cinema. The movie tells the story of an ordinary housewife secretly performing illegal abortions in 1950's London. It will run at 4 p.m., Jan. 22 , at 2 p.m., Jan 23, and at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 24 A portion of the proceeds will benefit Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan. Following the Jan. 22 showing, participants are encouraged to come to Whitney's Oyster Bar for dinner, drinks and to discuss the film with like-minded individuals. For more information please call the health center nearest you or 347-9692.

Unity Service

The Charlevoix Ministerial Association invites you to come to the Unity Service at 6 p.m. on Sunday Jan. 23, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street. An offering will be taken to help people who are in need of assistance with rent, utilities and others. If you have any questions please call the Charlevoix United Methodist Church at 547-2654 or e-mail at cume@voyager.net. T

Tree of Life

Christ Episcopal Church and the Tree of Life Healing Prayer Ministry of Traverse City are sponsoring a Praise and Prayer Healing Service at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23, at the Fellowship Hall of Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. Music will be provided by the "God Only Knows" praise band.

Scrapbook crop

Please join in a free scrapbook crop in the meeting room (downstairs) of the Charlevoix Public Library from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26. Bring your scrapbook or paper projects along. Relax and enjoy. Beginner's or seasoned scrappers are welcome.

Wild game dinner

Mardi Gras Wild Game Dinner and Dance is from 7 to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5. The cost is $20 per person and there will be a cash bar and raffles. Music is by "Class Act Productions" with proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Parish. Contact the parish office for further information at 547-6652

Firefighters' ball

The sixth annual Charlevoix Firefighters Ball starts at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Charlevoix Country Club. The cost is $30 each for tickets or 2 for $50. Contact Shari Kline at 547-8495 for tickets.

Night Under the Venice Sky

A Night Under the Venice Sky an evening of elegance, romance and fun at 7 p.m., on Feb. 12 at the Harvest Barn Church of M-66 in East Jordan. Treat your sweetheart to an evening of dancing to the sounds of big band and swing music and Italian cuisine. Entertainment is provided by Northwest Academy Jazz Ensemble $50 per couple in advance. Doors open at 6:30.

The catered dinner buffet includes roasted beef, chicken parmesan, pasta primavera, garlic red potatoes, salad, appetizers and desserts.

No alcoholic beverages will be served. Coffee, pop and punch are included in the ticket price. Contact Bridgette at (231) 536-2870 to reserve tickets today. Couples and group reservations are welcome, tickets must be purchased by Jan. 29. Make checks payable to Harvest Barn Church.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Donations for Crowell family

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare program is currently being offered at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. DivorceCare 7-9 p.m. Childcare is offered Wednesday evenings only. DivoreeCare is a free program for anyone experiencing, or have experienced a divorce. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

Immunizations

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Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

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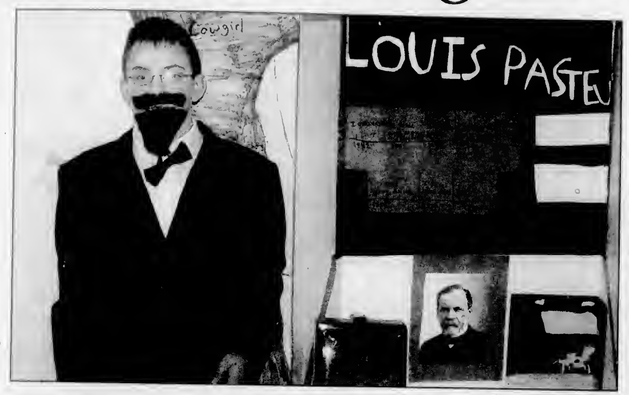

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Charlevoix's sixth grade students performed their annual Wax Show Jan. 11 at the school. (Left) Logan Amstutz, 12, became Louis Pasteur for one day during the sixth grade wax museum. Amstutz chose Pasteur because of his discovery of the cure for rabies and other germs. (Below) James Gaudette, 11, was Stephen King for a day during the sixth grade's annual wax museum. Gaudette chose King because he loves his writing.

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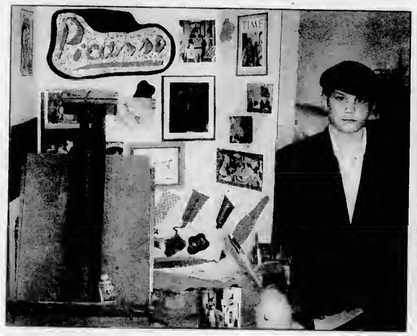

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(Above) Pablo Picasso came to life on Jan. 11 during the sixth grade wax museum at Charlevoix Middle School. Steven Belfy, 11, became the artist because he loves the way Picasso uses color and experiments with form. Belfy also chose Picasso because his mother is an artist.

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(Left) Abbey Barnes, 11, personified Audrey Hepburn as a part of the sixth grade wax museum on Jan. 11. Barnes chose the famous actress and UNICEF ambassador because they look alike. (Above) Linsea Jelinek, 12, posed as Marilyn Monroe. (Right) Dani Barron, 11, was Dolly Parton for a day as a part of the sixth grade wax museum. Barron chose Parton because she likes country music and thought Parton would be interesting to research.

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JAN 2005

Local health department offering free pap smears

Free Pap smears are available at health department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord for women over 40 who meet certain income guidelines during January, National Cervical Cancer Month.

A Pap smear is a simple test that detects changes in the cervix that can lead to cancer. For details, or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 432-4121 during regular business hours.

The income guidelines are generous, according to Teresa Sington, who coordinates breast and cervical cancer screening programs for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

For example, a woman from a family of four can have an annual income up to $47,125 and participate, she said.

"Our goal is for every woman, especially those over 40, to get an annual Pap smear. Cervical cancer is preventable if caught early, with curability and survivability rates nearly 100 percent," Sington said

All women who are, or who have been, sexually active or who have reached the age of 18 should have an annual Pap test. Pap tests can detect pre-cancerous lesions, which if untreated can lead to cancer.

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New face

A new shift commander has been hired by the Charlevoix City Fire Department.

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Jim Shull has taken over as the temporary airport manager upon the recent resignation of Karen Brooks.

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Hearing on DDA plan, winter sports scores and school board.

Who will be king and queen?

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The 2005 Winterfest Court candidates are seniors who have many fond memories of their time at Charlevoix High School but are looking forward to what the future holds.

The candidates are: Mallory Mahoney, Ezra Bakker, Sarah Cross, Jake Teuscher, Liz Madison, Michael Wojan, Sonya Plude, Jaimen Waha, Grace Farrell and Taylor Martin.

Mahoney is the daughter of Keith and Connie Mahoney. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is a cross-country and track runner. She has also spent time on the soccer field and has been a member of the ski patrol at Nub's Nob. Mahoney is currently researching what colleges she'd like to attend and wants to become a physician.

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

The 2005 Winterfest Court candidates are (from left to right) Liz Madison and Michael Wojan, Mallory Mahoney and Ezra Bakker, Sarah Cross and Jake Teuscher, Sonya Plude and Jaimen Waha and Grace Farrell and Taylor Martin.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Steamy scene

Last week's near zero temperatures proved to be much colder than the water in the Pine River Channel and Lake Michigan as the fog rising from the channel shows.

Depot eyed as first historical district in city

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A committee formed to study how to create historical districts in Charlevoix has concluded its research and been reformed to begin work on getting the Depot Museum designated as the city's first district.

The move has the support of the Charlevoix Historical Society, according to committee chair Bob Heath. Plus, the Depot is already registered as a national historic site.

"The advantage is that we are dealing with a resource already on our national and state registry with the support of the (historical) organizations," he told Charlevoix City Council at its Jan. 17 meeting.

Once the Depot is turned into a historic district, Heath said, this will pave the way for more historic districts in Charlevoix — such as the churches, Earl Young Homes or even downtown — by making it easier for the group to apply for grants. These grants would allow the group to do further studies on more historic districts.

But, the path to this goal is not going to be quick or free of complications.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Kathleen Rose Walsh, 29, East Jordan. Police officer assault/resist/obstruct. Six months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for five days, 87 days held in abeyance; $300 in fines and costs.

Jason John Reinhart, 19, Troy. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; attend alcohol education class; $100 in fines and costs.

Arthur James Lowell II, 25, Charlevoix. Failure to stop after a collision. Six months probation; 90 days in jail, serve 10 days, 80 days held in abeyance; $300 in fines and costs.

Michael Joseph Borzi, 40, Clio. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 45 days in jail, serve 45 days; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Adam H. Anderson, 28, Northbrook, Ill. Careless driving and failure to report accident. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, serve five days, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $300 in fines and costs.

Amy Marie Wilson, 21, Afton. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,160 in fines and costs.

Mary Emma Marsh, 67, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Shawn Devore Colbeck, 30, Boyne City. Impaired driving and use of marijuana. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,500 in fines and costs.

Jamie Lynn Henry, 33, Kalkaska. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $905 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

PD's Cleaning Service, 420 Trent Street, Boyne City, by Paula Ann Daubenspeck.

Cutting Edge Construction, 608 Douglas Street, Boyne City, by Nicholas R. Mandeville.

RVH Drywall, 3554 Marshall Road, Boyne City, by Russell L. Van Horn Jr.

Black Creek Farm, 14441 Mascho Road, Charlevoix, by Thomas Ford Conlan and Glenda C. Conlan.

North Star Consulting, 201 West Division Street, Boyne City, by Lorraine Berry.

Tanglewood Carvings, 13837 Division Street, Charlevoix, by Timothy J. Christiansen.

Horton Creek Construction Inc., 7690 Pinecherry Road, Charlevoix, by Kevin Koenigsknecht.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Tayseir Mahomud Al'quran, 49, Charlevoix and Christy May Sevenski, 31, Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

William Hall Ward vs. Patricia Jean Ward

Todd W. Heiermann vs. Terri J Heiermann

Pamela Lou Tipton vs. John Sherman Tipton Jr.

Tina Telgenhof vs. Joel A. Telgenhof

John Harry Hess vs. Cindy Lou Hess

Births

Kyran Michael Martin Bales weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Barbara and Keith Bales of Charlevoix on Jan. 4, 2005 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Siblings are Kaeli, Kelsi and Kiersten. Grandparents are the late Shirley Beer, Martin and Carol Beer of Alanson, Marion and Bill McKay of Charlevoix and Mike and Sally Bales of Charlevoix.

Sheriff offers winter safety tips

With severe winter storms pounding most of the country, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is advising residents living in regions susceptible to flooding to be vigilant in order to protect both life and property.

The best advice for the protection of life during severe winter weather is to stay inside and out of harm's way. Specifically, Sheriff George T. Lasater encourages citizens to:

• Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to make it on your own for at least three days. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, your priority should be fresh water, food, prescription medicine and clean air.

• Put together multiple disaster supply kits. One for your home should include everything needed to stay where you are and make it on your own. Keep a smaller disaster supplies kit in the trunk of each car. If you become stranded or are not able to return home, having some items will help you to be more comfortable until help arrives. Keep items in airtight plastic bags. This will help protect them from damage or spoiling.

• Gather basic emergency supplies — a flashlight, a battery-powered radio, extra batteries, extra blankets, a first aid kit, toilet articles, prescription medicines and other special things your family may need.

• While in your vehicle, try to steer clear of streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions. Flood waters can rise quickly and carry you or your belongings away.

• If you live in a flood-prone area and have been advised of a flood warning, evacuate immediately. Move quickly to higher ground. Save yourself, not your belongings. The most important thing is your safety.

Sheriff Lasater hopes that by following these tips and exercising proper precautions, all residents of Charlevoix County will stay safe this winter.

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Jan. 19	27	5	4
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Jan. 21	13	-4	—
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Winter wildlife

A chickadee enjoyed the winter weather as he sat amongst some tangled branches in some woods on Marion Center Road. Other chickadees flew in and out of a bird house nearby.

Local teen leads police on three-county chase

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A 19-year-old Charlevoix man was arrested following a three-county chase that started in Charlevoix Township Sunday morning.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, someone called 9-1-1 to report that Chad Johnson, of Loeb Road in Marion Township, was seen leaving a business in downtown Charlevoix intoxicated.

Lasater said the investigation is still trying to determine which business Johnson left. He added, officers are trying to determine if Johnson was the person that called in to report the drunk driver.

Johnson's vehicle was stopped around 2:30 a.m. by a Charlevoix County Sheriff Deputy on US-31 South in Charlevoix Township, when Johnson decided to drive away from the officer.

Lasater said Johnson led officers from the sheriff's office, East Jordan Police Department, Michigan State Police Petoskey Post, Antrim County Sheriff's Office, Emmet County Sheriff's Office, the Petoskey DPS and the Gaylord Police Department on a three county chase through Antrim, Charlevoix and Otsego counties for almost an hour. Johnson was in contact with 9-1-1 Central Dispatch and his father during the chase.

During the chase, several patrol vehicles were damaged when Johnson allegedly struck them with his vehicle. These included two Charlevoix County vehicles an East Jordan police vehicle and a state police vehicle. Lasater said an Antrim County Deputy was also struck by Johnson's vehicle, but he was only slightly injured. The officer was treated and released at the hospital.

Police used "spike sticks" on two occasions to try to stop Johnson's vehicle. The first spike stick was deployed by a Emmet County Sheriff Deputy, but Johnson continued to drive the disabled vehicle until a second set of stop sticks were used by the Gaylord Police Department.

Johnson is lodged in the Charlevoix County Jail and was arraigned Monday on five counts of attempting to flee and elude police, drunk driving, driving on a suspended license and assault with a dangerous weapon (vehicle).

His bond was increased from $100,000 to $500,000 at the request of Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema.

Lasater said he wanted to recognize the "professional and common sense response to this pursuit by all police officers involved and the stalwart efforts of 9-1-1 Central Dispatch."

He added, while there are situations when police officers must pull off of a chase, this was not one of them.

"He (Johnson) was a drunk driver. We had to get him off the road before he hit someone," Lasater said. "Drunk driving is a serious offense. Plus you never know why they are running. There might be reasons other than the drunk driving."

Lasater added, if officers had not went to the lengths they did to stop Johnson, what would happen if he had continued down the road, struck a civilian and killed them?

"We would be negligent," he said.

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Have we held everyone accountable in the city?

EDITORIAL

Accountability.

Any more this word has become just that — a word. It seems every day we hear of people who should be taking some accountability for things happening under their watch not doing so.

Politicians are getting away with using incorrect information to put our nation at war. Parents are getting out of their duties of raising their children by blaming their children's problems on the media. The list goes on and on, including businesses, police and many other groups.

Is Charlevoix a part of this list?

You see, last year was not a good year for the city. Its wastewater treatment plant was investigated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, two city employees were arrested over the matter, a check for over $220,000 was written wrongly which the an insurance company to sue the city, the marina plan keeps getting pushed back and many others.

In the wastewater treatment issue, we find problems at the plant dating back three years. In addition to falsified reports and the pumping of too much chlorine into Lake Michigan from the plant, we also find equipment that was broken and leaking — basically problems that should have been noticed by someone in charge by simply visiting the plant sometime in the last three years. The city called in the MDEQ last winter on the falsified documents and chlorine and has also taken steps to clean up the site.

But, the question is, who was supposed to be keeping an eye on that plant and why did conditions get so bad? Was it just the plant superintendent Sam Creswell or were more people responsible for keeping the plant in tip-top shape?

The same goes for all the other issues mentioned above. Who was supposed to be on guard? Some would say that duty falls to the city manager Mike Wiesner. Isn't Wiesner ultimately responsible for the errors made by his employees? In many companies, if the CEO had suffered as many problems as Wiesner has with the city in one year, the board of that company would want that CEO's head on a platter.

It is hoped the city and Wiesner have learned from the errors last year. Perhaps the city will have the proper checks and balances in place to ensure that these errors will never be made again. That remains to be seen.

In the meantime, we have to ask ourselves, has the community held everyone accountable for the problems we faced?

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Cheap spices were not always the case

Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

The history of spices is the history of European wealth, just as the history of petroleum is mostly the history of Middle Eastern wealth.

The difference is that spices enriched only the Europeans who bought, transported and traded them, while petroleum has vastly enriched both the countries that produced it and the countries that bought, traded and transported it.

It is difficult to imagine that spices which we now purchase in any grocery for a pittance could have held such economic power over much of the world for centuries. To see how, it is necessary to go back about a thousand years in human history.

Before the years surrounding the first millennium, if you were a northern European and you wanted your food to have a more exciting taste, there were few choices. Mustard was available as was horseradish root ground with vinegar. Other taste enhancers included onions and leeks, or were mild herbs like basil, rosemary, sage, marjoram and thyme. Black pepper, now the most widely used of all spices, was only available to the extraordinarily wealthy or the very lucky, and cloves or cinnamon were the stuff of legends.

Pepper and other exceedingly valuable spices had to come overland from India, on caravans that were slow, dangerous and sporadic. The money made in the spice trade before 1500 wound up in Venice, Italy, where the ships of the Mediterranean brought spices from Arabian ports at the end of the caravan routes. The art and architecture of Venice is a monument to the value of the spices traded there.

Much of that changed around the time Columbus was sailing to the New World. Columbus was looking for spices and hoped to get to India. What he found in the West Indies was chili peppers and tobacco, which have their own story. Portugese navigators at the same time were gradually finding their way around the southern tip of Africa into the Indian Ocean and on to the Spice Coast of India.

Until 1961, when it became part of India, Goa, a Portugese settlement established in the early 1500s, was still on maps of that country's west coast, which was the center of the pepper trade. A single shipload of pepper could be the source of a family's wealth for generations. Monopoly control of pepper meant that Portugal could keep prices very high. The Dutch, British and French knew a good thing when they saw it and began to establish their own colonies and spice trade. The Dutch and British fought to control the spice economy for almost two centuries, and both countries firmly and militarily established trade outposts from India to what is today Indonesia, making their own contributions to ethnic conflicts that persist in the twenty-first century. The French came late to the spice trade, but managed to control what is now Vietnam and a number of Indian Ocean islands.

The result of all that conflict and economic adventurism is that today, black pepper is cheap and available everywhere. Cloves, nutmeg, cardamom, cinnamon, turmeric and a dozen more spices from the once distant East are a part of our daily lives. The only remnants of their rarity and price persist in old recipes.

Christmas cookie recipes from Scandinavia often have just a little bit of cardamom, which must at one time have been quite expensive. By comparison, the curry powders of India have an abundance of what to Europeans centuries ago would have been prohibitively costly.

My favorite is what travels under the name of Vindaloo seasoning, which is a mixture of coriander, garlic, cumin, ginger, cinnamon, mustard, cayenne, cardamom, turmeric, black pepper and cloves. Vindaloo comes from Goa, and combines the best of both European and Indian spices and can now be bought for a few dollars a pound.

Let us hope that petroleum prices will one day follow the pattern set by the once rare and costly spices of the Far East.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Letters to the editor

Wrestling team doing well

Editor:

Thank you for attending Charlevoix High School's wrestling Take Down Tournament this past Saturday and taking pictures. As a parent of a wrestler, I appreciate your newspaper's interest and coverage especially since our sport is not typically in the limelight like basketball and others.

The 2004-2005 Rayder wrestlers have been competing very well this season under the leadership of Coach Craig Golovich and Assistant Coach Nick Gould. These coaches have been laboring for years, recruiting and training young wrestlers at the elementary/middle school level, with the long term vision of re-building a successful high school program.

Often other students join the wrestling program during their high school years. No matter the individual skill level, each student athlete is encouraged, trained and given every opportunity to attain his/her best in the sport.

Not only is the team doing well this season, but Jed Daman (135 pounds) is undefeated with a 27 - 0 record to date. Jed also won the "Outstanding Wrestler" award on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at the Take Down Tournament. Jed is like many others on the team; a young man who models the mindset of strict competition and hard work, while mentoring teammates less experienced.

This sport is very unique in it's intensity, risk of injury and the fact that at each meet the athlete is competing both as an individual and as a team. This sport teaches good character in the form of physical and mental discipline, goal setting, healthy training, perseverance, anger management and gentlemanly sportsmanship in the midst of pain and blood.

Each match these athletes compete in gives them a life learning experience like none other.

We are grateful we live in a community that embraces its young people, their academic education, their spiritual and moral development, their civic endeavors, their trade choices and their athletic accomplishments! At a time when communities are concerned about drug abuse, addictions and immoral behavior, when the articles reporting court appearances and sentencing often take up more print space than the sports page, it is refreshing to remember and honor the young people in our community who are making right choices.

Vicki Hankins
mom of "Spankins,"
wrestler at 119 pounds

Politics of fear

Editor:

As the Bush Administration begins its second term we are again being fed another diet of fear. The newest "crisis" is Social Security. George W. is telling us that we need to "save" social security by establishing private retirement accounts. As the president who has gone from a budget surplus to the largest deficit in history, he now proposes borrowing another $2 trillion so that individuals can put their retirement money into the stock market. If that is such a good idea, why hasn't the government been investing social security in the stock market?

First of all, there is no crisis. There is enough money to completely fund the program until 2042. After that, the solution is to raise the tax by 1 percent or fund 80 percent of the benefits. That is a 1 percent solution, not a crisis. Yes we need to plan for more retirees living longer with fewer workers to support them, but there is time to plan, not panic.

How can it become a crisis? Carl Rove and the Bush administration has proved if you say something over and over again, people will believe you. They took us to war in Iraq and now we know there was no truth to their arguments. Iraq did not support Al Qaeda and there were no weapons of mass destruction. For that we are spending a billion dollars a day for a war that has been terribly mismanaged and suffers from the exact problems that George W's father warned of when he did not go on to Baghdad in the Gulf War.

In the past, Republicans preached fiscal responsibility and smaller government. In the name of fear and terrorism George W. has made government bigger and created enormous debt. Now he wants to create even more debt to give his buddies on Wall Street a windfall under the guise of "fixing" social security.

Social Security is not welfare. Workers have been contributing 6.2 percent of their earnings for Social Security and their employers have been contributing another 6.2 percent. That money has not been in the stock market because the stock market represents risk. Yes, people can make money, but people can also lose money. What happens if they lose their retirement money? Social Security should stay in the low risk category.

Unfortunately, we no longer have a free press to challenge false assertions. The press is owned by mega media companies whose bottom line is profit over truth, sensationalism over reality and fear equals sensationalism. The Bush administration supports their greed and the media supports the Bush administration.

As Americans we want to be optimistic. Even though we may be cynical about politicians, we do not want to believe we are being used and manipulated. We want to believe our leaders. Thanks to Carl Rove and the current administration, we must begin to question their politics of fear before we make another big mistake.

Constance Saltonstall
Charlevoix

Whooping cough found in Emmet

A school-age child from Emmet County has been diagnosed with pertussis, or whooping cough, according to officials at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

People with pertussis should be treated with certain antibiotics, both to help modify the course of the illness, if given early enough, and to limit the spread of disease to others. In addition, a course of preventive antibiotic therapy is recommended for household and other close contacts of a case.

"Anyone diagnosed with pertussis should stay home and away from public activities — including school, childcare and the workplace — to avoid exposing others until appropriately treated with antibiotics," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director for the health department.

Pertussis affects the air passages and lungs, making breathing difficult and it can lead to coughing spasms.

Pertussis infections tend to be more severe in infants and young children, who are at an increased risk of complications associated with the disease, such as pneumonia and seizures.

Pertussis can occasionally cause death. The disease tends to be less severe in adolescents and adults, often going undiagnosed in these groups. However, even in older people, pertussis can cause prolonged coughing and illness lasting several weeks.

Health experts believe that adolescents and adults with unrecognized, undiagnosed pertussis can often be the source of infections in small infants and children.

Early in the twentieth century, pertussis was one of the most common childhood diseases and a major cause of death for children. Since the widespread use of vaccines, the incidence of pertussis has decreased significantly, but Michigan has seen an increase in the number of reported cases of pertussis this year.

Pertussis is a vaccine preventable disease. A series of immunizations are given in the infant and childhood years. The routine schedule calls for a primary series of four doses, given at two, four, six, and fifteen to eighteen months of age. A booster dose is given at four to six years of age.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For more information about pertussis or the DTaP vaccine, contact your physician, or visit www.nwhealth.org or telephone the health department at (800) 432-4121 during regular business hours.

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Avoid being scammed when giving

Sheriff George T. Lasater and the Better Business Bureau remind citizens: Beware of phony charitable appeals.

It is as regular as clockwork. Within days of any large-scale tragedy, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) and your local sheriff hear reports of people who want to take advantage of Americans' eagerness to provide relief to the victims.

While contributions to helpful causes are strongly encouraged, donors should make certain the charity is properly registered with appropriate state and/or government agencies, that it describes exactly what it will do to address the needs of victims and that it is willing to provide written information about its finances and programs.

In addition to checking with the Better Business Bureau, donors should consider the following tips when giving in the wake of a tragedy or disaster:

• Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion, but short on facts describing what the charity will do to address the needs of victims and their families.

• If you contribute, do not give cash. Make a check or money order out to the name of the charitable organization, not to the individual collecting the donation.

• If you decide to contribute online, find out more about the charity before making a contribution and be aware of red flags. For example, some charities imitate the name and style of a well-know organization in order to confuse people. Also, when clicking on the link to "donate," look at the organization's URL in the browser window. Exercise caution if the domain name is hidden, is not familiar to you, or is not the same as the one stated in the text of the link.

• Watch out for excessive pressure for on-the-sport donations. Be wary of any request to send a "runner" to pick up your contribution.

• Do not give your credit card number or other personal information to a telephone solicitor or in response to an e-mail solicitation. Ask the caller or sender to provide you with written information on the charity's programs and finances.

• Do not hesitate to ask for written information that describes the charity's program(s) and finances such as the charity's latest annual report and financial statements. Even newly created organizations should have some basic information available.

• Be wary of charities that are reluctant to answer reasonable questions about their operations, finances and programs. Ask how much of your gift will be used for the activity mentioned in the appeal and how much will go toward other programs and administrative and fund raising costs.

• See if the charity's appeal explains what the charity intends to do with any excess contributions remaining after they have fully funded the disaster relief activities mentioned in solicitations.

You can obtain further advice on giving, as well as access reports on national charities, by visiting www.give.org, the web site of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, the national charity watchdog affiliated with the Better Business Bureau system. Reports on local charities are available through your local BBB office at www.lookup.bbb.org.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Deputies complete course for non-tribal police officers

Several members of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and officers from other area law enforcement agencies completed a three day course put on by the Bureau of Indian Affairs certifying non-tribal police officers to enforcement laws on tribal trust property.

The following sheriff's officers graduated from the class: George T. Lasater, George R. Lasater, Michael Wheat, Charles Vondra, Donald Sproul, James Pettis.

Franklin graduates

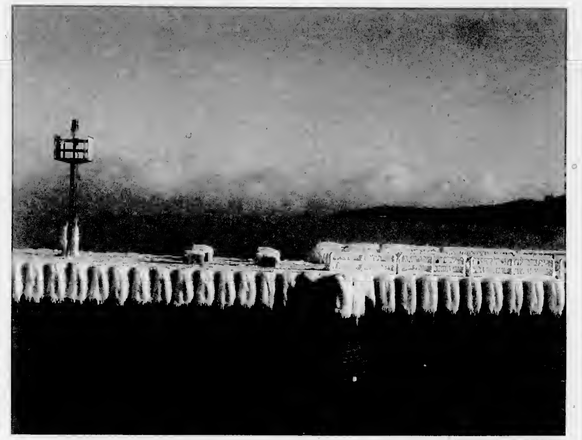
Rosalynde Jill Franklin, a graduate of Charlevoix High School in 1984, finished her degree in criminal justice graduating from Trinty Valley Community College, Athens, Texas, Dec. 10, 2004. She is continuing her education at University of Texas and has entered the "Feds" program for her bachelor of arts degree.

Republicans name delegates

Charlevoix County Republicans had their county convention Thursday, Jan. 13. The following were elected as delegates and alternates to the state convention to be held in Grand Rapids Feb. 4 and 5, 2005:

Delegates are Josh Barnes, Phyllis Elzinga, Phyllis Haggard, Diane Gustin, Dennis Kusina, John Ramsey all of Charlevoix and Bill McDonough of Beaver Island.

Alternates are John Elzinga, John Haggard, Kevin Kusina, Patsy Ramsy, Bob and Marlys Drebenstedt all of Charlevoix and Tamara McDonough of Beaver Island.



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A moment in the sun

The sun may have been out late last week, but the cold weather continued to remind Charlevoix residents that it is still winter. Here, a line of clouds creeps towards land off of Lake Michigan as the ice covered pier keeps watch.

Wine, cheese, chocolate and a heart discussion

A special program just for women will be given at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at Charlevoix Area Hospital featuring wine, cheese, chocolate and a discussion about women's heart health.

The program, being given in the large conference room at the hospital, will help women recognize the symptoms of a heart attack that are specific to a woman and how to describe those symptoms to your physician. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 547-8651.

Tina Foltz, RN and Moniea Speigl, ACSM exercise specialist, with the Cardiac Rehab Center at Charlevoix Area Hospital will talk about healthy hearts, exercise, and symptoms that every woman should know in the event of a heart attack.

"While more and more women are discovering that heart disease can be a killer, not enough woman know the symptoms that can help them determine they could be having a heart attack," said Kathy Johnson, Foundation Director with the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation. "Reservations are required because our space is limited to just 50 women. We anticipate having a full house.

This special program is being sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, Don's Markets of Harbor Springs and Charlevoix and Kilwin's of Charlevoix. Cost for the event is $8 per person, $5 for members of the Foundation's Lighthouse Club, Boyne Harbor Masters, Bridge Builders and Great Lakes Society.

Statistics show that heart disease is the number one killer of women in America. The American Heart Association says that women can combat those numbers by increasing their consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains; decreased consumption of saturated fats and trans fatty acids; choosing foods full of nutrients; controlling their calorie intake and regular physical activity.

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Obituaries

Shirley L. Thorp: Aug. 28, 1926 - Jan. 17, 2005

Shirley L. Thorp

Shirley L. Thorp, 78, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Jan. 17, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A funeral was Thursday, Jan. 20, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Todd Thompson officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery, in Charlevoix.

Shirley was born Aug. 28, 1926, in Texas. The daughter of Joseph and Bessie (Beckham) Beecher, she moved to the Charlevoix area as a young girl. She attended Charlevoix High School, and on June 1, 1946, married Edward Thorp in Charlevoix.

Shirley owned and operated Thorp's Antiques in Charlevoix for many years. Prior to Ed's death on Aug. 6, 1988, they farmed and raised beef cattle in Ellsworth. In 1990, Shirley moved to Ogilville, Ind. to live near her daughter, then returned to Ellsworth in 1995. She has lived the past five years in Charlevoix where she could be close to all of her friends and family.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. Shirley was a loving, caring mom, sister and friend to many.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Thorp Manturuk of Ellsworth; sons, Joseph W. (Paulette) Thorp of Charlevoix; Michael E. (Marcie) Thorp of Central Lake; grandchildren, Tim, Eric and Chris Manturuk; Joseph and Rachel Thorp, Sara Kluth, Joseph Redmond and Paula Bolton; Justin Thorp, and Katie Chanda; step-grandchildren, Donna Cyr, Chad and Paula Pittman; Autumn, Chicory and Noah Dodge; 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Mavis Purvis of Texas; half-sisters, Sybil Jo Beckham, Opal Alexander, Vera Renfro and half-brother Donald Ray Beckham of Texas; hother-in-law, John (Betty) Thorp of Brutus; sisters-in-law, Agnes Christ, Thelma (John) Powell, Wilma (Ronald) Sitzema, all of Charlevoix, and Alice (Charlie) Bricker of Petoskey. Also, her dearest companion, "Precious," who was rescued from the humane society.

Shirley was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Albert Thorp, and sister-in-law, Hilda Belle Bruce.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Edward Stanton Radle: June 5, 1917 - Jan. 18, 2005

Edward Stanton Radle, 87, of Mequon, Wis., died peacefully on Jan. 18, 2005.

Ed was born in Detroit, Michigan to Charles and Esther Radle on June 5, 1917 and raised in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie Jane, sister Olive (Baker), six children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

James J. Stankevich: Jan. 2, 1938 - Jan. 23, 2005

James J. Stankevich, 67, of Charlevoix and Indian River, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005 at his Charlevoix home.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, 2005 at Lintz Funeral Home in Indian River. The Rev. Gary Step will officiate. A chapel service will be given at 1 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, 2005 at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Jim was born on Jan. 2, 1938 in Oakland County, the son of John and Elizabeth Stankevich. He grew up in Berkley and graduated from the Shrine High School in Royal Oak. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines enlisting in 1959.

In 1983 he married the former Karen Baer in Birmingham. The couple made their home in Royal Oak. Jim owned and operated Brook Design, a machine tool design company that he remained active in throughout his life.

In 1983, Jim and Karen purchased property in Indian River. They spent their summers in Indian River, returning to Royal Oak during the winter. In 1993 they moved to Indian River permanently and recently spent time between their homes in Indian River and Charlevoix.

Jim and Karen owned and operated Of Cabbages and Kings Gift Shoppe in Indian River. Jim was active with the Indian River Chamber of Commerce program, An Indian River Christmas.

He enjoyed photography and model ship building.

Jim is survived by his wife Karen; step daughters, Kimberly (Robert) Thorsen and Gwen, Gracie and Gail; grandson, Christopher Thorsen; nieces and nephews including Melissa and Michael Stutz and James Long.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay or a charity of ones choice. Envelopes are available at Lintz Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005.

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Rising from the clouds

The Charlevoix cement plant Cemex made an interesting sight last week as it seemed to be blanketed between various types of fog and steam. The cold air temperature above the warmer water created the fog on the water.

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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11906 US-31 North
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

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07464 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Brodin picked as new shift commander

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

A longtime volunteer, Bill Brodin, is now the Charlevoix City Fire Department's new shift commander.

Brodin replaced Lyle Gennett as shift commander, which took effect early this year.

"I just really feel I'm right in my element," he said.

Brodin has been with the fire department since 1994 and served as a paid, on-call volunteer.

Charlevoix Fire Chief Paul Ivan said Brodin went through the same application process as everyone else and the department felt comfortable choosing him as he competed well with others from outside the area.

Brodin said there were 15 applicants and all had to go though state testing and an interview process.

"The nice thing about choosing me is that I didn't really need a lot of training," he said.

During his time with the department, Brodin has continued to expand his career and being shift commander is one more step.

"Everything I got involved with I wanted to keep excelling," he said.

Even though he has been with the department for 11 years, Brodin didn't start out wanting to fight fires.

Brodin used to sell insurance and dealt with investments, but a personal acquaintance of his got him interested in fire fighting. Brodin said when he expressed an interest in fire fighting, Charlevoix Township Fire Chief Curt Thompson encouraged him to give it a try.

Not one to sit through long meetings, Brodin stopped what he was doing and pursued his new line of work. He also wanted to become more involved with the community and volunteering at the fire department gave him that luxury, along with coaching youth softball.

During his time as a volunteer, Brodin kept applying himself and qualifying for higher positions. Aside from being the shift commander, he is currently an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) specialist and a certified diver with the department's dive and rescue team.

He's not stopping there as he has future plans to become a paramedic, which is the next step above specialist, and to also become a dive master.

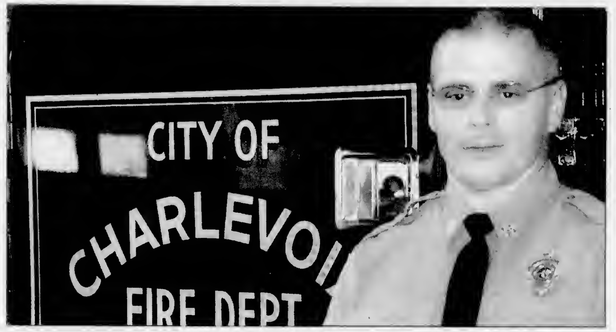
So far, Brodin said the job is going great as it allows him to combine his current schooling in business management with his background in automotive repair and knowledge he gained from being a volunteer.

"It's right up my alley," he said. "I really like it."

Brodin said his responsibility as shift commander combines his previous work as a volunteer such as responding to emergencies with all the behind the scenes work. This extra work includes administrative responsibilities such as filing reports, training volunteers and doing mechanical work such as repairing the trucks.

As one of three full-time firefighters, Brodin works along side Joseph Schwartzfisher, shift commander, and Bob Roloff, shift commander and emergency medical services coordinator. The three men worked along side one another while Brodin was still a volunteer.

"We get along great," he said.



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Bill Brodin, of Charlevoix, is the new shift commander at the Charlevoix City Fire Department.

Dems to host forums

Charlevoix County Democrats will have an educational forum on public school financing on Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City.

There will be a Dutch-treat dinner at 6 p.m.

The business meeting will start at 7 p.m. with the guest speaker, Mark Eckhardt, superintendent of the Char Em Intermediate School District. He will address public school financing.

On Thursday, March 3, the Charlevoix County Democratic Party will host economist, Samuel Williamson, who will speak on the topic Social Security.

It is the objective of the Charlevoix County Democratic Party to provide educational forums on current subjects of interest to northern Michigan residents.

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Council nixes proposal for new city police car

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

"They will get along just fine on two cars instead of three."

Bob Timms,
Council member

Due to budget concerns, Charlevoix's police department will have to go without a new cruiser this year.

At the Jan. 17, city council meeting, a request to purchase a new police cruiser for $20,133 was turned down by a 3-2 vote. Council members Bob Timms, Shirley Gibson and Karen Campbell voted against the request, while council members Bill Haggard and Sherm Chamberlain voted for it.

"I don't want to raise taxes to buy a new police cruiser. If we don't cut back on what we are spending that is what is going to happen," Timms said. "They will get along find on two cars instead of three."

Police Chief Dennis Halverson brought the matter to the commissioners during the meeting saying the city traditionally purchases two new cars every three years. The last new car the police department received was in the spring of 2004.

He said he was bringing this request for a new car to the council now in order to get it in a timely fashion.

Halverson said the department currently has three police vehicles from the years 2000, 2002 and 2004. The year 2000 vehicle would have been replaced by the 2005 if council had voted to approve it. Currently, the 2000 vehicle has $113,000 miles on it.

Timms, who lead the vote against the request, said the denial of the police car could be viewed as petty by some, but he believes the city should not be spending so much right now. The reason for this, he said, are plans to create a citizens committee that will review current city services and revenue "enhancements," which Timms believes is being done to find services to cut and taxes to raise.

However, in past stories in the Courier, the architect of this committee, Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, said it would not be used necessarily to find ways to cut spending. Instead, he insisted the committee would be used to just look over city services to determine if we need less in one area or more in another.

But, Timms is not convinced, which lead to his vote — and others — against Halverson's request.

Timms said he believes the police department can get by with the vehicles it has if it keeps the cruisers properly maintained. He said he is not worried about a cruiser breaking down during an emergency call if they are maintained as they should be.

"I'm not one to replace things all the time," he said.

Gibson, who also voted against the request, said she is extremely pro-law enforcement, but she was concerned over the lack of information Halverson had given her at the meeting. When asked at the meeting, Halverson could not tell council members the years of the other vehicles his department uses or the miles on them.

"I am not going to make snap decisions about money without the proper information," Gibson said.

Halverson said he is not sure how the vote would impact the department's schedule for police cruisers.

"Time will tell," he said.

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Consolidation of school election almost final

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Abiding by election consolidation laws, the regulations for school board elections are currently being finalized.

The decisions came during a meeting on Jan. 13 when County Clerk Jane Brannon met with the city and township clerks and school board officials to determine how things would be run.

"We came up with a pretty reasonable plan," she said.

The school board elections will take place on May 3 this year and will not occur at Charlevoix Elementary School as they did in the past.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Cherie Browe said the law states that there can't be more than 2,999 people in one precinct, so several precincts were created in each school district to accommodate the changes.

Browe said the changes were made in the best interest of the schools and the county tried to make it cost effective.

"The schools have been real agreeable to it," Browe said.

The Charlevoix Public School Board voted to change the regular election date from June to May in both the odd and even years during the Nov. 8 meeting.

Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent John Sturock said in a previous interview that new legislation was passed last year that intends to try and consolidate elections around the national November elections.

Sturock said part of the reasoning behind the election consolidation bills is that people could get elected to positions without a large voter turnout. He said in a previous interview that unless there was a money issue on the ballot, very few people turned out to vote.

Sturock said it was a concern in other parts of the state, but not so much in Charlevoix.

Sturock said schools were given the choice to have their elections in November or May. If schools didn't choose, the elections date would have automatically been November. He said that would have caused the school board terms to become six year terms instead of four year terms.

In a previous interview, he said that choosing to move the election up one month was the best choice in order to keep everything flowing nicely.

Nothing much has changed except that the elections will be a month earlier and Charlevoix County is now in charge of overseeing the election process. That process includes having the county handle everything, leaving only the city and township clerk's to run the election.

However, those clerks on Beaver Island will handle everything themselves as Browe said it's easier than having their clerks come to Charlevoix to file.

"All the clerks are real good at cooperating and helping with everything," she said.

There are three proposed Charlevoix school precincts and 7,435 registered voters in the Charlevoix School District. Precinct One includes Marion, Norwood and Banks townships. Voting will take place in Marion Township.

Precinct Two includes both Charlevoix and Hayes townships and voting will occur in Hayes Township.

Precinct Three includes the City of Charlevoix and Eveline Township, with voting occurring in the City of Charlevoix.

There are also three proposed Boyne City school precincts and there are 6,197 registered voters in Boyne City School District. Precinct One covers the City of Boyne City.

Precinct Two covers Wilson, Boyne Valley, Jordan and Warner townships with voting occurring in Wilson Township.

Precinct Three covers Bay, Evangeline, Eveline, Hayes and Melrose townships with voting occurring in Bay Township.

There are two proposed East Jordan school precincts and there are 4,799 registered voters in the East Jordan School District. Precinct One includes the City of East Jordan and Jordan, Echo and Wilson townships. Voting will occur in the City of East Jordan.

Precinct Two consists of South Arm and Eveline township with voting occurring in South Arm Township.

There is only one proposed Boyne Falls school precinct that includes Boyne Valley, Hudson, Melrose and Warner townships. Voting will occur in Boyne Valley Township. There are 1,338 registered voters in Boyne Falls School District.

There is also only one proposed Beaver Island school precinct that includes both St. James and Peaine townships with voting occurring in St. James Township. There are 540 registered voters in Beaver Island Community School District.

Browe said the county will notify all the voters where they will vote in the new precincts. Some of the townships overlap in precincts as the lines were drawn according to the school districts and not just the township boarders.

For more information call the Charlevoix County Clerk at 547-7200.

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Monday, January 17, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson Jr. presiding. All Council members except Councilmember Bellows were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the abolishment of the Charlevoix Historic Preservation Ad Hoc Committee.
- Motion adopted to appoint a Standing Historic District Study Committee consisting of the current membership of the Ad Hoc Committee, less Kirby Dipert and with the additions of Kay Heise and Paul Weston.
- Motion adopted for the Standing Historic Study Committee to begin research on establishing the Charlevoix Depot as the first historic district.
- Motion adopted to approve the transfer the old SCBAs to the Beaver Island Fire Department, pending receipt of a waiver of liability.
- Motion adopted to approve the transfer of industrial SCBAs to Cemex, pending receipt of a waiver of liability.
- Motion failed to approve purchase of a 2005 Crown Victoria by the Police Department.
- Adopted Resolution 2005-01-01, authorizing early payoff of the Act 99 Installment Purchase Agreement at Charlevoix State Bank for $594,460.60 (payoff of the "Old Middle School" property option agreement).
- Adopted Resolution 2005-01-02, a tribute to George D. Goodman, retiring Executive Director for the Michigan Municipal League.

Council adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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County to consider workplace smoking ban

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix County Commission will be considering whether or not to adopt the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation during their regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26.

The regulation aims to ban smoking from public and private places and businesses where harmful second-hand smoke could be inhaled by those who do not smoke.

County Commissioner Valerie Snyder is against the regulation as she doesn't understand why it's not being applied to bars and restaurants where people are confronted with smoke.

She said the regulation was put into action to help factory workers. However, the regulation will affect almost all employers in town.

"If you feel strongly about making your business non-smoking then do it," she said.

The regulation is being proposed by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency that covers Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Snyder said so far every county has passed the regulation except Charlevoix. The regulation will become effective 90 days after the last county approves the regulation.

The purpose of banning smoking in public and private work places is to protect the public's health and welfare.

The regulation will ban smoking in several places including all enclosed areas of worksites and public places that are owned, rented, leased or otherwise under control of a participating county. This also includes motor vehicles.

Other places where a participating county will ban smoking is restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways and other commons areas.

Public transportation, service lines, retail stores, public places used by the general public, galleries, libraries, museums, theaters, cinemas, sports arenas, convention halls, both public and private meeting facilities and school buildings also have to ban smoking on their facilities.

Hospitals, professional offices, motels, hotels and places where bingo is played will also have to comply.

Restaurants, bars, casinos and tobacco specialty stores will not have to adhere to the ban.

Any violations to the regulation once put in place will be a warning for the first violation. However, there will be a $50 fine for a second violation, $100 fine for a third violation and a $500 fine for each additional violation within the one year from the first violation.

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City council continues to debate blight

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

A blight ordinance focused on getting rid of abandoned and unsafe buildings in Charlevoix continues to be debated by city officials.

"It seems like every time we discuss this, there is less and less of it," Council member Shirley Gibson said.

The ordinance, proposed by Gibson in December, was in response to complaints Gibson has received from residents in her ward. Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young wrote up a proposed ordinance for her and said it was an excellent idea.

However, some council members had concerns about the ordinance, saying it was too restrictive. They pointed out portions of the ordinance that stated you could not have unpainted siding on your house.

When it was proposed at the December council meeting, council member Bill Bellows pointed to that section, saying some people like the weathered look on their house.

"I feel the ordinance we have in place now is fine," said council member Bill Bellows.

Bellow was referring to a city blight ordinance that deals with trash, not structures. The proposed new ordinance deals strictly with structures, according to attorney Jim Young.

Due to some of the council members concerns that it was too restrictive at the December meeting, it was decided to send the ordinance back to city staff for rewording.

Then, at the Jan. 17 meeting, the ordinance came up again, this time being criticized by Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson.

Halverson said he and city planner Gerry Harsch met and discussed this proposed ordinance. He said they decided most of the issues it deals with are already covered by city ordinance and he questioned how enforceable it was.

Halverson wrote in a memo to council that he does not know who would determine if a structure is structurally sound, weather-tight or waterproof. The proposed ordinance dealt with issues such as this.

However, Gibson questioned if Halverson had talked to the city zoning administrator, Dianne Manore, about this. She said Manore would be the one to deal with enforcing this ordinance, not Halverson.

Halverson said Manore was a part of some of the meetings between him and Harsch. In an interview after the meeting, Halverson said Manore is just the first level of enforeement when it comes to zoning issues and his officers are the next level.

But Gibson said she wanted Manore's thoughts on this ordinance. She added she was tired of the proposed ordinance being stripped of its power.

"I know Mr. (Jim) Young put a lot of time in on this and he said it was a good idea. Now it looks like it was used for target practice," she said.

But other council members still questioned the need for this ordinance.

Council member Sherm Chamberlain said, "I think you are getting into some very subjective situations. Not all people can constantly maintain their houses the way I would like."

Council member Bob Timms said, "Sometimes things take care of themselves over time."

Attorney Young suggested council focus the ordinance on the blighted structures and determine what it wants the ordinance to say specifically. He said council should have staff come up with some specific recommendations to the ordinance which are, "a) clear and b) reasonable to enforcement."

Gibson said she wants the ordinance to deal with vacant "no-one-could-live-there" structures that have been in that sort of condition for years.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said he would talk to Manore about this ordinance and get some examples from her on what types of structures it would deal with. He added he would have her take pictures if necessary.

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Shull named temporary airport manager

Brooks resigns from post as manager

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

City worker Jim Shull replaced Karyn Brooks as airport manager on Jan. 14 after Brooks resigned.

Brooks said she resigned due to the amount of work to be done with only a part-time status. When she started at the airport, the airport received $150,000 a year in May 2001 from the state and then in October 2001 the airport qualified to receive $1 million a year in funding. Immediately with the new status more work was to be done and the time required increased.

"I could not achieve that on a part-time basis," she said.

Brooks said she talked to her immediate supervisor over the last two and a half years concerning changes in her part-time status. However, she only received small changes and stayed part-time.

Other fully operational airports have a full-time manager, Brooks said, and other airports that have scheduled operations such as Traverse City and Pellston have a full support staff that works with the manager.

"I have to do it all," she said. "I can't do less than I think needs to be done."

Since the time required to get the job done wasn't there, Brooks said she felt her time at the airport had come to an end.

"I like to see things grow and develop and I don't like to sit still," she said.

Another aspect that caused her to resign was that she was constantly told to re-do projects that were already done, which is something she didn't have time for while running a fully operational airport on part time status.

"A lot is due to the current political climate that exists in the community between council and staff and I'm not a political person," she said.

Brooks said the decision was hard, but said she doesn't regret it. However, she will miss the people she worked with and the area.

Brooks said for now she will watch the growth at the airport and in Charlevoix as a member of the community.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what else the community will do," she said of the many projects and challenges ahead.

Shull was asked to take on the responsibility until a permanent replacement can be found.

City Manager Michael Wiesner said it is undetermined how long Shull will act as manager of the airport, but it could be until early or mid summer.

However, Shull doesn't have any prior experience running an airport.

"Whenever we've looked in the past we haven't felt airport experience was necessary," Wiesner said. "We need a problem solver, someone used to dealing with people."

Wiesner said the last two individuals who managed the airport didn't have prior experience when they began.

"We think he'll work out well," he said.

Shull may not have airport experience, but he has managerial experience.

For 20 years, Shull was in charge of the United States Coast Guard Station in Charlevoix. Before his time in Charlevoix, Shull ran another station.

"I like the challenge of solving problems," he said, which is one attribute that draws him toward management.

Shull has lived in Charlevoix for about seven years and has worked for the city as the project manager for City Hall renovations for the past three years.

Standing in as airport manager is just an additional duty as Shull will continue with his work on City Hall.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of learning how the airport operates," he said.

Shull said he has been involved with federal government and government projects before, which will help him carry out his duties at the airport.

Also, Wiesner said there is a lot of support the manager receives from engineers, the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Shull said he has been so busy getting the airport budget ready to present to Wiesner that he hasn't really gotten a chance to take everything in yet.

"I'll get my bearings and figure out where the horizon is," he said.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Jim Shull will be standing in as interim-airport manager until a permanent replacement can be found.

Racing offered at McSauba

Erik Lundteigen will once again be hosting a Fun Racing league at Mt. McSauba.

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Recycler of the year named

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee has named Jim Slough of East Jordan Auto Parts as their First Annual Recycler of the Year for his outstanding recycling efforts.

Committee Chair, Shirley Roloff, presented Slough with the award at a recent meeting of the county's recycling committee.

"Jim has done a wonderful job in recycling foundry grade materials, aluminum, copper, stainless steel, brass, lead, and other materials," said Shirley Roloff, Committee Chair. "He probably does more for recycling than any business or organization this side of Emmet County's Transfer Station."

During the past year East Jordan Auto Parts has recycled over 3 million pounds of materials including approximately 2 million pounds of foundry grade material, along with copper, stainless steel, junk cars, underground oil tanks, cast iron radiators, aluminum products and other materials.

Scrap materials recycled by Slough come from a wide variety of sources including appliance stores, auto repair shops, contractors, businesses, other salvage yards, transfer stations, community clean up projects, farms, individual consumers, public works and others.

Many items are cleaned by first removing any non-ferrous metals, then the metal is sorted, graded and packaged for shipment to appropriate markets. Many items are used "as is" for construction projects, etc. Slough has owned and operated East Jordan Auto Parts for more than 60 years.

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Library honors two for 20 years of service

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix Public Library employees Jeanne McGhee and Shirley Kemp and received recognition for their 20 years of service to the public recently.

Both McGhee and Kemp began working at the library and assisting patrons when the current building was not even 20 years old. Valerie Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library, said both women were honored with a clock and a plaque.

"It was a lovely token and I think they appreciate it," she said.

McGhee has been at the library for 20 years this past November and Kemp will have served the library for 20 years in March.

Both McGhee and Kemp said the recognition they received was unexpected as they were simply enjoying a staff Christmas party when they were recognized.

"It was quite a surprise," McGhee said.

Kemp agreed.

"I thought it was really nice," she said of the recognition.

McGhee, a Michigan native, has lived in Charlevoix since about 1982 and has fully enjoyed her time at the library.

"I love it," she said. "You get all the front page headlines and it's a nice group of people."

McGhee said one of her favorite aspects to working at the library is watching the children grow up before her eyes. She also enjoys those she works with.

"We have a really good team and that makes it better," she said.

McGhee began working at the library after former library director, Marybeth Wallick, asked her to learn the ropes of running the library. Since McGhee lived close to the library, Wallick trained her in case she was snowed in and couldn't get to the library.

"People depend on the library," McGhee said. "They count on a lot of the women."

During her 20 years of service at the library, McGhee said she has witnessed several changes including management and technology.

"We couldn't have had better people to get us going," she said.

One of those people is Meyerson, the current director.

"It's all around fun," McGhee said of working with Meyerson.

McGhee said Meyerson started meeting with the staff once a month and is always willing to listen to her staff.

The technology change from typing card catalogues to new computer systems has been something both McGhee and Kemp have had to adjust to.

Kemp said she was at first leery of using the computers, but is now constantly relearning systems as the computers are upgraded.

Kemp is a Michigan native and has lived in Charlevoix since the early 1970s. She enjoys reading mysteries, which she said her father did as well.

Kemp said her time at the library has been a positive one and she has enjoyed seeing the regular patrons each year.

"You get to meet a lot of nice people," she said.

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Jeanne McGhee, right, and Shirley Kemp were given awards for their service to the Charlevoix Public Library and its readers.

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Snyder to vacate seat, move to Vegas

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

County Commissioner Valerie Snyder will soon be resigning as she is moving with her family to an area outside of Las Vegas, Nev. sometime in February.

Valerie Snyder

Snyder, who just started her second term, said she will miss the area and her colleagues the most.

"Probably the people I was working with," she said. "I really have a lot of respect for the commissioners."

Snyder said she has enjoyed her time serving as a commissioner.

"I think it's important if people have any inclination to be involved in local politics," she said.

Snyder and her husband, Mark, and two sons Jacob, 2, and Luke, 1, will be leaving for Henderson just outside of Las Vegas, Nev. Mark recently took a job offer there.

Snyder grew up in Charlevoix and left to attend college, but has been back in the area for almost 10 years.

Her main reason for choosing to live here is that her family is in the area. Even though she's leaving, Snyder said her family will come back in the summer.

"It's a great place in the summer," she said. "You can't beat it."

Despite moving from people she knows and place she grew up in, Snyder said she is looking forward to devoting her time to staying home with her sons. She said her desire is what motivated her husband to take the job.

When she relocates to Henderson, Snyder said she is unsure if she will pursue local politics there.

"I'd definitely be interested if I got to know people," she said, "It's hard to get elected if you don't know people."

Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon said the commission will have to appoint someone within 30 days. But, because of the length of time before the term expires there will have to be a special election to permanently fill the empty seat.

Brannon said the law does not specify when the election will be. Snyder's term expires in two years on Dec. 31, 2006.

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Inaugural ball

Here, state Sen. Jason Allen and Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (front, from left) pose with students and chaperones from throughout the Charlevoix County area during an inaugural ball Jan. 20 in Washington D.C. The students came out as a contingent to witness the presidential inauguration.

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Crooked Tree brings art to the woods

Crooked Tree Arts Center invites you to enter into the woods during the months of January and February.

In two separate shows dedicated to the beauty of trees, the West Gallery will house the woven forest of Saginaw artist Roz Berlin while the Edith Gilbert Gallery will showease the work of Kalamazoo artist Ladislav Hanka and the Legend of the Crooked Tree.

For the first two weeks in January, Berlin, with the help of the visual arts committee at Crooked Tree Arts Center, will transform the West Gallery into a forest of woven color and light. Hundreds of trees rising as high as fifteen feet into the air will fill the gallery. Visitors will experience a different world when they enter the Fantasy Forest.

Berlin, having received bachelors and masters degrees in art from Michigan State University, has been "growing" her colorful forest for over 30 years. Employing a four harness floor loom, she has woven her trees using a blend of natural and synthetic fibers. Just like a real forest, her "new growth" has changed and evolved over the years to shape a deep, dense grove for wandering.

The Edith Gilbert Gallery will feature the etchings and drawings of Ladislav Hanka. In the fall of 2004, Hanka began a quest to research the "Crooked Tree" and create new works dedicated to this theme. After several lengthy conversations with the local Ottawa elders, Hanka has traveled the backwoods of the northern Michigan in search of specific tree formations. Hanka has graduate degrees in art and zoology, having studied at Colorado State University, Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University as well as in Bonn, Vienna and Prague.

Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street in Petoskey. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 until 4 p.m.

For information please contact the center at (231) 347-4337.

Woman's ski tour coming back to Charlevoix

Celebrate women, winter and chocolate on Feb. 27.

Active Women Now, Inc. a non-profit organization will host The Seeond Annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour, a weekend of fun and activities that will take the winter blues out of northern Michigan.

Active Women Now, Inc. has ski tours in Michigan and the United States, celebrating the camaraderie that women hold in empowering one another while giving back to their community. This non-competitive winter event for women will be at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails will weave through Mount Mesauba.

Novice winter activists are eneouraged to attend.

Ski clinies will be given on Feb. 26 for beginners and those who are looking to cultivate their skills.

A wine and cheese event will be at Castle Farms as a prelude to the Charlevoix Ladies Tour.

Log onto the Women's Ski Tour web site for more information.

Tickets in advanee are $35 and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day. Proceeds from the Charlevoix Ladies Tour benefits BASES and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

Please log onto www.womensskitour.com for more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities and purchasing event tickets. E-mail Courtney Miles, regional event manager at Courtney@womensskitour.com with further questions.

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The office mailing address and toll free, main office and fax telephone number remain the same.

U.S. mail can be addressed to Elsenheimer at the State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514; the toll free Lansing office telephone number is (877) 536-4105; the direct phone line is (517) 373-0829 and faxes may be sent to (517) 373-1841.

E-mail can be sent to kevinelsenheimer@house.mi.gov and students may also contact Elsenheimer and access valuable government information via the lawmaker's online office web site at www.gophouse.com/elsenheimer.htm.

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BUSINESS

Former assistant prosecutor opens own office

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Former assistant prosecutor for Charlevoix County Kerry Zahner has joined the private field with her new Charlevoix law office.

Zahner, of Charlevoix, opened her new law office on Jan. 1, 2005, the day after her position at the prosecutor's office ended. In addition to being an assistant prosecutor, Zahner was a family support specialist with the county.

"I am a native of Charlevoix and recognized a market for a female attorney, who is also a sole practitioner with the trial experience to competently advocate on behalf of her client in court," Zahner said.

She added business has been good so far, with five clients in her first two weeks open.

"I am busy enough that I haven't even unpacked," she said.

Zahner said she can help her clients in all areas of the law. While she was a family support specialist, she said she can offer quality representation to criminal defendants in all felonies and misdemeanors, including drunk driving and traffic issues, juvenile delinquencies and child protection. She can also help her clients with probate court matters, such as wills.

Zahner graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1989. She then received a bachelor of science in 1993 from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor in 1996 from the Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio.

From 1996 to 1999, she was an associate attorney with LeFevre and LeFevre, PLLC in Saginaw and began working for the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office in 1999 until Dec. 31, 2004.

Zahner is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Charlevoix/Emmett County Bar Association, Kiwanis Club, Chi-Omega Fraternity Alumae and the Luther Social Services of Michigan Congregations Gifts Committee.

She is also married to Peter Zahner and has two children.

Zahner's new office is located at 703 Bridge Street, Suite 1, in Charlevoix — near the Re/Max of Charlevoix's office at the corner of Bridge and Hurlbut streets. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-7777 or e-mailing kbzahner@yahoo.com.

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Charlevoix Attorney Kerry Zahner in her new office on Bridge Street.

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SPORTS

Basketball team continues domination

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Phil Steen, making only his third career varsity start, scored a rare triple-double with 14 points, 12 rebounds and 10 blocks to lead the Charlevoix Rayders to a 70-55 win at Kalkaska.

"It was something to see," coach Keith Haske said. "I like to think of it as a coming out party for Phil and we'll see more games like that in the future."

Steen's work on the defensive end changed the ballgame as the Blazers passed up or altered many shots after a number of Steen rejections.

"He changed their whole game," Haske said. "One of the keys was that Phil didn't just block shots out of bounds but blocked them to us and we turned them into points."

After a see-saw first quarter with numerous lead changes, Charlevoix led by as many as 10 in the second period at 22-12 and settled for a 34-26 lead at halftime, capped by a three-point play by Jared Hunt.

The Rayders pulled away in the third quarter, going on a 10-2 run to start the second half, ending with back-to-back baskets by Eddie Waldron, for a 44-28 advantage.

Kalkaska was outscored, 23-10 in the third stanza and would get no closer than 15 the rest of the way.

Hunt finished with 22 points, six steals and four assists. Cody Crain had 11 points and seven assists. Ben Bergmann added seven rebounds.

"I was really pleased with the whole team effort," Haske said. "The team had more giddy up and go. Kalkaska has been a tough place for us to play in the past but the kids did a good job even though offensively we didn't play great."

The junior varsity and freshman teams both won as well, upping their records to 10-0 and 8-1 respectively.

Charlevoix (10-0 overall, 6-0 conference) is still ranked second in Class C by the Associated Press. The Rayders hosted Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Jan. 25. Results were unavailable at press time. Charlevoix plays at East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 28.

Volleyball team looking great on the court

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

The Charlevoix varsity volleyball team opened yet another week with multiple wins.

Monday's first three matches resulted in all wins against Grayling with scores of 25-14, 25-8 and 25-8.

"We beat them pretty handily," said coach Grunch. "A lot of girls got some good playing time in."

Betsey Dennis had nine kills and four aces, Teresa Martin had seven kills and three blocks, Kari Way had seven kills, Zita Anderson had 19 assists and 14 aces and Bethany Pearson had five blocks.

The next match up of the evening began with a win and two losses to Harbor Springs for scores of 25-21, 20-25, 25-14. Matches four and five resulted in wins for the Rayders of 25-14 and 15-8.

"The first game we played a tough match. Games two and three they got the momentum, but games four and five were probably the best we played all year as a team," Grunch said.

Anderson had 32 assists, Martin had the game high 17 kills and four digs with an 87 percent serve-receive, Way had 13 kills and two aces and Sally Haselschwardt had seven kills and three blocks.

Traverse City St. Francis was expected to be one of Charlevoix's tougher assignments and it turned out to be just that as the girls fought their way from a five point deficit in game one to a victory in all three matches with scores of 26-24, 25-22 and 25-19.

"We were both undefeated in the conference going into that game," Grunch said. "In that first game they were winning 23-19, but we came back and held them for the win."

Martin lead the Lady Rayders with 14 kills, 13 digs, three blocks and 100 percent of serving. Way had 12 kills, nine digs and two aces. Dennis had 11 digs, two aces and three blocks. Pearson had five blocks and Anderson had 100 percent of serving with 26 assists.

According to Grunch, she gives much credit to Traverse City for playing such strong games and never giving up.

"They had the momentum in the beginning, but we gained the lead," she said.

And it was the never give up attitude of the Rayders which propelled them to victory after victory on the court.

Indeed, the amount of practice in game situations is proving to have the positive effects forecasted by coach Grunch early in the season.

"The seniors showed great leadership," she said. "Their presence on the floor and their attitude on the court was positive. This was the their best mental game so far."

Though the action in Grandville was canceled, the girls will have a chance to meet 12 teams this Saturday in Charlevoix at their second annual tournament.

The Rayders next meet Kalkaska for the last of their first round of conference games.

"They're a decent team. We just have to go in and play our game," she said.

The girls now stand at 15-3-3 overall and 6-0 in the conference.

Coach Grunch is confident her team will excel in the second round. And she knows which competition to be on the look out for.

"This next round, Harbor Springs and St. Francis are the teams that will really be out to beat us," she said.

Charlevoix meets Kalkaska at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27 at home. They host the Charlevoix Invitational 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 29 at home. They then travel to Boyne City at 6 p.m., Monday Jan. 31.

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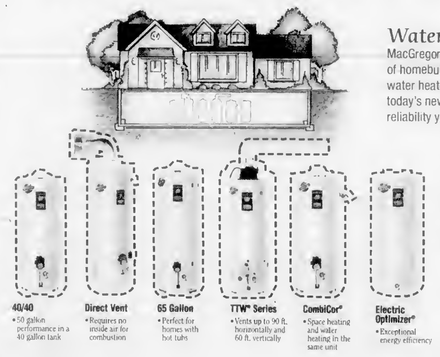

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Swim team beats Kalkaska

On Saturday, Jan. 15, the Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team hosted the Kalkaska Cruisers Swim Team.

Over 40 swimmers participated in the meet. The Stingrays won the meet with 1,112 points. Kalkaska swimmers scored 608 points. Results for the Stingrays are as follow:

• Mixed ages Medley Relay: First — Katrina Daniel (6), Ashley DeVries (13), Aaron Malewitz (14), Emily Lindsey (9); second — Megan Keller (8), Emilee Evans (8), Kristen Gooch (11), Aidan McCormick (12); third — Anna Voci (8), Evan McCormick (10), Chrystal Schemanski (13), Alexa Atchison (8)

• Mixed ages Freestyle Relay: First — Sophie Wittenberg (8), Mark Smith (8), Jesse Drost (10), Ashley DeVries (13). Second — Megan Keller (8), Eli Ellison (9), Aidan McCormick (12), Jonathan Norton (7).

• 8 and under: Mark Smith (8) second, 20 Free; first, 40 Free; second, 20 Breast. Jonathan Norton (7) third, 20 Free; second, 20 Back; first, 20 Breast. Alexa Athison (8), first, 20 Free; second, 20 Fly; third, 40 Free. Emilee Evans (8) third, 20 Free; second, 40 Free, second, 20 Breast. Katrina Daniel (6) fifth, 20 Free; fifth, 20 Back; first, 20 Breast. Anna Voci (8) sixth, 20 Free; sixth, 40 Free; first, 20 Back. Sophie Wittenberg (8) fifth, 40 Free; third, 20 Back. Megan Keller (8) eighth, 20 Free; fourth, 20 Back.

• 9 and 10: Evan McCormick (10) second, 80 IM; first, 40 Fly; first, 40 Breast. Jesse Drost (10) second, 40 Free; first, 40 Back. Eli Ellison (9) third, 40 Free; second, 40 Back. Ailey McCormick (10) first, 80 IM; first, 40 Fly; second, 40 Breast. Emily Lindsey (9)second, 40 Free; first, 80 Free; first, 40 Back.

• 11 and 12: Casey Reilly (12) first, 200 Free; first, 40 Free; first, 80 Free. Aidan McCormick (12) first, 40 Free; first, 40 Breast. Kristen Gooch (11) second, 200 Free; first, 40 Fly; first, 500 Free.

• 13 and 14: Aaron Malewitz (14) first, 40 Free; first, 40 Fly; first, 40 Back. Alicia Drost (14) first, 80 IM; first, 40 Fly; first, 40 Breast. Chrystal Schemanski (13) first, 200 Free; first 500 Free; first, 40 Back. Ashley DeVries (13) first, 40 Free; first, 80 Free; second, 40 Back.

The Stingrays travel to Alma College on Feb. 5, and Harbor Springs on Feb. 12. If you have any questions about the Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team contact coach Betsy Granstra at 547-0982.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Take down

Above, Drew Marsh (right), of Charlevoix tries to take down his opponent in the Charlevoix Take Down Tournament Saturday at Charlevoix High School. The full results of this tournament were not ready by press time and will be published in next week's edition of the Courier.

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Church League - Jan. 19, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	132	68
Ferguson & Chamberlain	114	86
The Inner Circle	108	92
Mark White Paint & Stain	104	96
Lutherans	92	108
St. Mary's	90	110
Paul Bunyan Lanes	89	111
R & C Roofing	71	129

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	591	213
Scott Kehrer	548	207
Jim Potter	559	
Darrel VanLoo		207

Tuesday Night Ladies - Jan. 18, 2005

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	12	4
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	10.5	5.5
Twin Lakes Enterprise	9	7
Grey Gables	9	7
Don's IGA	7.5	8.5
Central Drug Store	7	9
Mark White Paint & Stain	5	11
Paul Bunyan Lanes	4	12

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cherie Helm		210
Cindy Brooks	533	185
Leanna Moscoryk	520	
Cathy Sullivan		185
Mary O'Brien	512	

Men's Senior League - Jan. 17, 2005

	W	L
J Arnold Painting "2"	6	2
Kim's Racing	5	3
B Vanloo & Sons	4.5	3.5
J Arnold Painting "A"	4	4
Selph Trucking	4	4
Weebowl-Wabowls	4	4
Central Drug Store	2.5	5.5
Cemex Cement	2	6

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kleman	588	237
John Fiedorek	600	226
Darrel VanLoo		211
Nick Cole	551	

Young at Hearts League - January 20, 2005

	W	L
Sparetime	11	1
Misfits	9	3
Twilighters	8	4
Half & Half	5	7
Alley Cats	5	7
Irish Rollers	5	7
Past Timers	4	8
Has Beens	1	11

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	457	200
Don Bambach	477	196
Eldon Potter	457	189
Ralph Kilson	457	
Dolly Coon	437	186
Nancy Bambach	443	173
Judy Potter	423	162

Gutter Gals League - January 20, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	40	20
Argonne Supper Club	31	29
Express Yourself	27	33
Burger King Charlevoix	22	38

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

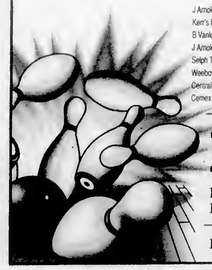
	Series	Game
Krista Fowler	462	194
Mary O'Brien	482	185
Jane Holm	462	159

Casino League - January 20, 2005

	W	L
Crackpots	106	32
Vegabounds	94	46
T.K. & The Boozers	72	68
4 Fun	72	68
At Least a 6 Pack	68	72
Brooklyn Rats	14	126

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Nathan Jones	453	239
John Fiedorek	393	227
Cyril Jones		208
Joel Stradling	390	
Lynette Wiebb	398	217
Kaye Macmillan	379	214
Ema Denise		197
Carolyn Blanchard	361	



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Culinary arts class returns to center

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The menu for Tuesday, Feb. 1 will be: smoked whitefish paté, caesar salad, Vince's Famous Braised Duck, oven roasted potatoes and foaccia bread. Students will explore cooking techniques, learn trade secrets, participate in hands-on learning and enjoy a five-course dinner.

"Each night will enrich your culinary arts skills," Chef De Paulis said. "We feature a different menu with a variety of seasonal ingredients."

Students are encouraged to bring a French knife, Boning Knife, Paring Knife, Apron and two hand towels and a beverage of choice.

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Concert dates are May 7, 8, and 9 at Crooked Tree Arts Center.

The chorale welcomes Peter D. Sims as the new director. He performed piano accompaniment during the fall concert season with the chorale.

Sims serves as the music director at First Presbyterian Church in Harbor Springs.

His career includes 25 years as choral director at Plainfield High School in Indianapolis, Ind. as well as a professional singer.

He is a long-time Bay View summer resident and currently lives in Petoskey and maintains an active private voice and piano studio, along with his church responsibilities.

The Northern Michigan Chorale performs music on the lighter side, from favorites to pop melodies and musicals.

This spring, a patriotic segment will be featured. Singers of Northern Michigan are invited to join them.

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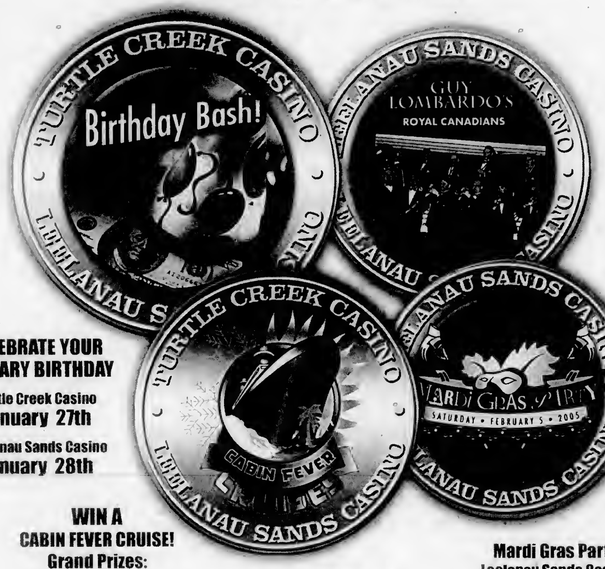

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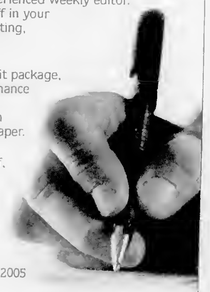

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michel A. Jepsen, Sr. and Brenda Jean Jepsen, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, mortgagee, dated July 23, 2002 and recorded August 2, 2002 in Liber 480, Page 704, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA, as trustee by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Two and 04/100 Dollars ($87,702.04) including interest at the rate of 8.55% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on February 18, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the West section line of section 32, Township 33 North, Range 6 West, at the intersection of said section line with that stream or watercourse known as Dyer Creek and shown on the plat of Lake Shore subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of plats, pages 105-106, Charlevoix County Records, thence southerly along said section line 900 feet, more or less to its intersection with the Northerly right-of-way line of that public highway known as the East Jordan-Advance Road; thence Easterly along the Northerly right-of-way of that public highway known as the East Jordan-Advance Road, 160 feet; thence Northerly along a line which is parallel of the West section line to this intersection on Dyer Creek 900 feet more or less; thence Westerly along the thread of the stream known as Dyer Creek to a point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said section 32. Legal description also includes a manufactured or mobile home: The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: January 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA, as trustee, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 221.1383 ASAP627250

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Roger A. Korthase and Terri L. Korthase, husband and wife to Western Financial Bank, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee, dated May 5, 1999 and recorded May 7, 1999 in Liber 362, Page 931, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and was subsequently assigned to: Mortgage Elec-tronic Registration Systems, Inc., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Seven Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents ($61,007.57) including interest 10.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Court-house, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, February 11, 2005. Said premises are situated in Village of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 32 and 33 of Bailey & Wilson's Second Addition to the Village of Boyne, according to the re-corded plat thereof. Commonly known as 1020 East Main Street, Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: JANUARY 5, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-31090 ASAP626816

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010777-DE

Estate of LOUISE B. BACOT
Deceased
Date of birth: May 3, 1922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Louise B. Bacot, who lived at 901 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan died October 14, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Susan Weston, c/o Paul Nettleman, P.O. Box 868, Petoskey, MI, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at Charlevoix County Building, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: January 18, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry R. Williams and Bridget N. Williams, Husband and Wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated June 10, 1999 and recorded June 14, 1999 in Liber 365, Page 697, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment Dated September 15, 2003 and recorded October 8, 2003 in Liber 577 Page 752 by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hun-dred Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 40/100 Dol-lars ($124,532.40) including interest at the rate of 7.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on February 4, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: In the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 10, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, Bay Town-ship, Charlevoix County, Michigan described as: Beginning at the South-east corner of Alpine Hills No. 2 Sub-division in Section 10, Town 33 North, Range 6 West, Bay Township, Charlevoix County, Michi-gan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 205 and 206, Charlevoix County Records; thence along the East line of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 10, South 02 degrees, 51 minutes West 762.59 feet to the South line of said Section 10; thence West 248.65 feet along the South line of Section 10; thence North 02 degrees 51 minutes East 927.96 feet to the South line of Erickson Road; thence along the South line of Erickson Road in the following courses: South 56 degrees 42 minutes 20 seconds East 177.20 feet and 114.61 feet along the arc of a circular curve to the right, central angle 06 degrees 06 minutes 30 seconds radius 1075.04 feet; chord bearing South 53 degrees 39 minutes 05 seconds East 114.56 feet to the Place of Beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: January 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Fifth Third Mortgage Company , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 200.0947 ASAP626106

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events and briefs

Scrapbook crop

Please join in a free scrapbook crop from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the meeting room (downstairs) of the Charlevoix Public Library. Bring your scraphook or paper projects along. Relax and enjoy. Beginners or seasoned scrappers are welcome.

Missionary to speak

Marty Roman, missionary to Benin, Africa will be speaking at 6 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 30 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Chureh located at 05291 M-66 North. The public is invited to attend.

Community worship

A community worship/intercession service is being offered from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66. Live worship music with an emphasis on prayer for the local community, region, state, as well as our national and world events and leaders. Communion will he offered. Everyone is invited to attend with children being welcome. Nursery not provided. For more information, please contact the church office at 547-6430.

Valentine's party

An old fashioned Valentine's Party and Potluck starts at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Depot in Charlevoix. Remember the days of giving and receiving valentines and playing delightful valentine games, of sharing food and fun with friends? Members of the Charlevoix Area Historical Society invite you to bring those memories back to life again. Please bring a valentine and your favorite dish to pass. Entertainment will be provided by the "The Altarnotes" of the First Congregational Church. All are welcome.

Building sessions

Are you planning a building project in the near future? The Department of Building Safety will be having several one night informational sessions to help you understand the process. Inspectors and zoning administrators will be on hand to provide the latest information on building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, soil erosion and zoning permits.

Items that will be addressed but not limited to: How, When and Why do I need a permit? When and what inspections are required?

Meetings will be at the following locations: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Charlevoix City Hall, 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 14, at the Boyne City Hall and 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the East Jordan City Hall.

Wild game dinner

Mardi Gras Wild Game Dinner and Dance is from 7 to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5. The cost is $20 per person and there will be a cash bar and raffles. Music is by "Class Act Productions" with proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Parish. Contact the parish office for further information at 547-6652.

Firefighter's ball

The sixth annual Charlevoix Firefighters Ball starts at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Charlevoix Country Club. The cost is $30 each for tickets or 2 for $50. Contact Shari Kline at 547-8495 for tickets.

Night Under the Venice Sky

A Night Under the Venice Sky an evening of elegance, romance and fun will be at 7 p.m., on Feb. 12 at the Harvest Barn Church of M-66 in East Jordan. Treat your sweetheart to an evening of dancing to the sounds of big band and swing music and Italian cuisine. Entertainment is provided by Northwest Academy Jazz Ensemble. Cost is $50 per couple in advance. Doors open at 6:30.

The catered dinner buffet includes roasted beef, chicken parmesan, pasta primavera, garlic red potatoes, salad, appetizers and desserts.

No alcoholic beverages will be served. Coffee, pop and punch are included in the ticket price. Contact Bridgette at (231) 536-2870 to reserve tickets today. Couples and group reservations are welcome, tickets must be purchased by Jan. 29. Make checks payable to Harvest Barn Church.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please eall the church office at 547-6430 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare program is currently being offered at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. DivorceCare is from 7-9 p.m. Childeare is offered Wednesday evenings only. DivoreeCare is a free program for anyone experiencing, or have experieneed a divorce. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

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Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information eall 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information eall 547-9078.

The Zonta Cluh meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Cluh meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information eall 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

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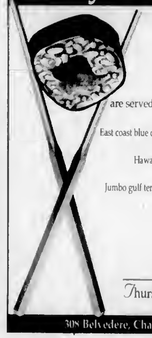

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Bakker, who will escort Mahoney, is the son of Jeff and Karen Bakker. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a member of the Rayder Band for four years. He also spent four years as a member of the baseball team and also participated on the soecer, football and basketball teams. Bakker is currently considering attending Grand Valley State University in the fall.

Cross is the daughter of Jack Cross and Linda Prescott. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a member of both the soecer and basketball teams for the past four years. Cross plans on playing soccer for Adrian College.

Teuscher, who will escort Cross, is the son of Michael and Elisabeth Teuscher. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council Class Secretary. He has participated on the both the baseball and basketball teams for the past four years. He also played on the football and soccer teams. Teuscher plans on attending Grand Valley State University and majoring in secondary education.

Madison is the daughter of Herm and Carol Madison. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a Student Council Representative for her class for the past four years. She also participated for four years in cross-country and track. Madison plans on attending college in order to pursue a major in architecture and a minor in interior design.

Wojan, who will escort Madison, is the son of Denny and Flo Wojan. He is a member of the National Honor Soeiety and has served as Student Council Class President for four years. He has participated in football, basketball, baseball and soccer. Wojan plans on studying business at Miami of Ohio next fall.

Plude is the daughter of Ken and Mary Plude and the late Neldea Plude. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is an active member of 4-H. For four years, she has been a member of the cross-country, track and volleyball teams. Plude plans on pursuing a degree in agriculture from Michigan State University.

Waha, who will escort Plude, is the son of Doug and Wendie Waha. He is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as its vice president. He participated on the football, wrestling, baseball and track teams. Waha plans on studying biology at the College of Marin near San Francisco.

Farrell is the daughter of Brian and Cindy Farrell. She has participated in softball and soccer, but is a four-year member of the varsity girl's basketball team where she earned all-state honors. Farrell plans on attending Northern Michigan University in the fall where she will play basketball.

Martin, who will escort Farrell, is the son of CJ and Francie Martin. He is a four-year member of the tennis team.

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Committee working on historic district for city

DEPOT

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"It is something that is going to take time," Heath said.

It is also something that is going to take money to get going. Heath said the group will need a small budget to pay for some of the fees associated with getting a historic district up and running. He said he did not know exactly how much money the group would need at this time.

Heath added the committee is completely volunteer, so no one on the committee will be benefiting financially.

"Between the historical society and the city, we would want to minimize costs," he said.

Council member Shirley Gibson said she was happy with the work the group has done so far and suggested giving it a budget of $5,000.

"This is something that is needed in Charlevoix. It is too bad we did not start his 30 years ago," she said.

City Manager Mike Wiesner said it would be no problem for the city to set aside $5,000 in its budget for the group.

Council members voted unanimously to abolish the original group and create a standing committee that will work on making the Depot a historic district.

While the idea of creating historical districts was entertained in the past, it was brought to the forefront of community members' minds after citizens began showing concern about Earl Young's old office building being demolished in the summer of 2003. Therefore an adhoc committee was formed to look into the matter, which led to the creation of the standing committee and plans to make the Depot Museum the city's first historical district.

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Southeast Asia visit, winter sports scores and fireman's ball.

Work starts on library

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Demolition on the old middle school has begun in order to pave the way for construction of the new library.

Valerie Meyerson, director of Charlevoix Public Library, said everything is going great.

On Jan. 24, Pitsch Companies came to Charlevoix in order to complete interior demolition and that of the 1957 addition to the old middle school.

In a statement released by Meyerson, the old middle school will become a two-floor facility. However, Meyerson said the process will look bad before it begins to look good.

Duane Wixson, construction manager with Clark Construction, said in the statement that he is concerned the citizens of Charlevoix would be worried about what was going on at the middle school site.

He said in the statement that the community just needs to be patient as a secure plan is in place to transform the building from the old middle school into the new library.

Meyerson said construction documentation is in its final stages and will go out for bids at the beginning of April. The actual construction is set to begin in May and is slated to end 14 months later.

A fall 2006 opening is still scheduled.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

The old middle school is currently undergoing demolition as it is reshaped into what will become the new Charlevoix Public Library. Piles of junk litter the outside as workers dump items from second story windows.

Commission recommends cap

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission voted 3 to 2 to pass the recommendation for amendments to the township's zoning ordinance after a public hearing during their meeting on Jan. 26.

The vote only recommends the zoning ordinance amendments and cap size limits and will have to now go to the county planners and then to the Charlevoix Township Board for a vote.

Nancy E. Rajewski, chairman of the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission, said the recommendation was passed as is.

"I was happy that it passed," she said. "It's a step in the right direction."

Along with Rajewski, commissioners John Dixon and Stanley Martin also supported the recommendation as presented while Dave Christiansen and John Haggard voted against it.

The proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance includes limiting the size of large buildings to 90,000 square feet, which Rajewski said in a previous interview was the size most people could live with.

During a previous meeting, the commission voted for a cap size of 80,000 square feet. The vote resulted in a tie with Rajewski and Dixon supporting the size and Martin and Christiansen voting against it, which led to the compromise of 90,000 square feet.

The proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance also include changing the size of large buildings from 2,000 to 20,000 square feet. This change will require a special use permit.

Another proposed amendment includes requiring any project that is 50,000 square feet to have a market feasibility study, traffic study and adaptability for reuse plan submitted with their application to build.

Builders will also be required to adhere to keeping their building in line with the look of the community.

Haggard said he was not in favor of the proposal as it stood.

"If we put restrictions on one zone class, I like to have them for all," he said.

By restricting all zoning classes, Haggard said it shows that the township isn't picking on one particular class such as commercial, residential and industrial.

He also said the recommendation to require a special use permit for an area over 20,000 square feet was too restrictive for a commercial district.

Haggard said it's hard to restrict now since no one knows who's go-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Bedie D. Carver Jr., 40, Boyne City. Assault/Assault and Battery. Sentenced to two days in jail with credit for two days; $250 in fines and costs.

David Firth Demree II, 39, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Nine months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 81 days held in abeyance; $600 in fines and costs.

Samuel Robb MacLeod, 57, Flint. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor, 57 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Gary Douglas Kahn, 68, Harrison Township: Impaired driving. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $970 in fines and costs.

Helen Marie Kressler, 42, Mancelona. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Tamara Lynn Cwik, 46, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property-fire and police property attempted and operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 46 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,940.32 in fines and costs.

Robert Ray Kenney, 25, East Jordan. Dog at large. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Richard W. Shingwauk, 24, Mishawaka, Ind. Operator-no license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Whimsey, 26070 Main Street, Beaver Island, by Linda McDonough and Pamela Grassmick.

R. Gillespie Enterprises, 26205 Main Street, Beaver Island, by Richard L. Gillespie.

My Aunt Ethels, 1329 Lakeshore Drive, Boyne City, by Betty L. Spence.

Young's Construction, 06425 Bayshore, Charlevoix, by Gary Young.

Escape To Boyne, 607 Grant Street, Boyne City, by Terry Crumpler and Pamela Crumpler.

Charlevoix County Elder Care, 1434 South Peninsula, East Jordan, by Kimberly Lynn Mead.

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Our Little Sweatshop & West Creations, 233 West Cedar Street Unit C, Boyne City, by Erik K. West and Colleen K. West.

A+ Digital DJs, 7323 Pincherry Road, Charlevoix, by Thomas Heath.

SLS Referral Company, 4963 Cosier Road, East Jordan, by Sara L. Schroeder.

Visions of Nature, 03258 North Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City, by Wendy Bean.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Scott Allen Howard, 33, Charlevoix and Barbara Anne Winters, 35, Charlevoix

Alan James Fish, 47, Boyne Falls and Terri K. Whipple, 39, Boyne Falls

Births

Joselyn Marie Fitzpatrick, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, was born to Justin Fitzpatrick and Lori Pietsch of Boyne City on Jan. 17, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sister is Ada-Marae Moore. Grandparents are Jenny and Randy Fitzpatrick of Boyne City.

Abigail Marie Legato, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to James Ploe and Stacy Legato of East Jordan on Jan. 19, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Beatrice and David Russel and Albert and Kathy Legato.

Elizabeth Marie Bentz, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Brian and Marci Bentz of East Jordan on Jan. 23, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Sue Griffith of Montague, and Fred and Bunny Bentz of Whitehall.

Kaylee Elizabeth Simon, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Neil and Taryn Simon of East Jordan on Jan. 23, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Cameron Scott Fitzpatrick, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Kyle and Stacy Fitzpatrick of Boyne City on Jan. 28, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her brother is Collin Fitzpatrick. Grandmother is Audrey Thompson of Boyne City.

Corrections

In the Jan. 26 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* it was stated that Jim Shull had been in charge of the Coast Guard Station in Charlevoix for 20 years. Shull has been in the United States Coast Guard for 20 years and was in charge of the Charlevoix station for three years.

In the Jan. 26 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* it was stated that Taylor Martin's father is CJ Martin. Martin's father is CT Martin and Martin plans to attend Central Michigan University after graduation.

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Marina, park amendments to go before public hearing

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

At a special meeting Jan. 24, the Charlevoix City Council voted to go forward with public hearings on two proposed amendments to the Downtown Development Authority's project plan regarding the marina and park projects.

"I imagine there will be pros and cons on all sides when it comes to a public hearing," Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said. "All we are doing is voting on giving people the chance to come and speak."

At issue were two amendments to the project list of the Downtown Development Authority called "amendment four" and "amendment five." Both of them dealt with the construction of the marina project and portions of East Park, but only amendment five included the much debated East Park hand shell. The reason for these two amendments is due to a possible petition on plans to tear down the current band shell in East Park that may lead to a referendum.

According to Carlson, the city is afraid if it passes just one amendment to the DDA's project plan that includes the marina, East Park and the construction of a new band shell, citizens who are against the tearing down of the current band shell will start a petition to overturn that amendment. Carlson said this could put financing for the project from the state Waterways Commission in jeopardy — the Waterway's Commission has pledged to pay for 75 percent of the total project.

Therefore, the city has designed and will be hearing from the public on two proposed amendments to the DDA's plan, with the first — or as it is called in the overall plan "fourth" — specifically excluding the band shell.

It is hoped, if a petition is started over the band shell idea, it will be over the proposed amendment with the band shell included. This way, if the petitioners are successful and the amendment with the bandshell goes to referendum, the DDA still has another amendment with the marina project in its project plan, thus safeguarding its funding from the Waterways Commission.

Jill Picha, a Charlevoix resident who has expressed interest in starting a petition over the band shell proposal, said she will be interested in the amendment with the band shell in it.

Picha has not started a petition on the project yet, because council must first approve these two amendments to the DDA plan. A petition and referendum can only be brought forward on ordinances or amendments passed by city council.

"I can't do anything until council votes," she said.

Picha said she was also concerned with a decision to include a proposed ice rink in both the amendments. In addition to her opposition with a new band shell, Picha is also opposed to the construction of an ice rink in East Park.

Picha said due to the proximity of Round Lake, the rink will not be safe for children. She added she does not think it will get much use and said the current city rink — located by the Charlevoix Middle School — gets very little use during the winter.

The marina and East Park project must be amended into the DDA's project plan in order to receiving funding from the DDA. While the Waterways Commission is paying for 75 percent of the total project, which is estimated to be around $6 million, the DDA will be paying for the rest.

A motion to send the amendments to public hearing on March 7 was passed unanimously by the council. Council member Bill Bellows was the only member absent.

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Business owners should decide on smoking issue

EDITORIAL

Charlevoix County will soon be considering a ban on smoking in private businesses that was proposed by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

This ban is admirable in its concept. The regulation is designed to help save the lives of non-smokers who are confronted with second-hand smoke.

Gerald Chase, health officer with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, said statistics show that 26 to 27 people die each year in the Charlevoix, Otsego, Emmet and Antrim counties due to the effects of second-hand smoke.

Chase said only Otsego County has approved the regulation and meetings with Emmet, Antrim and Charlevoix counties are in the works. Each county has the right to choose not to participate in the regulation.

Public transportation, service lines, retail stores, public places used by the general public, galleries, libraries, museums, theaters, cinemas, sports arenas, convention halls, both public and private meeting facilities and school buildings would have to ban smoking in their facilities. Hospitals, professional offices, motels, hotels and places where bingo is played will also have to comply.

Restaurants, bars, casinos and tobacco specialty stores will not have to adhere to the ban.

While this ban is admirable for what it is trying to do — keep people healthy — it is concerning when a government body starts telling a private business owner if they can have smoking in their place of business or not. This is an issue that should be left up to the private business owner.

If the business owner wants to pollute the air inside their business with cigarette smoke, thus causing said business owner to possibly lose customers and good employees who want to keep their lungs cancer-free, then that is their choice. The same goes for the business owner's employees; if they want to work in that environment or move on to a smoke-free workplace that is their choice.

We don't need a government regulation to tell us what to do on this issue.

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Charlevoix's band shell needs to be renovated

Edith Gilbert

'Behind the news'

Before you sign any petitions in the second ward please remember that nothing lasts forever.

Not the old Carnegie Library or even the lobby for the Charlevoix Hospital that my husband donated. After recent hospital remodeling — poof — no more lobby!

Yes, I know that the present band shell was built in 1992 from funds raised by local supporters of beloved Clarence Odmark. It was a big improvement over the old bandstand in East Park adjacent to the former Neff's Grocery Store.

But since the removal of that corner building, the present location is less than ideal. True, it is bigger than the old bandstand and has a roof to help improve acoustics as well as a ramp leading to storage for musical instruments. Still, it was not all we had hoped for!

The present band shell is not big enough to host theatrical or dance performances. It has no dressing rooms or bathroom facilities for performers. Better lighting is now available, and there are special considerations that need to be addressed when choosing a location for a band pavilion — musicians should not be facing into the sun, prevailing winds need to be considered as well as traffic noise from Bridge Street.

I asked band director Gary Stutzman, who started his musical career in the seventh grade under Clarence Odmark and has led his Northwest Academy School band to first division in state competitions, "What are your requirements for a band pavilion?" And he says, "Think Hollywood Bowl! The acoustical ideal is shaped like the inside of an egg that projects the sound forward without obstruction. A good example is the band pavilion on Mackinac Island."

Gary is unhappy with the poor acoustics at the current facility that has the fish pond blocking the audience from the band and the overhead support beams that hang from the ceiling. These two items cause the sound on the stage to swirl around and bounce rather than be projected out into the audience. Stutzman has met with the design firm, Pollack and Associates, to discuss options and together they agree that placing the new larger band pavilion facing north at lake level on the south end of East Park near Antrim Street, would give very convenient access to the performers and their instruments.

The plan is for the new location to be rededicated to Clarence Odmark and all the past and present contributors would be listed by name.

For all these sound reasons, it's time to move forward and support the efforts of qualified people like Gary Stutzman and Pollack and Associates in their thoughtful decision making. The new location of the Clarence Odmark Pavilion will become a major attraction on the shores of scenic Round Lake.

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Letters to the editor

Don't zone out Wal-Mart

Editor:

I have been a Charlevoix Township resident for 56 years, including 37 as a tax-paying business and property owner. Thus, I protest and ask the Charlevoix Township Board to not approve the proposed Charlevoix Township Zoning amendments for the following reasons (I have given the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission more reasons but had to edit them down to four for brevity):

1) I think any observer can see the proposed amendments rig the rules against new "big box" stores, large and small developers, private commercial property owners and consumers who want and need the advantages of "big box" stores. The amendments also rig the rules favorably for special interest approved by the planners.

2) "Parking lots shall be located to the rear and side of buildings..." I don't think older shoppers will like having to park this way. I think most shoppers like parking in front of stores, the closer the better, as demonstrated by common usage.

3) It may be appropriate for township supervisors to say where a commercial business may be located, but it is highly inappropriate to say who can do business there by carefully crafting ordinance amendments that deny new "big box" stores the best tools of their trades, such as economies of volume and efficiency through the use of buildings greater than 90,000 square feet. One of the planners has stated the size limit is an arbitrary figure. I think it is wrong for township and city governments to attempt the regulation of commerce, at the expense of free enterprise, through the use of their police powers and zoning laws. I am suggesting this is what the planners are attempting. I am suggesting this because it is my heartfelt opinion.

4) The planners, no doubt, are comfortable they meet the provisions of the fifth and fourteenth

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amendments as to taking of private property for public use without just compensation. But what about the fourteenth amendment where it states, "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States." I do know the proposed amendments will take away my privilege and the privileges of six other commercial property owners.

We wanted, and had the right, to sell our land to Wal-Mart for their express purpose of building a supercenter store of approximately 157,000 square feet. The proposed amendments, if passed, will take away this privilege. Clearly, the Founding Fathers didn't want private property owners forced to pay the cost of socially imposed goals, but rather all taxpayers should bear the burden equally.

Other governmental entities are starting to agree. For example, Oregon voters recently approved State Measure 37, which says governments must pay owners when certain Oregon land use restrictions reduce their property value or forgo enforcing the law. In Florida, the Bert Harris Act of 1995 requires compensation of property owners by local government if its regulatory actions reduce or erase the development potential of a property.

In conclusion, passage of these amendments will most probably lead to lawsuits and further costs for many, including the township. If, in the future, the courts find the township and/or the individual trustees have caused property and/or business owners damage, I feel sure the monetary costs would be substantial for taxpayers and trustees. Commerce Township has purchased approximately 373 acres and is planning its use for schools, libraries, homes, businesses and others.

I think, if Charlevoix Township's Board of Trustees respects our free enterprise system, they will regulate and "keep the small town character and others" by purchasing commercial property at current market prices. Then they can do whatever they want with it.

Al Wojan
Charlevoix Township

Postal driving problems

Editor:

Watch out for postal delivery trucks!

On Jan. 4 as I was turning onto Newman Street, I saw a postal delivery truck about three-quarters of the way down the block. As I proceeded down the street, the driver got back in his truck and started driving toward me. He drove right past an area where two vehicles could safely pass and kept right on coming. I did the only thing I could; I pulled as far over to the right as the trees would allow me to and came to a complete stop. As the postal truck started to pass me, the rear of his truck swung to his left, striking my truck on the driver's front.

The driver of the postal truck then put his truck in reverse and backed away. As I got out of my truck to check the damage, the postal truck driver came up to me and started yelling at me, "Why didn't you pull over sooner to let me pass?" There was no place I could have, short of backing all the way down the block. It was as if he felt like this whole incident was my entire fault, even thought he had driven right past the only wide spot two vehicles could safely pass.

While the police were there the driver's supervisor showed up. After the officer wrote up his report, the supervisor made him (the driver of the postal truck) back up to the wider place (the one he had driven right past) so that I could now get safely past.

I met with the supervisor later that day to ask what, if anything the post office was going to do about the incident, the damage done and about the driver's attitude. I was told the driver would be talked to, but as far as the damage was concerned, that was my problem and what my insurance was for, even though I was stopped and he hit me. He did tell me if I wanted to pursue this, I could speak with the Postmaster the next day.

I did meet with the Postmaster the next day, only to be told, six days later that there was nothing the post office was going to do, other than maybe a letter in the man's file concerning his attitude, but as far as anything else, (such as my damage, repair and of course my insurance deductible), "Do what you have to do."

All I can say is if you see a postal truck on a street you are going down, it may be to your advantage to seek a different route.

Maybe the new postal slogan should be "Neither rain, snow, sleet, ice and/or other vehicles (even parked) shall deter us from our appointed rounds!"

David E. Goldstick
Charlevoix

New band shell needed

Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed plan for the East Park Band Pavilion, park and boat slips. As the director of the Charlevoix City Band, I was invited to several meetings to discuss the possibilities for East Park and the waterfront. I was accompanied by a representative group of players from the band and my assistant, Evelyn Wujcik. We discussed all the options with the representative from Pollack and Associates and came up with a consensus among us to support removing the existing Odmark Pavilion and moving the performance area to the southern end of the park, near Antrim Street.

When the Odmark Pavilion was built, the Wharfside building was present as was the Parkside building. Since they have been removed, the current band pavilion seems out of place. The facility, from a performance standpoint needs a great deal of upgrading to make it correct for a band to play on it. The existing fish pond is totally out of place and not conducive to a proper performance of any group!

The new plans will allow us to have a performance venue that will be correct for any group that uses the facility and when it is completed, our plan is to place all the names of donors to the original structure on plaques and to keep the name of the Odmark Pavilion!

Gary Stutzman
Director of Charlevoix City Band

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Richard M. Brandi, City Treasurer

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USDA having lamb checkoff this month

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will be conducting a referendum on the Lamb Checkoff Program that started Jan. 31 and continuing through Feb. 28.

The Lamb Checkoff Program is authorized by the Commodity Promotion, Research and Information Act of 1996. The program provides for assessments on the sale of lamb and lamb products.

These proceeds are then used by the sheep industry board to carry out promotion, research, and informational programs designed to increase the demand for lamb products. In order to renew the checkoff program a majority of the eligible voters represented by the referendum must vote for the lamb checkoff to be continued.

To be an eligible participant, farmers must certify and provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or a remittance form that shows they have been engaged in the production, feeding or slaughtering of lambs during the period of Jan. 1, 2004 through Dec. 31, 2004. Eligible persons may obtain form LS-86 to vote in the referendum from county FSA offices either in person, by mail, or by facsimile. Forms may also be obtained via the Internet at http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mpb/rp-lamb.htm. Referendum form LS-86, and accompanying documentation returned in person or by facsimile, must be received in the appropriate FSA office prior to the close of business Feb. 28, 2005. Mailed returns must be postmarked no later than midnight Feb. 28, 2005, and received in the FSA office by March 7, 2005.

The lamb checkoff referendum is mandated by the 1996 Act, and requires the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a referendum within three years after the assessments first begin under the order.

The lamb checkoff assessments recently began July 1, 2002. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is in charge of the day to day activities associated with this checkoff program. The Farm Service Agency's county office network is facilitating the voting process for the lamb checkoff referendum.

FSA is glad to be of assistance to AMS in this effort to poll lamb producers about the continuation of the current lam checkoff program.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Welcome home

On Jan. 27, Firefighter Jeff Riley welcomed home his son, Spc. Jeffery Riley, from Iraq. Riley gave his son a ride through downtown Charlevoix in one of the Charlevoix Fire Department's trucks and had the lights flashing.

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Middle school class, Montessori raising money

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix Middle School and Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School are both putting an effort into helping the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Mark Drenth, a seventh grade social studies teacher at Charlevoix Middle School, and Doug Drenth, an eight grade social studies teacher at Charlevoix Middle School, united to create a competitive drive to raise funds to be sent overseas to help in the relief effort.

Mark Drenth said the idea originated between the two classes and then became a project the entire seventh and eighth grade participated in.

The two grades raised $1,530.40 in just four days, which will be divided equally between Mercy Corps and the American Red Cross.

Drenth said the money given to the American Red Cross will be given to the International Red Cross without any administrative costs.

"It kind of just showed the heart of our middle school kids and their parents," he said. "It was just amazing."

The students, their parents and several staff members pitched in spare change and raised enough money to either feed 1,491 people, or give 15 families cooking supplies and bedding, or give 22 families temporary shelter or provide two water tanks to store clean, safe water in twenty devastated communities.

The total amount raised equals about $7.10 per person.

The idea started back in December when Drenth brought in a Power Point slide show depicting the devastation in Southeast Asia.

He said one student brought in some change the next day and then the grades decided to challenge each other to see who could raise the most money toward the $1,000 goal.

"They just saw a need and the kids came," he said of the student participation.

Drenth became involved in international relief between the end of September and October 2005 when he went to South Africa on a mission trip.

During the trip he helped plant gardens along with 22 other people from North America as a part of the Never Ending Gardens Dream for Africa.

The desire to help the tsunami victims was passed by word of mouth and the students were promised a good show in the end if they reached the $1,000 goal.

Drenth said he promised them he would sing the "birdie song," which is something he did at the beginning of the year to introduce himself. He also had cookies for the students to celebrate in their achievement.

Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School is also helping raise funds by having students collect change in heart shaped containers.

The students will take their hearts to local businesses and will collect donations until Feb. 14.

Holly Anderson-Fuchs, who is heading up the fund-raiser, said that 100 percent of the money will be donated to UNICEF where it will go toward families and children in need.

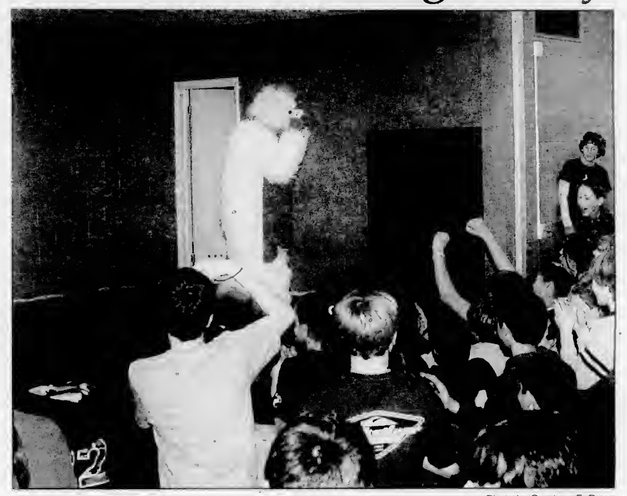
UNICEF was chosen, Anderson-Fuchs said, because it is a children's based charity.

Fuchs said that there hasn't been any response from the Indonesian Montessori Schools when attempted contacts were made.

Aside from raising money, the children will also be making cards that will be sent to the Indonesian children. The cards will be written in the native Indonesian Bahasa.

Donations are accepted and checks can be made out directly to UNICEF.

For more information call Anderson-Fuchs at 237-0015.



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Mark Drenth, a seventh grade social studies teacher at Charlevoix Middle School, dressed up in a chicken suit since the seventh and eighth grade classes surpassed their $1,000 goal that will help the victims of the tsunami in Southeast Asia.

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Obituaries

Robert E. Kelley: Dec. 16, 1920 - Jan. 29, 2005

Robert E. Kelley, 84, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral service was Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Todd Thompson officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Robert E. Kelley

Bob was born Dec. 16, 1920, in Elkhorn, Wis., the son of Glenn and Ethel (Mills) Kelley.

In 1938, he graduated from Harlem High School in Rockford, Ill. Bob married the former Dorothea Taylor in Charlevoix on Sept. 23, 1944. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard stateside, and with the Landing Craft Infantry during the Normandy Invasion.

He was honorably discharged in 1946. Bob worked on the construction of the Charlevoix drawbridge, and then moved to Bay City. He worked for the New York Central Railroad and retired from Amtrak after 35 years.

In 1983, the Kelleys returned to Charlevoix. Bob was an avid gardener, and for many years supervised the weeding of Charlevoix petunias. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. He was past Master of Charlevoix Lodge 282, F&AM where Bob was secretary of the lodge, and of the Masonic Building Association.

He was also a member of the Consistory, and life member of the Commandry in Bay City. Bob was past Patron of Temple Chapter 125 of Bay City; and past Patron of Charlevoix Chapter 72, Order of the Eastern Star.

He was grand committeeman of the OES, and Dad advisor for DeMoLay of Bay City. Bob was involved in the reading program at the Charlevoix Elementary School. He was a member of the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post 226, and VFW Post 1153 in Charlevoix.

Bob was a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and was a third generation railroad man.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothea; son, Kim; grandson, Justin, all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Melissa and Sean of Bay City; sisters, Vyvyan Kelley, and Maralyn Russell of Rockford, Ill.,; sisters-in-law, Virginia Gebeau, and Elaine Martin of Charlevoix and their families.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Charlevoix, or to the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Leola Mae Henley Beacham: Dec. 24, 1919 - Jan. 26, 2005

Leola Mae Henley Beacham passed away peacefully on Jan. 26, 2005 at Borgess Hospital.

She was born in Phelps on Christmas Eve, 1919 and grew up in the Charlevoix area. She was united in marriage to James Robert Beacham, Feb. 16, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her husband James Beacham; her father and mother, Nellie and Walter Henley; and her brothers and their wives; Jack (Sylivia), Pete (Lena), Walter (Jean) and Bruce (Lil) Henley.

She is survived by her daughter Dr. Judith Kolva of Naples, Florida; step-son Chuck (Reba) Beacham, her granddaughter Erin Hoffmann, step-granddaughter Shari Eckhart, step-grandsons, Chuck (Robin) and Joe Beacham and many nieces and nephews, other family members and friends who loved her dearly.

Lea was a member of Lutheran Church of the Savior, where she actively helped to build community. She retired from Westside Medical Clinic where she worked as a medical office assistant and made many dear friends.

Her life was a living example of the power of love. She was open and loving to all she met thinking of others before herself, even in her illness.

A memorial service was on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Savior. In lieu of flowers please consider memorials to the church. Arrangements by Williams-Gores Funeral Home, Delton.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Winterfest week starts

The 2005 Winterfest Court was announced to the school during a pep assembly on Jan. 27. The nominees are (from left to right) are Taylor Martin and Grace Farrell, Sonya Plude and Jaimen Waha, Liz Madison and Michael Wojan, Sarah Cross and Jake Teuscher and Mallory Mahoney and Ezra Bakker.

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Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church 547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
B033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Marina, park funding still promised from Waterways

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to the Michigan Waterways Commission, Charlevoix will have 75 percent of the marina and East Park project paid for.

Vicki Anthes, chief of the planning section of the parks and recreation division of the Department of Natural Resources, said the commission already has $1 million set aside for the project in the 2005 capital outlay budget. The balance of the total $6,070,739 grant will be in the 2006 budget.

"It is allocated. Charlevoix is getting it," she said.

However, the budget still must be passed by the state legislature and the governor before Charlevoix receives its first check. But, Anthes is not worried.

"I feel fairly certain that it will happen. There has never been one that hasn't passed," she said.

There has been some concern expressed at Charlevoix City Council meetings by various citizens that Charlevoix might not get the money due to tight state budgets.

One of those concerned about the budget is council member Shirley Gibson. Upon hearing that the commission still plans on paying for 75 percent of the marina and East Park project, she said it does not alleviate her fears.

"The state is in a huge budget shortfall. The governor could take that money and use it for other purposes," she said.

Such a scenario has happened in the past. Before former Governor John Engler left office, he raided the Waterways Commission budget to help pay for other state projects. Some fear the Governor Jennifer Granholm will do the same thing.

But, Anthes said this scenario is unlikely and said there has been no indication that will happen this time.

Her feelings were shared by Waterways Commissioner and Charlevoix resident John Winn. Winn said Engler got a lot of bad press when he raided the fund before leaving office.

"I don't think they want to fight that battle again," he said.

Winn did say a bill is currently in the state house that would make it impossible for the state to grab funds from restricted budgets like the Waterways Commission. The Waterways Commission's funding comes from a tax on boat registrations, among others.

In addition to concerns that the money will not be available from the Waterways Commission when the city needs it for the marina and East Park project, there have also been concerns expressed that the cost of the project will be higher than estimated and the Waterways Commission will not give more money to address it.

In response, Winn said, "It always comes in higher. Those (projected costs) were 2002 and 2003 numbers. We are accustomed to that."

Winn said the Waterways Commission will deal with it. He added the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority, will also have to deal with higher costs by kicking in more funding as well. The DDA is expected to pay for the remaining 25 percent of the project's cost.

Anthes also said the Waterways Commission will deal with this problem when it comes. However, she said the approved budget for Charlevoix from the Waterway's Commission is very specific.

"We would have to see what we could do with whatever funds are available," she said.

Gibson said she is still concerned the city will be left "holding the bag."

She said, "It is not a done deal until we have the money in the bank."

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Dance Club forms at Charlevoix High School

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Photos by Courtney E. Pace

(Left) Dance Club members Holly Fisher and Krystal Comber dance the moves they've practiced for the past few months during a pep assembly at Charlevoix High School on Jan. 27. The dance was the first public performance by the club. (Right) The members of the Dance Club at Charlevoix High School are front row (from left to right) Elena Strong and founder Krystal Comber. Second row are Faculty Advisor Jill Tabaczka, Holly Fisher, Andrew Leusink, Michelle Lemond and Anam Minhas.

Charlevoix High School has a new club that dances to its own beat.

The Charlevoix High School Dance Club is comprised of six students who share a love for dance and aren't afraid to let their creative sides shine.

On Jan. 27, the club performed for the first time in front of the school during a pep assembly and all the members enjoyed the rush. The group formed in Nov. 2004, when Krystal Comber, 17, took charge and created the Dance Club after moving here from Gaylord.

The other members are Holly Fisher, Michelle Lemond, Andrew Leusink, Anam Minhas and Elena Strong.

Jill Tabaczka, a ninth and twelfth grade English teacher at Charlevoix High School, thought the idea was great and agreed to be the faculty advisor after being asked by Comber.

"I was honored that they asked me," she said. "I like to get to know the kids outside the classroom."

She said any club has to have a faculty member who oversees operations who is there if the group needs them. However, all the dance instruction and choreography is given by Comber herself.

"Krystal does a wonderful job sharing her passion with the girls," she said.

Tabaczka said she would like to see more interest in the club by the student body.

"We certainly welcome new dancers at any point," she said.

The club doesn't require extensive knowledge in dance as Comber said the object is to have fun.

"It doesn't matter if you mess up," she said.

Since there aren't any dance studios in Charlevoix, or in close proximity to the city, Comber said the Dance Club is a place students can come and learn to dance.

Comber is a natural, as she leads the team and choreographs all the dances, but hasn't ever been formally trained. She also studies the techniques of Usher and Michael Jackson.

Comber said she likes dance for many reasons, but especially likes choreography.

Hip-hop is Comber's favorite style of dance, but she is also fond of break-dancing.

She also likes tap. In 2003, Comber entered and won a dance competition in Traverse City. With her prize she bought some tap shoes from the sponsoring dance apparel store and has been trying it out.

Performing for others isn't new to Comber as she and her friends have performed dance shows at her grandparents house on Torch Lake for the past six years.

Comber will be graduating at the end of the year and she hopes the rest of the group keeps the club going. She also said she would come back and teach the dances for the next group.

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Stupak visits with Charlevoix area seniors

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Congressman Bart Stupak met with Charlevoix residents on Jan. 27 at the Charlevoix Senior Center. Earl Muma, director of the senior center, said Stupak has helped pass a bill that will donate $49,000 over a five year period to help the senior center. Stupak came to see what the center was doing with their renovations and also to answer questions from the crowd.

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Pictured (from left to right) are Earl Muma, director of the senior center, Stupak, Veteran's Affairs Director Bob Drebenstedt and veteran Howard Horton.

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No more MEAP for Charlevoix students

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test will become obsolete in 2007 when a new form of testing will take its place.

John Sturock, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, said it is merely suggested that the MEAP will be replaced by the ACT or SAT.

"Legislation has determined that the MEAP will go in a different direction for high school," he said.

He said there are a lot of variables that need to be worked out before a final determination can be made.

The MEAP test, Sturock said, is a test used to measure the core curriculum at schools. He said it was never meant to be used as a bench mark for school districts.

He said more important than what the new test will do for the school as a whole, is what it will improve on a day-to-day basis such as student instruction.

"A lot of things can happen between now and 2007," he said.

Charlevoix High School Principal Gary Grundman, said the current MEAP test will be replaced by what the Michigan Department of Education described as being formatted after a major college testing organization.

It's too early to tell, but the organization could be formatted after the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

"It's a more relevant exam because it is the test they take for college," he said.

Also, the MEAP test features one drawback, Grundman said, which is that most colleges never look at the writing portion. Thus, the new test will eliminate students from having to take the MEAP and then a college placement exam.

The new Michigan Merit Exam will be formatted after either test, but will include a work readiness and social studies portion, Grundman said.

With the new test, whatever the final format will be, the testing time will be cut. Currently, Grundman said it takes the school 16 hours to administer the MEAP and it will only take eight hours to administer the new test.

Grundman said the time cut also saves the state money since the testing time won't be as long.

"It's better for the kids and our regular curriculum because it will be a limited amount of hours versus what we're doing now," he said.

For the next two years, students will continue to take the MEAP test, but during the 2006 to 2007 school year, things will change.

The junior class will take the new test for the first time in the spring of 2007.

Grundman said the new test will result in curriculum adjustments. For the past 10 years, Grundman said all schools in Michigan have had to make their curriculum incorporate certain guidelines and bench marks in reading, writing, mathematics and social studies.

These requirements won't go away, but the schools are looking into what may need to be adjusted in the current curriculum to make sure the students are prepared for the new test.

"We'll make sure everything the kids are tested on is in the curriculum," he said.

The MEAP Merit Award program will continue as is, Grundman said, and that what he's heard so far indicates that a merit program will continue once the testing changes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the city of Charlevoix will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment on Monday, February 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The following Budget Amendment #1 is proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005:

			Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund Revenues	Taxes	Rv	$1,682,500	$1,694,177	$11,677
	Licenses & Permits	Rv	9,200	6,465	(2,735)
	Federal Grants	Rv	0	54,416	54,416
	State Grants	Rv	327,700	359,130	31,430
	Charges for Services	Rv	601,700	602,783	1,083
	Fines & Forfeits	Rv	27,800	26,518	(1,282)
	Interest & Rents	Rv	111,400	111,135	(265)
	Other	Rv	5,800	5,703	(97)
	Fund Transfers	Rv	241,800	276,300	34,500
	RV Total		$3,007,900	$3,136,627	$128,727
General Fund Expense	Legislative	Ex	$43,900	$54,236	10,336
	General Govt	Ex	429,200	465,384	36,184
	Public Safety/Health	Ex	1,179,800	1,162,406	(17,394)
	Public Works	Ex	188,600	168,218	(20,382)
	Recreation & Culture	Ex	1,076,600	948,229	(128,371)
	Other	Ex	126,300	49,205	(77,095)
	Fund Transfers	Ex	85,000	126,029	41,029
General Fund	EX Total		$3,129,400	$2,973,707	($155,693)
Major Street	RV Total		226,300	398,664	172,364
Major Street	EX Total		231,900	391,317	159,417
Local Street	RV Total		165,900	115,700	(50,200)
Airport Fund	RV Total		3,280,000	244,868	(3,035,132)
Airport Fund	EX Total		3,237,700	182,390	(3,055,310)
Downtown Development Authority	RV Total		756,800	1,334,222	577,422
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total		623,065	1,103,348	480,283
PI#1 Fire/Ambulance Replacement	RV Total		27,900	27,400	(500)
PI#1 Fire/Ambulance Replacement	EX Total		127,000	125,598	(1,402)
PI#2 Sewer Tap Ins Reserve	RV Total		$73,500	$69,100	(4,400)
PI#2 Sewer Tap Ins Reserve	EX Total		$0	$199,000	199,000
PI#6 Infrastructure Improv	RV Total		571,000	763,698	192,698
PI#6 Infrastructure Improv	EX Total		534,000	717,054	183,054
PI#9 Industrial Park Improv	RV Total		3,600	3,500	(100)
PI#10 City Hall Improv	RV Total		$352,300	$346,600	(5,700)
PI#10 City Hall Improv	EX Total		378,300	816,010	437,710
Electric Fund	RV Total		$ 5,600,038	$ 5,159,289	($440,749)
Electric Fund	EX Total		$ 6,881,431	$ 6,066,657	($814,774)
Water Fund	RV Total		$697,100	$680,725	($16,375)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	EX Total		1,200,077	1,334,714	134,637
Motor Pool Fund	RV Total		467,829	449,597	(18,232)
Motor Pool Fund	EX Total		527,700	529,779	2,079
Perpetual Care Fund	RV Total		$89,100	$86,735	($2,365)

Copies of the detailed budget amendment are available at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested citizens have the opportunity to give written or oral comments and are welcomed.

Richard Brandi, City Treasurer

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Historical society to use school floor for Depot

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Historical Society is going to use historic flooring from the classrooms of the old Charlevoix Middle School to refurbish the floor of the Depot.

Karen Pieree, a Charlevoix Historical Society board member, is spearheading the exchange and said the middle school flooring was chosen as it is made of Maple Tree and was milled in Charlevoix just like the flooring of the Depot.

"We wanted period, historical flooring to replace the floor in the Depot," she said.

The floor of the Depot dates back to June 1892 when it opened and the floor of the old middle school is from 1927, but they're the same type of wood and have a historical base in Charlevoix.

The flooring of the Depot is coming up in some areas, Pieree said, and, in others, is damaged from where freight was moved and stored.

"It's in very poor condition," she said.

One portion of the floor is made up of 40-year-old Maple that the Charlevoix Yacht Club put in to cover the pit where freight cars would dump their load, Pieree said.

The goal is to have the entire floor redone with the 1927 Maple wood from the old middle school so the floor is consistent and historical.

"There will be about a 30 year difference in the wood," she said of the middle school flooring and that of the Depot.

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Candidates for board must file by Feb. 8

Terri Lynn Land, Michigan secretary of state, announced that candidates for local and intermediate school boards in districts that have an election this May must file by 4 p.m. on Feb. 8.

Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon said two candidates from Charlevoix have filed and one candidate from Boyne City. They are incumbents Scott Boss and Barney Way.

Under the state's consolidated election law, local and intermediate school districts that have popular elections must conduct them annually in May or November or in May or November of an odd year as determined by the district.

"The consolidated election law limits the number of elections to four each year, which will make it easier for people to know when and where to vote," Land said, who is also Michigan's chief election officer. "Because this law is new, we are working hard to ensure that candidates, voters and election officials are aware of the changes."

School board candidates must file an affidavit of identity and either a nominating petition or a non-refundable $100 fee to run.

Candidates from school districts with a population of less than 10,000 who choose to submit a petition must gather a minimum of six signatures.

In school districts with populations of 10,000 or more, the minimum requirement is 40 signatures.

The filing must be submitted to the filing official established by the district's election coordinating committee. Parties looking for information on where to file are encouraged to contact their local county clerk.

The deadline for withdrawing is 4 p.m. on Feb. 11.

Other important dates for the May 3 election are 4 p.m. on March 7, which is the filing deadline for community college trustees and district library board candidates for those using the May 3 date. Candidates should check with their county clerks for petition requirements.

Also, April 4 is the last day to register to vote in the May 3 election and 4 p.m. on April 29 is the filing deadline for write-in candidates.

The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot by mail is 2 p.m. on April 30. The deadline for voters to vote an absentee ballot in person is 4 p.m. on May 2.

May 3 is election day and voters that qualify for an emergency absentee ballot may obtain one up to 4 p.m. that day.

Anyone with questions about filing requirements or procedures for obtaining an absentee ballot should contact their county clerk.

Brannon can be contacted by calling 547-7200.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a public hearing on the proposed 2005-2006 Annual City Budget at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2005 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to inform citizens of local budgetary actions and provide the opportunity for participation in the local budgetary actions and provide the opportunity for participation in the local budget making process. **The proposed property tax millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject to this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available at City Hall on the Charlevoix Public Library for public inspection.

2005-2006 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY - ALL FUNDS - JANUARY 27, 2005

	GENERAL FUND	MAJOR STREET	LOCAL STREET	AIRPORT	ELECTRIC	SEWER	WATER	MARINA	DDA	CEMETERY TRUST	TOTAL	2004-05
REVENUES												
Taxes	$1,728,500								767,000		$2,495,500	2,413,600
Licenses & Permits	8,500										8,500	9,200
State & Federal Grants	276,500	229,800	70,400	1,905,200				8,220,000			10,701,900	3,520,100
Charges for Services	642,500			81,900	5,397,065	783,200	669,300	227,300		6,000	7,807,265	7,466,638
Fines & Forfeits	27,600				31,200	4,200	4,400				67,400	69,000
Interest & Rents	116,500	300	800	46,600	37,500	6,300	13,500	3,100	29,500	9,000	263,100	464,800
Other	4,900			10,300	5,200	99,600	12,000				132,000	100,000
Bond Proceeds	0								3,920,000		3,920,000	100,000
Fund Transfers	172,500		85,000	25,000				3,920,000	26,400		4,228,900	1,005,100
Appropriation-Surplus	112,100			41,700	1,302,568	349,500	191,800				1,997,668	1,919,993
TOTAL REVENUES:	$3,089,600	$230,100	$156,200	$2,110,700	$6,773,533	$1,242,800	$891,000	$12,370,400	$4,742,900	$15,000	$31,622,233	$16,994,531
EXPENDITURES												
Legislative	51,000										$51,000	43,900
General Government	488,700										488,700	429,200
Public Safety	964,500										964,500	986,500
Public Works	158,200	222,600	139,200	126,300				154,800	102,700		903,800	686,000
Health & Welfare	193,500										193,500	193,300
Recreation & Culture	953,600										953,600	1,215,700
Capital Outlay			10,000	1,954,000	880,600	188,300	7,000	12,140,000	33,000		15,212,900	4,997,774
Debt Service				30,400	381,300	1,400	1,400		487,337		901,837	897,483
Electric					5,395,133						539,133	5,282,431
Sewer						1,040,600					1,040,600	968,100
Water											0	798,100
Fund Transfers	110,000				116,500		24,400	26,400	3,760,500		4,037,800	371,400
Other	170,100					12,500			159,500	0	342,100	229,300
TOTAL EXPENSES:	$3,089,600	$222,600	$149,200	$2,110,700	$6,773,533	$1,242,800	$32,800	$12,321,200	$4,543,037	$0	$30,485,470	$16,989,288
EXPENSES AS % OF TOTAL-ALL FUNDS	10%	1%	0%	7%	22%	4%	0%	40%	15%	0%	100%	

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Dental Screening might not take place

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Every year local dentists came together to provide free dental screening for children, but that seems to have ended this year.

The dentists who participated in the observance of National Children's Dental Health Month don't have a district nurse who coordinated the education and preventative dental activities. The school board made the decision to let go of the district nurse, Sue Dixon, and several aides due to budget concerns this year.

Dixon said she doubts the program will happen this year.

"There's no one there to coordinate it," she said.

Dixon said most of the work would have already been done, but the schools have enough to do without adding on that responsibility.

Dixon said the free dental screening program has gone on for at least the past 10 years and this would be the first year it hasn't occurred in a long time.

Paula Stelk, financial coordinator for local dentist Harry Suckert, who participated in the program before, said the office is unaware if the program is or isn't going to happen since no one has contacted them.

Stelk said the dentists do not coordinate the program themselves and that they are usually contacted by Dixon.

The event usually took place at Charlevoix Elementary School, but Prineipal Richard Swenor said he doesn't know if it will continue.

John Sturock, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, said all Michigan schools are in a financial crisis and some cuts were needed.

The first year, Sturock said the cuts didn't affect people, but last year they did and included Dixon and several aides.

The schools have gone without a nurse since the beginning of the year, but Sturock said this isn't abnormal since most schools in the state don't have a nurse.

Since this was a luxury the school had, Sturock said it was one position that was cut in order keep teachers in the classroom.

"To maintain the integrity of the academic program," he said.

Sturock said the free dental screening and other activities were a program provided for the parents. However, he said the fate of children's teeth is up to their parents and not the school.

Bill Trubilowicz, vice president of the Charlevoix Public Schol Board, said the decision to release the nurse came down to that position or teachers.

"The main goal is to always maintain the core curriculum and teaching," he said.

Trubilowicz said the board liked having the nurse, but said in some cases it was a luxury.

"It's never simple when you have to cut people," he said.

Larry Levengood, seeretary of the school board, said he personally wishes the schools had a nurse that is involved in the students health.

Levengood said Charlevoix was one of the last districts left that had a nurse and the cut didn't eliminate something that other schools had.

Levengood said he had not heard that there wasn't going to be the free dental screening, which he said is important.

Dennis Halverson, president of the school board, said he also was not made aware if the program wasn't going to happen.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

A break from the trail

Snowmobilers took a break from riding at the annual Charlevoix Snowmobile Ride-In Saturday in East Park. Riders from across the area converged on the park to enjoy refreshments, a raffle and a warm fire. Here, (from left) Mark Medel, of Holly, Gina Purvis, of Charlevoix and Larry Engel, of Petoskey, talk around the fire.

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Commissioners yet to decide on smoking ban

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

A proposed smoking ordinance isn't a hot topic for the Charlevoix County Commissioners.

Charlevoix County Commissioner Shirley J. Roloff said the topic was supposed to be discussed during the Jan. 26 meeting but it wasn't. The regulation may be discussed at the upcoming February meeting, but Roloff said there wasn't much support when it was first discussed.

"I don't think any one of us is much for it," she said.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is proposing a smoking regulation that aims to help reduce the yearly death toll due to second-hand smoke.

Gerald Chase, health officer with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, said the regulation came into being after a group came forward and asked to have the process started.

"It has nothing to do with smokers," Chase said.

The regulation is designed to help save the lives of non-smokers who are confronted second-hand.

Chase said statistics show that 26 to 27 people die each year in the Charlevoix, Otsego, Emmet and Antrim county area due to the effects of second-hand smoke.

He said this is more than the average of 17 people in the four-county area who die in traffic accidents each year.

Smokers themselves die at a rate five times that of non-smokers in the area.

"It's hard for me to envision that we know something and don't do anything about it," he said.

Most places in the four counties have filtration systems that recycle the air and do not have special rooms where tobacco smoke cannot reach that of other employees.

Before the regulation can take effect it has to be approved by the board of commissioners for each county.

"To have effect in any one county requires approval of all four," he said.

However, each county has the right to choose not to participate in the regulation.

Chase said only Otsego County has approved the regulation and meetings with Emmet, Antrim and Charlevoix counties are in the works.

The purpose of banning smoking in public and private work places is to protect the public's health and welfare.

The regulation will ban smoking in several places including all enclosed areas of worksites and public places that are owned, rented, leased or otherwise under control of a participating county. This also includes motor vehicles.

Other places where a participating county will ban smoking is restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways and other common areas.

Public transportation, service lines, retail stores, public places used by the general public, galleries, libraries, museums, theaters, cinemas, sports arenas, convention halls, both public and private meeting facilities and school buildings also have to ban smoking on their facilities.

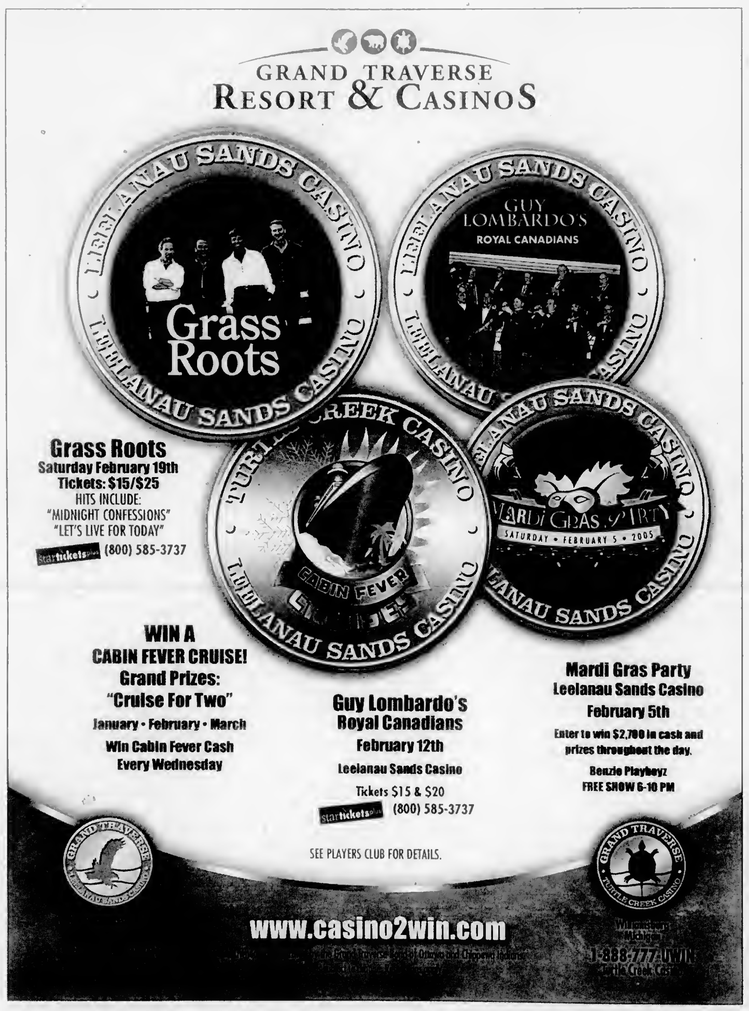
Hospitals, professional offices, motels, hotels and places where bingo is played will also have to comply.

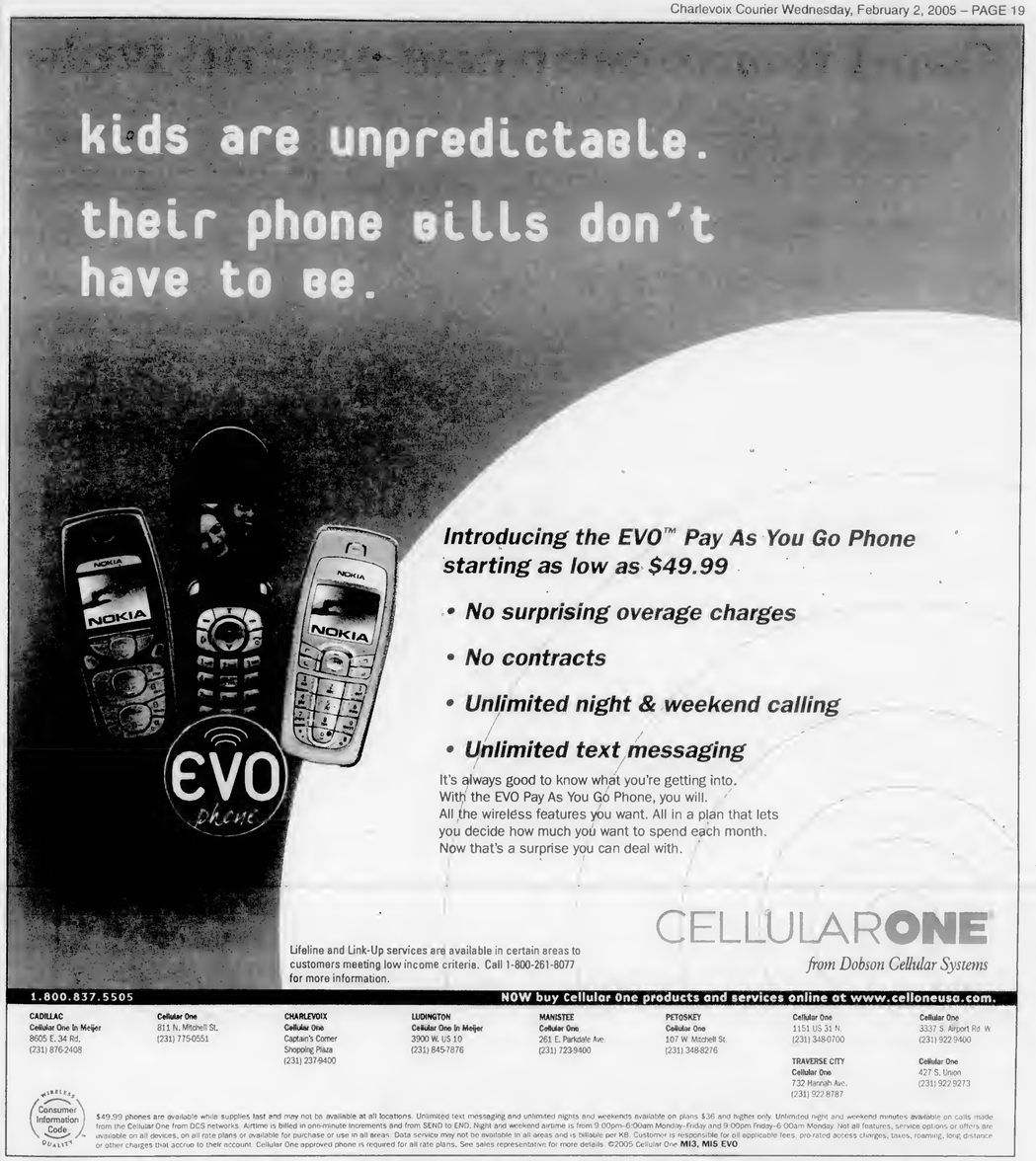
Restaurants, bars, casinos and tobacco specialty stores will not have to adhere to the ban.

> *"I don't think any one of us is much for it."*
>
> **Shirley Roloff**,
> Charlevoix County Commissioner

Any violations to the regulation once put in place will be a warning for the first violation. However, there will be a $50 fine for a second violation, $100 fine for a third violation and a $500 fine for each additional violation within the one year from the first violation.

For more information and to read the entire regulation go the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's web site at www.nwhealth.org.





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Island teams continue getting wins

By FRANK SOLLE
Island sports writer

Following a pair of wins by both the Beaver Island volleyball and basketball teams at Paradise the weekend of Jan. 22-23, the Islanders returned home for a Friday-Saturday series against Grand Marais last weekend.

While both Island coaches said they expected a battle against the visiting Polar Bears, nothing of the kind developed as the Islanders rolled to four more victories as each team improved to 10-0 overall on the season and to 8-0 in Northern Lights League play.

This coming weekend the Islanders wrap up their home schedule by hosting rival Mackinac Island, a team the Islanders swept in December to open the season.

Island netters too much to handle

The volleyball team collected wins of 25-12, 25-9, 25-16 on Friday, and 25-19, 22-25, 25-10, 25-8 on Saturday. The second game loss on Saturday was only the second slip of the season for the Island girls. In all games played they are now 30-2.

With the return of sophomore Emma Adams to the Islander lineup following an early-season injury, the Islanders were at full-strength for the first time at home. That strength proved to be too much for a younger Grand Marais squad to handle as strong Island serves and a dominant presence at the net were the name of the game.

The Islanders combined to put 83 percent of their serves over the net led by senior Danielle Cary who pounded out 18 aces.

Cary led the Islanders at the net as well, collecting 29 kills. Adams was close behind with 22. Christine McDonough added four.

Senior Emily Gray was tops with 18 assists. Freshmen Leaha Cary (16) and Andrea Moore (13) added to the Islander offensive effort.

"I've got no complaints," Islander coach Connie Boyle said following the Friday win. "Everybody did good from the eighth-graders to the seniors. They've been working hard in practice and went out and did what they are supposed to."

Polar Bears sent packing

The Islander basketball team jumped out to a big lead in their Friday game, outscoring Grand Marais 20-6 on their way to an impressive 71-43 victory. Saturday's game saw the Islanders finish in a strong manner, besting the Bears 63-45 behind a 15-3 run over the game's final 4 minutes.

Friday's game was never close as the Islanders put together a 13-2 run in the second quarter that extended their lead to 34-11. The Bears closed to 36-19 at the half, but never got closer than 15 points the rest of the game.

Fourth quarter triples by Jimmy Gillespie, Eric Albin, and Brenden Martin helped bury the Bears.

Junior John Albin led the Islanders with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Jared Wojan added 15 points with Gillespie and Brett Maudrie each adding 11. John Runberg scored all eight of his points during the crucial first quarter surge, while Eric Albin finished with seven and Martin three.

Saturday saw Grand Marais regroup and put up a closer fight. The first quarter closed in a 10-10 draw before the Islanders opened the second period on a 17-2 run. The first half ended with the home boys leading 27-19.

Behind treys by Maudrie and Wojan at the end of the third quarter the Islanders held a 45-34 margin. But the Bears closed that gap to six points early in the fourth quarter before the Island defense stepped up to shut them down. The Bears went scoreless the final 3:25 of the game while the Islanders scored the final 10 points.

Maudrie led the way with 23 points. Wojan and John Albin each addcd 12 points and eight rebounds. Gillespie netted nine points with Eric Albin scoring five and scrapping for six rebounds. Runberg scored two.

Coach Mike Myers was pleased with his team's efforts at both ends of the court.

"We had four players in double figures Friday night and that's what a team is all about," he said. "We've been working on shooting drills and it showed."

The Islanders out-rebounded the Bears each night and created almost 50 turnovers over the weekend.

"I just can't say enough about our defense this year," Myers added.

Wrestling team doing well on in road meets

The Charlevoix Varsity wrestling team traveled to Gaylord last weekend to attend the Northern Michigan Champions Tournament.

The team competed better than they ever have before placing sixteenth out of 29 of the top Northern Michigan teams.

Matt Novotny and Shannon Gillespie tied for tenth with a record of 2-2 scoring one pin and one decision.

Jaimen Waha also tied for tenth with a 1 and 2 record scoring a victory on an injury default; Jeff Golovich tied for tenth with a 1-2 record scoring a pin.

The day's top wrestler was Jed Daman. Daman placed second at the states largest single one day tournament of the year.

Daman had a record of 3-1 scoring three pins. His only loss was in the Championship match to Whitmore-Prescott's Josh Burthch with a match score of 6-3.

Coach Craig Golovich would like to congratulate all the wrestlers who wrestled in Gaylord. The team wrestled their hearts out and really did well.

Next weekend the team will be traveling to Rudyard on Thursday for a match and then to Houghton Lake on Sunday for their tournament.

Charlevoix Rayder wrestling team traveled to Grayling recently for a meet with Traverse City Saint Francis.

Charlevoix beat St. Francis 54 - 21.

Wins with pins went to Nick Gotshall, Jed Daman, and Jeff Golovich. Wins by decision went to Drew Klooster, Shannon Gillespie, Jaimen Waha, Scott Sladek, Nate Tripplehorn and Woody Nitchman.

Against Grayling Charlevoix lost 51-17. Spencer Hankins won with a pin and decisions went to Matt Novotny, Jeff Golovich and Jed Daman.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis - January 26, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on January 26, 2005. Commissioner Jason was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the January 12, 2005 meeting as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #05-005, Resolution of Intent.

Meeting adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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SPORTS

Lundteigen back into competitive racing

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

After taking time off to raise a family, Charlevoix resident Erik Lundteigen has returned to ski racing with force.

Lundteigen, who has not skied competitively since the early 1990s, qualified for the Master's Nationals in Big Sky, Mont. at the Midwest Qualifier Jan. 22 and 23 in Marquette. The nationals will he in late March, which just happens to he the very time and place that Lundteigen was planning on taking his family on vacation.

"I was really excited about doing a family ski trip. This works right into it," he said.

Lundteigen said he is also excited about skiing in the nationals in Montana.

"You get to compete against everyhody from all over the nations. It's good fun too. You get longer runs and skiing on a mountain is just a blast," he said.

He added there is not much pressure at these big ski events either.

"You just see how you do against everyone else," he said.

At the qualifier, Lundteigen, 45, competed in the 45 to 50 age group. He received two first place finishes in the slalom and a second and third place finish in the giant slalom.

Lundteigen, who is the coach of the Charlevoix Middle School ski team, used to be the coach of the Charlevoix High School Varsity team and an active competitor on the slopes. However, he said he stopped taking part in the hard core races since 1996 when he decided to start having kids. On the national level, Lundteigen has not competed since 1991.

In 1991 he won the giant slalom in the Citizen National Race in Colorado and qualified for the Citizen's Team.

Just recently, though, he started getting back on the slopes as a competitor.

"It gets easier as the kids get older," he said. "Plus, skiing is a great family sport."

Lundteigen has two sons, Gunnar and Garret. His wife is Michele.

He said his family is excited about his win and chance to ski at the nationals.

"They get to see me compete. I think they will enjoy it," he said.

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Charlevoix resident and competitive racer Erik Lundteigen (second from the right) poses with some of the other skiers at the qualifying meet in Marquette.

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Volleyball team suffers tough loss

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

Charlevoix's volleyball losses to Kalkaska last Thursday may have been a disappointment, but with them came a chance for reflection.

"I think they were pretty down about the loss, but I think it's going to light a little fire in them and get them mentally prepared for upcoming games," said coach Liz Grunch.

The Rayders won the first match with a score of 25-23, but lost the remaining three 23-25, 11-25 and 19-25.

According to Grunch, there was no single reason for the poor performance by the Rayders, but passing played a major role in their defeat.

"Everybody pretty much had an off night," she said. "It's difficult to play well when you can't pass."

Players of mention included Betsey Dennis with six kills, 11 digs and two aces, Zita Anderson had 24 assists, Kari Way had 9 kills and 16 digs, Bethany Pearson had three blocks and Teresa Martin had 12 kills, 22 digs, 3 blocks and 100 percent serve-receive for the day.

It was a whole other story come Saturday as Charlevoix hosted their second annual volleyball tournament. And with the home field advantage came a second place victory.

The first game of the day pit Charlevoix against Benzie Central for victories of 25-23, 25-14. They then went on to beat Manton 25-17, 25-18 and Pine River 25-13, 25-20.

All first place teams then played each other to see who would dominate the tourney.

The Rayders beat first place Pellston in their first match up at 25-15, but were unable to make up the 11 point deficit for a score of 25-14.

Charlevoix managed to shake off the loss to Pellston and come through with two wins against Glen Lake at 25-11 and 25-19.

Bracket play was decided by victories over Benzie of 25-23 and 25-14.

Despite a morning of powerful performances by the Rayders, they were unable to take the championship from Pellston with losses of 17-25 and 20-25.

Saturdays players of mention consist of Way with 44 kills, eight aces and 16 digs. Martin had 71 digs, 42 kills, eight aces, seven blocks, Dennis had 28 digs, 88 percent serve receive, 15 aces, 28 kills, Anderson came through with 121 assists and Bethany Pearson made 10 blocks.

Coach Grunch was particularly proud of the girls first round win against Pellston.

"We played really well the fist time we played Pellston. We came out strong and really took them by surprise," she said.

And despite their subsequent loss to the Hornets, Grunch said the overall play was good.

"All those games were pretty tough competition. I think it was nice that we came out second in our own tournament," she said.

Of the six players chosen, Martin and Dennis were named to the all tournament team for their outstanding play.

The girls are now 19-5-4 overall and 6-1 in the conference.

"We are definitely still in contention for winning the conference," Grunch said. "But it depends on how we and the other teams do."

She added, "I think any team is capable of winning. We have a fairly strong conference — it's going to be an interesting last round."

The girls next play at 4:30 p.m. Feb., 3 in Elk Rapids and then 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 5 in Suttons Bay for the Suttons Bay Invitational.

Charlevoix man gets first black belt in HapKiDo

Mike Hinkle

Mike Hinkle, assistant instructor at Northern Martial Arts in Charlevoix was recently awarded his first-degree black belt in HapKiDo, a traditional Korean martial art.

Hinkle was presented with his first-degree designation in a ceremony at the World Martial Arts Academy in Fenton. Master Dave Weatherly, eighth degree black belt and head instructor of World Martial Arts presented the belt to Hinkle. Master Weatherly is the highest ranking American recognized by the Korean Martial Arts in HapKiDo.

For more information on Northern Martial Arts, please call 547-3466.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed ordinances to amend the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlevoix City Hall Council Chambers located at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearings are to consider ordinances which amend Section 1.302 of Chapter 7, Title I of the Charlevoix City Code to amend the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority's Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The proposed amendments do not result in the relocation of any families or individuals from the Development Area.

The first public hearing will be to consider the Fourth Amendment, which will extend the duration of the Plan through December 31, 2026 and will add the following items to the DDA's Development Plan:

1. Marina Construction – The project includes obstructions and removals along the bulkhead, shore sheeting the bulkhead, four floating pier systems extending into Round Lake, miscellaneous shopper dock construction on the north and south end of the project, construction of electric, water and sanitary sewer lines to service the docks, and supporting tie backs for shore sheeting. The Marina extends from Antrim Street to a point approximately 200 feet north of the Clinton Street right-of-way along the shores of Round Lake and extends into Round Lake.

2. East Park Construction – The project includes numerous removals in the site area, including a section of the street end to relocate the street, reconstruction of the street area with storm systems, curb and gutter and bituminous paving, numerous walkways with concrete pavement, special pavement and brick pavement, construction of a fish pond, an ice skating infrastructure on or near the Harbormaster's office, site railings, irrigation system, numerous park amenities, such as benches, trash receptacles, etc, site lighting and all other elements normally included in a park system of this type. East Park is between Antrim Street, Clinton Street, Bridge Street and Round Lake in downtown Charlevoix.

3. Harbormaster Building – The Harbormaster building will include facilities to house the Marina staff, amenities for the boaters, public restrooms, and a deck on top of the building for public viewing. The Harbormaster building will be placed at the foot of Clinton Street between the street ending and Round Lake.

4. Storm Sewer Construction – The project includes 48 - 60" diameter pipe in Mason Street and a 24" diameter pipe in Clinton Street, along with associated manholes etc. Storm sewers are proposed in Mason Street from Round Lake to the west side of Bridge Street and in Clinton Street from the Round Lake to approximately one-half way to Bridge Street.

5. Off-Site Parking – The parking lot is proposed with curb and gutter construction, bituminous surface along with appropriate drainage systems and landscaped islands. The parking area is located in the southeast corner of the old Middle School site on Mason Street.

6. Personnel – The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) may hire personnel to promote the retail, economic and business advantages of the downtown area and to perform such other services as are authorized by Act 197 of 1975, as amended (the Act), or as may be specified by the DDA.

7. Financing of Projects and Personnel – Personnel that may be hired by the DDA will be paid out of the general revenue of the DDA which comes from "captured millage" and millage that is specifically assessed for the DDA. The other projects that are described in this amendment will be financed, in whole or in part, by the issuance of bonds as authorized by law. Installment contracts, as authorized by Act 99 of 1933, may also be used. As noted earlier, some projects may be funded in part by state grants as well. Regarding bonding, the DDA's financial consultant and bond counsel will recommend the type of bonds to be issued and terms of such bonds. The preliminary estimate of bonding potential is $6.4 million. Until firm project cost estimates can be obtained, it should be assumed that the total amount of bonds to be issued will be the maximum amount that is authorized by law. It is anticipated that bonds will be issued in 2005. The DDA has successfully issued bonds for past projects. Based on information obtained from the financial consultant regarding the likely "life" of the bonds, it is recommended that the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan be extended through December 31, 2026.

8. Removal of Existing Band Shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building; construction of a new pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating. This project is specifically excluded from this Fourth Amendment to the Plan. Thus, the DDA shall not undertake this project unless authorized by a later amendment to the Plan.

A second public hearing will be held to consider a Fifth Amendment to the DDA's Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, which will add the following item:

1. Removal of Existing Band Shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building; construction of a new pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating – The project includes the removal of the current band shell, fish pond and restroom facility. The construction of a new pavilion/performance building, including public restrooms, amphitheater seating for the pavilion.

A copy of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downlown Development Authority with maps and copies of the proposed amendments to the plan are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Charlevoix City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan during regular business hours. All aspects of the proposed amendments to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, as well as the entire Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

The public is invited to attend the public hearings and present its comments on the proposed ordinances. The public may also submit its written comments on the proposed amendments at the public hearings or by sending them to the Charlevoix City Clerk at the above address prior to the public hearings.

Date: January 27, 2005 — Carol Ochs, City Clerk

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon one week's notice to the City of Charlevoix. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office in writing or calling the following: City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, (231) 547-3250

SPORTS

Rayders win two more close ones

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders won two more close games on the road in the Lake Michigan Conference, coming from behind to beat Elk Rapids, 69-67 and defeating East Jordan, 92-81.

"East Jordan and Elk Rapids both played really well against us," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "It seems like we're getting everyone's best game."

The Rayders, ranked second in the state in Class C by the Associated Press, are a target this season for conference foes but they upped their record to 12-0 overall and 8-0 in the league.

Charlevoix led by as many as seven in the first quarter against Elk Rapids as Ben Bergmann scored seven points and Phil Steen had three blocks and forced many altered shots.

The second quarter was a different story as the Elks outscored the Rayders, 23-16 to take a 33-31 lead at the half. Elk Rapids extended the lead to five at 50-45 late in the third quarter.

Charlevoix responded, however, to retake the lead with six straight points, including a Dustin Dibble layup reminiscent of a wide receiver's fly pattern and pass catch and a lay-in by Steen, who jumped from under the basket on one side and laid the ball off the glass up and under on the other.

The Elks led 52-51 headed into the fourth quarter. There were three ties and three lead changes in the fourth quarter. Charlevoix took charge on a Matt Kautz three-pointer with 1:40 remaining that broke a 63-63 deadlock.

Kautz made a free throw and Jared Hunt sunk two to up the margin to 69-65 with 32 seconds to play. The Elks scored once but missed a three-pointer at the buzzer to come up just short.

"It was another great game," Haske said. "I was disappointed in our defensive effort at times. We gave them too many easy baskets but anytime you go on the road and win a tough one, that's good to see."

Hunt led the Rayders with 20 points, six assists and three steals. Bergmann scored 18 points and had six rebounds. Cody Crain had 10 points.

Steen grabbed seven rebounds and blocked five shots. Kautz had seven rebounds.

East Jordan was a pesky lot on their home court as they battled back from a 16 point second quarter deficit at 46-30 to close to within 47-41 at the half. The Rayders had led 26-17 in a high scoring first stanza.

Charlevoix led 52-45 when Steen left the game with his fourth personal foul early in the second half. Moments later with a 56-49 lead, the Rayders lost their leader, Hunt, as he left the game with an ankle injury.

The Red Devils quickly took advantage of Charlevoix's adversity and cut the lead to 58-56. Eddie Waldron responded with a three-point play, another basket and a steal and assist to Jake Teuscher who scored as time expired in the period with the Rayders leading 67-61.

Midway through the fourth quarter, East Jordan trailed 79-71 following baskets by Dibble and Bergmann. The Red Devils wouldn't give in, however, and cut the lead to 81-79 with 2 minutes to go.

Charlevoix outscored East Jordan, 11-2 the rest of the way to seal the win with most of the damage coming from the free throw line. Bergmann was four-of-four while Kautz and Dibble each were two-of-two down the stretch.

Waldrou led all scorers with 31 points. He also pulled down seven rebounds. Kautz had 17 points, six rebounds, six assists and five steals.

Hunt finished with 17 points and five assists. Bergmann had 12 points.

"I was pleased with how we hung in after Jared Hunt got hurt," Haske said. "Waldron and Kautz really stepped up big and Bergmann played well in the fourth quarter and made some big plays going to the basket."

Ou Hunt's injury, Haske said it is a pretty swollen sprained ankle. He estimates that Hunt will miss a couple of weeks but "you never know, (Hunt's) pretty resilient."

The Rayders hosted Glen Lake on Tuesday, Feb. 1 and will host Harbor Springs on Friday, Feb. 4 before traveling to Grayling on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Courtesy photo
These students from Northern Martial Arts took park in a recent tournament.

Karate school takes part in tourney

Students from Northern Martial Arts, in Charlevoix recently participated in an inner-club tournament at World Martial Arts in Fenton.

The tournament had approximately 60 participants of all ages who competed in forms, board breaking, and sparring (fighting).

The Charlevoix students did a tremendous job and brought home several medals.

Below are the final standings:

• Chris Blackburn — first place in sparring, second place in board breaking, third in forms.

• Krista Bruce— second place sparring, first in board breaking, first in forms.

• Travis Bruce — first in sparring, third in board breaking.

• Michelle Hinkle — first in sparring, third in board breaking, second in forms.

• Mike Hinkle — first in sparring, third in board breaking, first in forms.

• Chan-Yang Kang — second in sparring, first in board breaking, first in forms.

• Zach Smith — third in sparring, first in board breaking, fourth in forms.

• Jake Waterman — first in sparring, third in board breaking, second in forms.

Northern Martial Arts is open for classes Monday through Wednesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. or can be reached at 547-3423.

Any prospective students are encouraged to stop by or call for more information. There will be a special advancement class at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28 and the public is invited to attend.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League - Jan. 26, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	160	90
The Inner Circle	146	104
Ferguson & Chamberlain	144	106
Mark White Paint & Stain	126	124
St. Mary's	118	132
Paul Bunyan Lanes	111	139
Lutherans	104	146
R & C Roofing	91	159

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	626	254
Scott Kehrer	631	234
John Fiedorek	591	242

Tuesday Night Ladies - Jan. 25, 2005

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	15	5
Grey Gables	11.5	8.5
Central Drug Store	11	9
Twin Lakes Enterprise	10.5	9.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	10.5	9.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	8	12
Don's IGA	7.5	12.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	6	14

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosonyik	571	234
Jane Holm	495	187
Carol Kerr	489	184

Men's Senior League - Jan. 24, 2005

	W	L
J Arnold Painting "A"	8	4
Ken's Racing	8	4
B Vanloo & Sons	7.5	4.5
Westcowl Widowns	7	5
J Arnold Painting "2"	6	6
Seigh Trucking	5	7
Central Drug Store	3.5	8.5
Cemex Cement	3	9

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	702	290
Scott Dixon	563	243
Don Potter		214
Eric Williams	545	

Young at Hearts League - January 27, 2005

	W	L
Sparesme	14	2
Misfits	11	5
Twilighters	10	6
Alley Cats	9	7
Hast & Hall	8	8
Irish Rollers	6	10
Pilot Timers	4	12
Has Beens	2	14

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenherr	549	224
Art Russ	512	204
Mo Dixon	524	198
Nancy Barnbach	449	169
Zette Kitson	489	169
Irene Gellner	415	157

Gutter Gals League - January 27, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	50	30
Argonne Supper Club	43	37
Express Yourself	37	43
Burger King Charlevoix	30	50

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	527	202
Marty D'Brien	478	175
Krista Fowler	503	172

Casino League - January 27, 2005

	W	L
Crackpots	118	32
Vegabounds	94	56
4 Fun	82	68
T K & The Boozers	80	70
At Least a 6 Pack	68	82
Brooklyn Rats	16	134

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	474	211
Nathan Jones	350	207
Jon Kelman	369	203

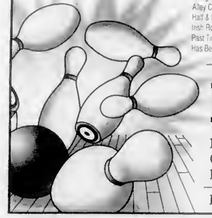
Becky Holechek	394	240
Bobbie Lussier	402	
Deb Towsley	357	233
Tina Whitley		229

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles - January 16, 2005

	W	L
Herboldsheimer	33	7
Hill/Martincek	29	12
Goldvicci	28	12
O'Leary	26	14
Novotny	25	15
Grifin/Novotny	23	17
Bradley	22	18
Lasky	19	21
Titus	14	26
Hart	13	27
Cunningham/Mikulski	9	31
Team #2	0	40

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
David Herboldsheimer	472	194
Matt Novotny	486	165
Jeff Novotny	484	
Chris Mikulski		177
Kathy Hill	476	171
Martha Herboldsheimer		158
Colleen Grifin	385	147
Linda O'Leary	384	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Roger Crain of the Wednesday Church League had an actual series on 629 with a high actual game of 254.

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Girls' ski team takes second in conference meet

The Charlevoix High School girls' ski team finished second in the conference meet Jan. 27 out of six schools, while the boys' team finished fifth out of six.

Traverse City St. Francis beat the girls' team by a score of 52-72 for first place. In the boys' portion of the meet, Harbor Springs took first with a score of 31. Charlevoix's boys' team had a score of 150.

In addition to its overall finish, the girls' team finished second in the giant slalom and second in the slalom.

The boys' team finished fifth in the giant slalom and fourth in the slalom.

Individual results for the girls' team in the giant slalom were: Katherine Rowley in second with a time of 44.93 seconds; Michelle Fritsch in sixth with a time of 48.28 seconds; Kelsey Poineau in ninth with a time of 49.45 seconds; Katie Diller in eleventh with a time of 49.83 seconds; Elizabeth Hazzeld in twenty-first with a time of 54.18 seconds; Sarah Lorn in twenty-third with a time of 57.78 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the slalom were: Rowley in second with a time of 1 minute, 1.97 seconds; Fritsch in ninth with a time of 1 minute, 7.19 seconds; Poineau in fourteenth with a time of 1 minute, 9.03 seconds; Diller in nineteenth with a time of 1 minute, 12.54 seconds; Lorne in twenty-fifth with a time of 1 minute, 24.66 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' team in the giant slalom were: Andrew Mallory in eleventh with a time of 47.89 seconds; Geoff Baier in twenty-first with a time of 50.40 seconds; Nic Williams in twenty-fifth with a time of 51.75 seconds; Billy Brodin in twenty-sixth with a time of 52.60 seconds; Mac Brennan in twenty-eighth with a time of 55.34 seconds; Cameron Attee in thirty-second with a time of 1 minute, 8.81 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' team in the slalom were: Mallory in twelfth with a time of 1 minute, 5.19 seconds; Attee in fifteenth with a time of 1 minute, 6.14 seconds; Brennan in sixteenth with a time of 1 minute, 6.35 seconds; Baier in twenty-fourth with a time of 1 minute, 11.97 seconds; Brodin in twenty-sixth with a time of 1 minute, 13.97 seconds.

Friske hosts cherry recipe contest

To continue the tradition of highlighting National Cherry Month, Friske's Farm Market is hosting its second annual Cherry Recipe Contest.

This year's categories are entrees and side dishes. Everyone except professional chefs, Friske employees and their families are invited to participate.

Registration packets are available to pick up at Friske's Farm Market on US-31 in Atwood by calling (231) 599-2604 or by request on line at info@friske.com.

Contestants may submit recipes in both categories, but only one entry per person may qualify as a finalist. Six finalists will be selected from each category.

The only requirements are that each entrant submits an official entry form with the recipe(s) by Feb. 15 and if chosen as a finalists, brings his/her prepared dish by 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 26 to Friske's Farm Market. Contestants must be on hand at the time of judging to be eligible for prizes. Judging criteria includes visual appeal, taste and ease of preparation. Judging will begin at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 26.

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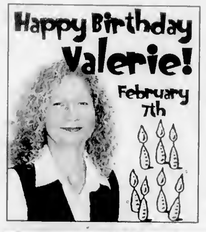

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michel A. Jepsen, Sr. and Brenda Jean Jepsen, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, mortgagee, dated July 23, 2002 and recorded August 2, 2002 in Liber 480, Page 704, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA, as trustee by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Two and 04/100 Dollars ($87,702.04) including interest at the rate of 8.55% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on February 18, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the West section line of section 32, Township 33 North, Range 6 West, at the intersection of said section line with that stream or watercourse known as Dyer Creek and shown on the plat of Lake Shore subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of plats, pages 105-106, Charlevoix County Records, thence southerly along said section line 900 feet, more or less to its intersection with the Northerly right-of-way line of that public highway known as the East Jordan-Advance Road; thence Easterly along the Northerly right-of-way of that public highway known as the East Jordan-Advance Road, 160 feet; thence Northerly along a line which is parallel of the West section line to this intersection on Dyer Creek 900 feet more or less; thence Westerly along the thread of the stream known as Dyer Creek to a point of beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of said section 32. Legal description also includes a manufactured or mobile home: The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: January 12, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA, as trustee, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 221.1383 ASAP627250

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS DECEDENT'S ESTATE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FILE NO.: 05-010783-DE

Estate of Ambrose L. Henley
(a/k/a Bruce L. Henley)
Date of Birth: October 14, 1921

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

ON January 25, 2005, the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Ambrose L. Henley, a/k/a Bruce L. Henley, who lived at 503 Fairway, Charlevoix, Michigan, died January 11, 2005.

Creditors and Interested Persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to Penny Engstrom, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Roy C. Hayes, III (P50042)
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Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-1111

Penny Engstrom
12401 Birchcrest
Charlevoix, MI 49720
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darryl T. Etter and Melanie Etter, husband and wife, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, mortgagee, dated November 21, 2002 and recorded November 25, 2002 in Liber 501, Page 121, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee, c/o Residential Funding Corporation by assignment dated November 21, 2002 and recorded on June 10, 2003 in Liber 545, Page 981, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 86/100 Dollars ($90,930.86) including interest at the rate of 7.13% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on March 4, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 107, of the Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2 Subdivision, according to the plat as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271 through 273, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: February 2, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee, c/o Residential Funding Corporation, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2760 ASAP631016

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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Area events

Building seminar

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Items that will be addressed but not limited to: How, When and Why do I need a permit? When and what inspections are required?

Meetings will be at the following locations: 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Charlevoix City Hall, 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 14, at the Boyne City Hall and 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the East Jordan City Hall.

Democrats to meet

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City. Dutch treat dinner begins at 6 p.m. On the agenda for the meeting is normal business at 7 p.m. and speaker at 7:30 p.m. The speaker is Char-Em Superintendent Mark Eckhardt who will discuss the topic of public school financing. The public is invited. For more information please contact Bill Lovett 547-3592.

Genealogical meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet on at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3 in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main Street, Boyne City. They will view a video titled "Using Online Resources to Do Genealogy." This will be followed by a discussion session on the same topic. The puhlic is cordially invited to attend. Please contact Joy at (231) 582-3440 for further information.

Wild game dinner

Mardi Gras Wild Game Dinner and Dance is from 7 to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 5. The cost is $20 per person and there will be a cash bar and raffles. Music is by "Class Act Productions" with proceeds to benefit St. Mary's Parish. Contact the parish office for further information at 547-6652.

Dahlias care

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club invites you to view a movie about the care of dahlias at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Charlevoix Public Library. The National Capital Dahlia Society is sponsoring the film and refreshments will be served. Please note the Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets the second Tuesday of each month. For more information please contact 547-5444.

Firefighter's Ball

The sixth annual Charlevoix Firefighters Ball starts at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Charlevoix Country Club. The cost is $30 each for tickets or 2 for $50. Contact Shari Kline at 547-8495 for tickets.

Night Under the Venice Sky

A Night Under the Venice Sky an evening of elegance, romance and fun will be at 7 p.m., on Feb. 12 at the Harvest Barn Church of M-66 in East Jordan. Treat your sweetheart to an evening of dancing to the sounds of big band and swing music and Italian cuisine. Entertainment is provided by Northwest Academy Jazz Ensemble. Cost is $50 per couple in advance. Doors open at 6:30.

The catered dinner buffet includes roasted beef, chicken parmesan, pasta primavera, garlic red potatoes, salad, appetizers and desserts.

No alcoholic beverages will be served. Coffee, pop and punch are included in the ticket price. Contact Bridgette at (231) 536-2870 to reserve tickets today. Couples and group reservations are welcome, tickets must be purchased by Jan. 29. Make checks payable to Harvest Barn Church.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office at 547-6430 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare program is currently being offered at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. DivorceCare is from 7-9 p.m. Childcare is offered Wednesday evenings only. DivorceCare is a free program for anyone experiencing, or have experienced a divorce. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

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Area meetings

Service organizations —

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The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The OddfeHows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

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Township to vote on building cap ordinance

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ing to be there in the future.

Dixon made the motion to approve the amendments as proposed and said he supports all the aspects involved.

Martin said he agreed with the proposal, which is why he voted to support it.

Charlevoix Township resident Al Wojan said he thinks the entire zoning ordinance amendment is unnecessary.

Wojan, who has lived in the township for 56 years and spent 37 years as a business and property owner, said the zoning ordinances currently in place control things.

Wojan, who owned some land Wal-Mart was looking at when considering coming to Charlevoix, said hy restricting the right to have big box stores come into the township the proposed ordinance infringes on the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The 14th Amendment states in Section One, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Wojan said he and six other commercial property owners had the right to sell their property to Wal-Mart, even though the store wanted to build approximately a 157,000 square foot super-center store.

Wojan said the backlash of passing these amendments to the township zoning ordinance could lead to future lawsuits and costs for the township.

If the amendments pass, Wojan said he will start a referendum.

But, Charlevoix resident John Winn has property in Charlevoix Township and said he is supportive of the recommendations to the zoning ordinance.

"I'm in support of doing something to maintain the small town charm," he said.

Winn said he would have preferred limiting the cap size to 50,000 square feet instead of 90,000 square feet, but a compromise was made.

"I'm glad they did something," he said.

The special use requirement for anything over 20,000 square feet is something Winn also supports.

"I think it's an excellent idea," he said.

Not only will the township board have flexibility, Winn said, they also have the right to waive the permit if they need to. One example of waiving the permit, Winn said, would be someone building a pole barn off the main highway. In this example a traffic study would not be needed and the board could waive the permit.

"I think it's great," he said.

Bob Hoffman, president of This Is Our Town, said the group has been pushing for some controls on big box stores ever since Wal-Mart tried to come into Charlevoix.

"I think it's a very good start," he said. "It really gives Charlevoix Township the tools to make decisions," he said.

The zoning ordinance itself is the first step to controlling what comes into the township.

"The zoning ordinance is a tool the planning commission can use to keep in line with the master plan of the township," he said.

However, Hoffman said he would have preferred a smaller cap size than 90,000 square feet.

Despite the cap size, he said the township can make informed decisions on whether or not a certain building is appropriate for the area by utilizing market feasibility study, traffic study and adaptability for reuse plan submitted with building applications.

Perfect attendance

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City, society to try for lighthouse

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix's City Council approved a plan to team up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to try and get ownership of the lighthouse near Lake Michigan Beach Monday night.

According to Mary Adams, of the Charlevoix Historical Society, the United States Coast Guard will make the lighthouse available to outside parties on March 1. Interested parties, in this case the city and historical society, must submit a letter of interest to the Coast Guard within 60 days of March 1.

"I think it will be a good partnership," Adams said about the city and society teaming up on this matter.

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Adams said the Coast Guard seems to prefer to give the lighthouses to local government agencies or nonprofits when the lighthouses are available.

She said in the partnership, the city will be taking control of the lighthouse — if approved by the Coast Guard — and the historical society will lease it from the city to restore the lighthouse to its former grandeur.

The historical society will be writing several grants to raise money for the restoration. The partnership between the city and society should also give the society an advantage with some of the grants it will be vying for, Adams said.

Adams said a survey of the lighthouse structure indicated it would need about $161,800 in

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Winter royalty

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Ezra Bakker and Grace Farrell were crowned Winterfest King and Queen on Feb. 4 during half-time of the varsity boy's basketball game.

City hopes to convince insurance to pay

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner and City Attorney Jim Young are hoping a letter supporting the city's position on a mistakenly written check will convince the city's insurance company to pay up.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Wiesner said he and Young received a letter from the law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC saying the city is right in asking its insurance company to cover costs from a mistakenly written check. He said he and Young will be drafting up a letter to send to the city's insurance company and, hopefully, it will be convinced to pay for the mistake or get ready to head to court.

"An opinion from Miller Canfield that is supporting what we already had told the insurance company seemed to me it would carry much more weight with the insurance company," Young said.

Miller Canfield has worked with the city's insurance company, MML, in the past on various matters. The city has said it will take the matter to court if necessary.

This issue started when a check for over $220,00 was mistakenly written to contractor CCMS who the city hired to work on some roads. However, the city was suppose to write the check to the contractor's insurance company United Fire and Casualty — who was going to pay the people hired by CCMS for those road projects.

According to a report breaking down what happened that was given to city council Monday night, the mistake all comes down to communication problems within city hall.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi, who was on vacation at the time the check was sent out, was not aware that United Fire was to be paid for the road work instead of CCMS. A letter from United Fire

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Margaret Anne Parker, 49, Bloomfield. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, must attend substance abuse classes; $820 in fines and costs.

Richard Allen Porter, 31, Mancelona. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 10 days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 76 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,260 in fines and costs.

Michael Francis Crilly, 44, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended, revoked, denied, allow. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Shane Michael Bugai, 26, Grand Rapids. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Robert John Zimerman, 52, White Lake. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 60 days in jail, 60 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $950 in fines and costs.

Matthew Allen Gregware, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. One year probation; five days of community service work; $555 in fines and costs.

Robin Lee Grams, 47, Boyne City. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 63 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,175 in fines and costs.

Christopher Michael Whisler, 20, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended, revoked, denied. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Shawn David Willis, 30, Pellston. Sex offenders-failure to register. Sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for 92 days, serve 150 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

James R. Enterprise, Lot 61 Park Drive, East Jordan, by James Roberts.

Karen McGauhey, 03474 Hillview Drive, Boyne Falls, by Karen Sue Colburn.

Assistance Unlimited, 03474 Hillview Drive, Boyne Falls, by Karen Sue Colburn.

Beaver Island Apiaries, East Side Drive, Beaver Island, by Dyanne M. Tracy.

Dressel Plumbing LLC, 787 North Snyder Road, Boyne City, by Thomas M. Dressel and John T. Ellenberger.

Iron City Trucking, Sand & Gravel, 8812 Ellsworth Road, East Jordan, by Rolland Whitaker.

Corporate Title Exchange Services, 802 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Maura A. Snabes.

Northern Michigan 1031 Exchange, 802 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Maura A. Snabes.

Velvet Vixen, 420 Harris Street, Boyne City, by Michell DeRosia.

Michigan Election Strategies, P.O. Box 219, Charlevoix, by Ken MacGregor.

Cut Above, 02421 Old Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Wade Belford.

Women's ski tour to return Feb. 27

Celebrate women, winter and chocolate on Feb. 27.

Active Women Now, Inc. a non-profit organization will host The Second Annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour, a weekend of fun and activities that will take the winter blues out of northern Michigan.

Active Women Now, Inc. has ski tours in Michigan and the United States, celebrating the camaraderie that women hold in empowering one another while giving back to their community. This non-competitive winter event for women will be at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails will weave through Mount McSauba.

Novice winter activists are encouraged to attend.

Ski clinics will be given on Feb. 26 for beginners and those who are looking to cultivate their skills.

A wine and cheese event will be at Castle Farms as a prelude to the Charlevoix Ladies Tour. Log onto the Women's Ski Tour web site for more information.

Tickets in advance are $35 and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day. Proceeds from the Charlevoix Ladies Tour benefits BASES and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan.

Please log onto www.womensskitour.com for more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities and purchasing event tickets. E-mail Courtney Miles, regional event manager at Courtney@womensskitour.com with further questions.

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Work continues

The old middle school building has lost part of the 1950s addition during demolition of the building. The building is being remodeled into the new Charlevoix Public Library.

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Women running to raise money for cancer group

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Three 1998 Charlevoix High School graduates are doing what they can to help save lives by raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Staci Borths, Monica Conlan and Tricia Kelly will all run 13.2 miles in a half marathon on May 1 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

They have to raise $3,200 each and in order to help them, Whitney's of Charlevoix is letting Borths, Conlan and Kelly work in several capacities on Feb. 17. They will be there to meet with people and discuss first hand what the run is all about.

A percentage of that night's profits will go toward the fund-raising efforts of the women and will ultimately benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Paul Andrzejewski, general manager, said the event is a great way to help out local citizens who are involved in a good cause.

Chuck Whitney, owner, said Whitney's of Charlevoix has helped raise money for charities before, but never in this capacity.

"It's a good reason to do something this time of year," he said.

Borths, Conlan and Kelly are all a part of Team in Training, which is a fund-raiser through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The program has been around for 10 years in Michigan and made $3.4 million in revenue in Michigan alone.

Tami Duquette, senior campaign director for the Madison Heights Michigan chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, said Team in Training is the largest endurance training program in the world and the fund-raising is what each participant does in return for the training they receive.

Duquette said it's a great program since it allows people to help themselves while doing volunteer work.

Over 90 percent of people who participate in the Team in Training program are beginners.

"There's literally all ability levels," she said.

Some of the people that participate are survivors of blood cancers or those who are currently undergoing treatment. Many participants are running in honor of someone they know who is suffering from cancer.

Duquette said she didn't know anyone with cancer when she started. For those who don't have a personal hero, the Team in Training program selects an honorary hero for those participants to run on behalf of.

"Motivation," Duquette said of having honored heroes. "It's a reason for doing it."

The Team in Training program raised $81 million nationally for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and $47 million will go toward research.

The Team in Training helps raise the funds that Duquette said otherwise wouldn't be in such an abundance. From the total amount raised, 75 percent of the funds go toward research and patient and services. The other 25 percent goes toward administrative and fundraising costs.

Borths, 25, is looking forward to doing her part in helping find a cure for cancer.

"I just feel it's a really good cause," she said. "So many people are affected by all the blood cancers."

All three women are running for an anonymous hero, but Borths is also running in honor of Keely Smith. Smith is the daughter of Robert "Smitty" and Rose Smith. Borths said the girl died when she was 13 years old of a blood cancer.

"This is something that we've taken on that is really important to us," she said. "To cross the finish line and to know our hard work and fund-raising is possibly going to make a difference."

Conlan, 24, is also running for an honored hero who is affected by Lymphoma.

"It's a big motivation," she said. "Most people know someone affected."

Conlan said the training is intense, but worthwhile since Leukemia is the biggest killer of children under 15 years of age and men and women under 35 years of age.

"It's a good way to reach out to people and support a good cause," she said.

Conlan is looking forward to helping out at Whitney's of Charlevoix because it's a good way to get the community involved in something worthwhile.

Kelly, 25, is running for someone special to her who has been affected by cancer and for others who are affected.

"You feel so helpless," she said.

However, Kelly said undergoing the athletic training through Team in Training is a way to be proactive about helping find a cure for blood cancers.

Kelly ran cross country for two years and also ran track, but running a great distance was never something she liked.

"You're doing it for the cause and not for yourself and that takes the pain away," she said.

Running has become more enjoyable for her since she is not just running for herself.

Kelly said she is looking forward to crossing the finish line and knowing that she was able to train hard enough to finish something she never thought she could.

Donations are accepted and checks can be made out to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and mailed to Team in Training, P.O. Box 163, Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Tricia Kelly, Monica Conlan and Staci Borths are all participating in a half-marathon in order to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The three women will also be receiving financial support from Whitney's of Charlevoix.

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Social Security 'fix' does nothing to help

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

One of the things I have learned over the last four years of the Bush administration is that when they start talking about solutions to issues, much like the Clinton administration before them, you really need to take what they are saying with a grain of salt.

A case in point is all this yelling about the problems with Social Security. The president is saying that Social Security is facing a crisis, it will be out of money soon and he has the solution to the problem. His solution, let workers use a portion of the money they pay into Social Security to invest in private accounts.

It sounds OK on its face, but knowing that much of what this president has said in the past has only had a smidgen of truth to it — remember those weapons of mass destruction that we never found in Iraq? — I decided it would be best if I researched this matter myself.

According to my research, Bush's plan makes absolutely no sense. It will not help "save" Social Security and may actually hurt it. Furthermore, there really is no Social Security crisis. At best there are problems the system will face, but as a whole it is one of the most successful government programs ever put in place.

Let me explain, piece by piece:

First let's look at this whole notion of Social Security in a crisis. According to documents written by the Congressional Budget Office, if nothing is done to the system, Social Security will stop bringing in more revenue than it pays out in the year 2019 — right now it is running at a surplus (yes, a surplus). And, in 2052, Social Security will only be able to pay around 78 percent of a person's scheduled benefits.

Let me say that again, in case you have not taken the journey with me: Social Security, if nothing is done to help it, will be solvent until the year 2052 and even then will still be able to pay around 78 percent of the benefits promised even with a massive influx of baby boomers into the system.

What crisis is the president talking about again? I see a minor problem, not a crisis.

Secondly, let's look at these private investment accounts.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, there are four suggested ways of helping Social Security pay full benefits through the next 100 years. Of those four ways, none of them include allowing workers to invest in the stock market.

One of the ways, suggested by the Congressional Budget Office is to increase the taxes paid into the system by lifting the $90,000 cap on income tax. This alone would help make the system solvent.

As for the investing in the stock market, even the Bush administration is starting to admit that it will do nothing to "save" social security.

In a presentation before Bush's State of the Union address, reported in several newspapers, including the New York Times, a "Bush administration official" said, "In a long term sense, the personal (private) accounts would have a net neutral effect on the fiscal situation of the Social Security and on the federal government."

In fact, some argue that it will actually hurt the system more. By taking more money out of the system to fund these private accounts, the system will have less to work with. And there is the small fact that not everyone wins in the stock market and they could conceivably get less when they retire.

Third, what will privatization cost? It is estimated that Bush's plan to allow workers to put a portion of the social security money into a private account will add $4.5 trillion to the national debt in the first 20 years of the plan.

Fourth, the numbers used to prop up this plan are misleading. The Congressional Budget Office uses a national economic growth rate of 1.9 percent to come up with the year 2052 that Social Security will have to cut its benefit payments. This is a very conservative number, so conservative that some economists say the economy, not to mention the stock market would not look so good if we grew at only 1.9 percent every year.

At the same time, according to a column by New York Times columnists Paul Krugman and supported by the numbers in the Congressional Budget Office report, the Bush administration is using a 6.5 percent growth rate of return on the stocks to sell his privatization plan, even while using Social Security numbers of 1.9 percent growth. Talk about spinning the numbers.

Let me point out here that I am not a financial wizard and have never taken a finance class. However, when it is so evident to me that things aren't adding up, then we are beign fed some real rotten information.

It all makes me wonder, who is really going to benefit with this plan? Not me, that is for sure.

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Modern principled behavior may actually be irresponsible

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

When Harry Truman was president he had a small plaque on his desk which proclaimed, "The buck stops here."

Being an old poker player, Truman clearly understood what that meant. The buck named was a marker placed in front of the next dealer, to indicate his responsibility for the act. It was a sign of responsibility. Many of us are uncomfortable with the uncertainty associated with responsibility and are likely to prefer ready made answers; inevocable statements of principle.

I would like to suggest that what we have come to think of as principled behavior may instead be irresponsible — that our urge for easy answers tends to diminish personal responsibility. We will look at three cases.

Consider employing a standardized test as the key to whether a student should advance or graduate. As a clue to how well an entire school district is working, the use of average test scores might be effective. If scores are consistently dropping or consistently going up, that carries the suggestion that the situation at the school is negative or positive. A standardized test score is a much less worthwhile number for an individual. It measures one day at one time and may be subject to great variation from day to day, even if the whole school's performance stays the same. To pronounce that, "No one with a score of less than so and so can proceed to the next grade" or "No one with less than 75 percent on this exam can graduate," sounds principled, but it irresponsibly fails to take account of an individual's true ability, and allows the decision maker to avoid responsibility by depending on a test score as the sole reason for a decision. Standardized testing certainly has a place in education, but it does not provide an answer to the question of how we should treat an individual. That requires both more information and educators willing to take responsibility for the decision to advance or gradu-

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A look at our ideas

KNUTSON

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ate someone, using test scores as an appropriately small part of the decision.

Consider the national debate about abortion. It sounds principled to say that a woman has the right to an abortion, to the control of her own body. It also sounds principled to say that a unique human life begins at the moment of conception and that any medical interruption of pregnancy is equivalent to murder. Both positions are irresponsible because they limit or eliminate the possibility of considering individual circumstances. They are irresponsible because they substitute an absolute formula for the responsible decisions that humans are capable of. Both positions also require that one must maintain that an equally capable, equally moral, equally principled human being is absolutely wrong. It is sometimes worthwhile to ask, "If there is such an imaginable circumstance, then individual responsibility is necessarily involved in making a decision." I once had a colleague, a professor of philosophy, who maintained that the key to moral human behavior was in asking questions rather than providing answers.

Consider freedom and tyranny. Being in favor of freedom and opposed to tyranny sounds principled. Could it possibly be irresponsible? Are there any imaginable circumstances in which the over-diligent pursuit of freedom might be a desirable alternative to whatever preceded it? Is freedom at any cost principled or irresponsible? I don't have that answer, but the questions are worth asking. Patrick Henry is famous for having said, "Give me liberty or give me death." That statement is much easier to make if the liberty or death is someone else's, not your own. Is freedom an absolute good? Is tyranny an absolute evil? Ideology suggest so. But reason suggests that ideology is a poor guide in problem solving.

Principle does not consist in maintaining a position unto death, but in allowing the human capacity for responsibility to emerge; to make it possible to keep on asking questions. Answers may be temporarily satisfying, but asking questions is more important and more responsible. And ideals, held without the possibility of exception or compromise are ultimately irresponsible.

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Letters to the editor

Reasons for petitions

Editor:

I feel it is time to inform the people of Charlevoix the reason that I am thinking very seriously of generating a petition regarding the proposed renovations of East Park. However the more city council meetings and joint city council/Downtown Development Authority meetings I attend; I am not so sure that maybe two petitions are in order; one for the proposed East Park Renovations Project and one for the Marina Renovations and Upgrade Project. The underestimated $12,000,000-plus cost for both projects is a "moving target," as such things as upgrading the storm sewer system and, of all things, an open air artificial ice skating rink are being added to both projects.

I can understand the need for upgrading the storm sewer infrastructure, but I cannot fathom the need for such a costly item as an open air artificial ice skating rink. The purchase, installation and maintenance of the proposed ice skating rink will be another hurden on the taxpayers with extremely little justification. As for the storm sewer infrastructure upgrade, these costs should fall under just what the wording says, "infrastructure budget."

The general fund for the city of Charlevoix at this time is very low and when the DDA takes their share of tax dollars from the downtown businesses including the taxed condominiums downtown, I'm afraid that the city of Charlevoix's next move is to raise our taxes. I have brought up this issue at a couple of city council meetings and have felt that our mayor is too quick in denying it.

Mayor Carlson feels my petition could put the financing for the marina project from the State Waterways Commission in jeopardy. The State Waterways Commission has apparently pledged to pay for up to 75 percent of the total project. (I wonder, does this pledge include 75 percent of project cost overruns as well? I hardly think so. Would you pick up the cost for someone else's error?) Additionally I submit the word "pledged" does not mean it is "set in stone," as of this writing. In addition to the seawall and boat docks, under the marina upgrade project, the Harbormaster Building is the only other facility included in the Waterways Commission 75 percent pledge. The proposed harbormaster architect's conceptual plan includes bathrooms, showers and laundry room for the boaters. I do not deny the boaters need these amenities; however a very large lounge room is included in the plan and I'm not really sure why the boaters need that. The remainder of the proposed East Park Renovation Project will be paid for by the DDA. Picture this: the Charlevoix taxpayers are looking at two dubious projects that will be used approximately six weeks a year.

The DDA wants to extend their existence through the year 2025 in order to pay for this project. This means this debt will be passed down to the younger generation of Charlevoix to pay off.

The following is what the DDA is planning on capturing from the various entities for the 2004-2005 budget: City of Charlevoix, $200,153.26; Charlevoix Public Schools, $261,762.33; State of Michigan SET, $84,830.82; Charlevoix County, $105,983; Charlevoix Public Library, $18,213.58; Char-Em ISD, $38,928.86; total, $709,826.87

The petition(s) that I am planning to genrcate is to put these project(s) on the ballot and let the people of Charlevoix decide if this is what they want. I feel this is only fair to the people who could very well have their taxes raised as the general fund is quickly running out of money.

Jill Picha
Charlevoix

New band shell needed

Editor:

As a musician I felt that it was essential that I support the moving of the band shell to a less painful position in the park.

I use the word pain because it is a pain in the eyes for any musician sitting on that stage when the sun is on it's way down. I have often enjoyed a concert in the park and felt bad for those trying to see their music, concentrate on the dirrector and keep their place while their eyes are being burned by the sun.

Those of you who have not had the joy of this experience I challenge you to take your newspaper or book and go outside on a bright winter afternoon when the sun is about 2 hours from setting and sit facing the sun. I promise that you won't last long. You may even find it hard to see the words. This can be said for the musical notes found on a piece of music. The sun in your eyes may get you before the cold does.

If we are all to enjoy the continuation of wonderful performances in the park I would urge you who have a vote to place the band shell in such a way as not to punish and inflict pain on those who are entertaining you. You may not understand lighting issues or acoustics, but certainly you can appreciate this point.

I know that all you might be seeing are dollar signs and empty pockets. That is what some people get joy from. Making others miserable with your shouts of, "Where is the money?" and "You can't change that. It has been there for years."

Charlevoix has spent money on far worse things than a sensible stage.

It has always amazed me how people get so attached to a thing. Take a break people. This is one thing that actually benefits those of us that actually live here. Please don't bring your petition by my house. I will not sign it.

For once, please listen to those who actually perform on this stage. It is a pain in the eyes to play in Charlevoix!

Nichole Zawisza
Charlevoix

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Don't send kids to an 'R' rated movie

Editor:

On Friday, Jan. 28 we attended the movie "Hide and Seek" at Cinema III. This movie is rated R. Rated R is given the meaning "Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian" by the MPA rating board.

Given this rating system we assumed that we would be able to view this movie in the company of adults or with teenagers who had guardians who would monitor their behavior. We were wrong, very wrong. There was a large group of middle schoolers in attendance at this movie. Their deplorable behavior, lack of manners and general lack of consideration for others in the theater kept everyone else present from being able to view this movie without numerous distractions.

These included but were not limited to loud laughter, shouting, loud conversations and shrieking. This continued despite adults repeated complaints to the owner and requests to the children to quiet down.

The lack of manners shown by this group of children is completely unacceptable and showed that clearly they were far too immature to be at this movie without supervision.

The theater owner requires written permission for underage viewers to attend rated R movies. Obviously this is not enough. If young teenagers need a baby-sitter to attend a movie with anything resembling basic manners then it is the parents' job to do this, not to dump these rambunctious and ill-mannered kids off for the rest of the adults at the movie to run herd on.

While we realize that the theaters are not obligated to enforce the suggestions of the rating system, we do ask that parents teach their movie-going off-spring the basics of common courtesy.

Jack and Anne Russell
Charlevoix

Notice of meeting was late

Editor:

I'd like to file a public complaint as to how the City Manager and his office handled the notification of the recent City Council and DDA meeting on Jan. 24. My notice was post-marked Jan. 23 through Charlevoix, Jan. 24 through Saginaw and arrived in Bloomfield Hills, Jan. 25, a day after the meeting.

Mailing the notices on the Friday

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before the Monday meeting is unfair to the concerned public, who has a right to be notified in a timely fashion. I called the managers' office to inquire about such policies. I was told that the meeting was planned for Monday on that previous Friday afternoon and it only regarded setting up the future date of discussion on the Marina project.

The meeting entailed much more and what a creative way to keep an opinionated public out of the discussions.

If the city planners want support of this project, they should rethink how they practice their politics.

Caron Trese
Charlevoix/Bloomfield Hills

Thank you

Editor:

Camp Quality Michigan had another successful year thanks to many friends and supporters. Our year began with a Teen weekend on Beaver Island followed by a day at Comerica park, summer camp at Camp Dagget and the winter adventure teen ski camp.

We would like to thank everyone that helped to make these event such a huge success. Young Americans, Three Men and a Tenor, Northwest Academy Jazz band, Storytellers Tony Miron and Warren Petoskey, Boyne City Remax, Bill Freehan, Jim Nothrup, Leon Vercuysse, DJ Doctor Joy, Zonta of Charlevoix, Boyne City American Legion, Boyne City Street Legends, Queen for a Day, Sheriff Lasater and the Boyne City Police and Fire Department are just a few of the wonderful guests that we would like to thank for donating their time.

We would also like to thank all of the wonderful people and organizations who have donated their time serving and preparing meals, as well as the doctors and nurses, photographers, all of the staff and companions and anyone else who has donated their time or money to help make Camp Quality a success.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to AAA of Michigan and Avis Ford of South Field for donating our much needed new van. Thank you all from the bottom of our heart for your generosity so that we may continue to offer free camping experiences and year-round support for children with cancer and their families.

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Ebenhoeh retires as Charlevoix Friend of the Court

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

After 28 years and two months of helping families deal with issues such as custody of children as the Charlevoix County Friend of the Court, George L. Ebenhoeh retired from his post Friday, Feb. 4.

Ebenhoeh, 54, said his decision to retire came in response to the further state centralization of the Friend of the Court duties, taking away much of the local control in the office.

"We used to be able to initiate and be responsible. Now we don't have that control, all we can do is react to them. There are so many flaws in the product that is coming out of Lansing it is very frustrating," he said.

Ebenhoeh added, in a written statement, "I will miss the interaction with the professionals I have met and worked with, but look forward to getting back to doing things I have missed because of my job."

He said he will enjoy getting back into hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities that he used to take part in, but has had to cut back in recent years due to increasing hours in the office — which he attributes to more state involvement in the Friend of the Court.

Ebenhoeh was appointed as the Friend of the Court, in January 1977 by Judge Martin Breijhner when he was 26 years old. He said he was hired in as the youngest Friend of the Court in the state, but he will be leaving the office with more seniority than anyone of the other 62 Friends of the Court in the state.

He grew up in Indian Town, just east of Saginaw. Indian Town is a small town of about 200 people. After graduating from high school, he worked in a foundry in Saginaw for about two months, before deciding to go to college.

"I though, 'OK, there is more to life,'" he said.

Ebenhoeh graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in economics and business administration when he was 26.

Ebenhoeh came to Charlevoix with his wife soon before being appointed to the Friend of the Court office. He said he used to hunt and fish in the Cheboygan area and his wife, Connie, had friends in the Charlevoix area.

One day, he and his wife stopped in Charlevoix for a visit, and they decided it would be a nice place to live. Soon thereafter, his wife got a job with the Department of Social Services in Charlevoix, so the couple moved to the area and Ebenhoeh got a job with Big Brothers/Big Sisters as a coordinator.

He was in this job for only six months, when he was appointed as the Friend of the Court.

Ebenhoeh said the position appealed to him because it was such a challenge.

"The environment of working in the court system is challenging and rewarding and I liked helping clients in a social work type of situation," he said.

Ebenhoeh said while the Friend of the Court is known for dealing with child support issues between divorced people, it is more about domestic issues.

"We normally are the first ones to come in contact with them that is not biased one way or another. If we can't maintain this impartiality then we are not doing our job," he said.

Ebenhoeh said he envisions the Friend of the Court as trying to help parents make their own decisions about their kids.

"We want to put the responsibility of children back on the parents and keep them out of litigation. Family matters should not be decided by a judge," he said.

Ebenhoeh said the Friend of the Court is very challenging.

"You are not going to please everybody," he said.

However, he said he has received good feed-back from many attorneys in the area, as well as the families who have been in his office.

But, he frets about the future of the office now that the state has taken over many of the duties.

"It is a bad situation. It has not been productive for our clients or the state or the county," he said.

In a written statement, Ebenhoeh said, "I am a believer that in most cases increased layers of bureaucracy only lessen the ability of an agency to provide services to their clients. Hopefully at some point there will be a realization that reduced growth of government is not a bad thing."

Ebenhoeh said he is planning on staying in the Charlevoix area.

In a written statement, Ebenhoeh added, "In leaving my office my first thought is to thank Judge (Richard) Pajtas and the Friend of the Court staff who have been so supportive over so many years. The Friend of the Court has dealings with almost every agency in government and most entities in the private sector. Over the years I have developed relationships with so many good people. In addition to Judge Pajtas and the Friend of the Court employees, I would like to give special thanks to Sheriff George Lasater and his staff, Probate Judge Frederick Mulhauser and his staff, County Clerk Jane Brannon and her staff, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, all other county employees, past and present and local school officials, teachers, counselors and their support staff and the local attorneys that have been very supportive and helpful."

In honor of his retirement, Ebenhoeh's staff is planning a coffee and cake receptions from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., today, Wednesday in the Pine Lake Room of the Charlevoix County Building.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

George Ebenhoeh has retired as the county's Friend of the Court after over 26 years of service.

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News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits.

Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Care packages

Students at St. Mary School participated in Catholic School Week by dressing up according to the spirit day and by creating care packages for elderly or those who are homebound in the community. On Feb. 3, Amy Putman's fifth and sixth grade class gathered one of each item needed to create the care packages and put them into sacks until the items could be placed in the decorated boxes. Pictured (from left to right) first row are: Chris McFalls, Samantha Sell, Jenna Troppman, Megan Zawisza, Molly Jeakle and Jane Balasz. Second row are: Will Jeakle, Ryan Wimmer, Cassidy Stebe, Ashley Marsh and Kathryn Sell. Third row are: Zach Merrill, Trent Bradley, Eric Buday, Riley Corcoran, Andrew Plude, Christian Morrison, Patrick Kenwabikise and Aaron DeGroot.

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VFW trying to sort out insurance issues

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 1153 is still in business and gearing up for the long road to reconstruction.

But, David Goldstick, quarter master for Post 1153, said the post was not fully insured and that they are hurting. However, as soon as things are cleared with the insurance company and the proper permits are received for rebuilding, a new post will be in the works.

"We are rebuilding," he said. "We have not disappeared."

The building that had been the home of Post 1153 since 1953 was lost during a fire that started around 2 a.m. on Dec. 10.

The fire took the Charlevoix Township Fire Department about two hours to get things under control. No one was hurt in the process and no one was inside the building at the time.

Many thought that arson might have been a factor due to the vandalism that occurred during the night between Nov. 18 and Nov. 19 when four rocks were thrown through two different windows.

However, Spl./Sgt. Jerry Briolat of the Fire Investigation Unit of the Michigan Department of State Police said at the time the fire looked to be accidental.

He said in a previous interview that the cause of the fire was undetermined, but one of the highest probabilities was an electrical failure and closed the case as an accidental fire.

The home of the VFW Post 1153 was formally dedicated in 1953 during the 13th District Rally. Before that time, the post and its auxiliary functioned out of the second floor of a building in downtown Charlevoix.

VFW Post 1153 received its charter on June 16, 1937 and has continuously served the community. The building that became the post's home in 1953 took two year's to build and was constructed almost entirely by volunteer labor, including the plumbing and wiring.

The only feature that wasn't built by volunteers was the Onaway stone fireplace and other stone work. — the volunteers also didn't dig the well.

A second edition was added in the 1970s followed by a garage addition in the 1990s.

Currently, VFW Post 1153 is accepting donations. Donations can he sent to P.O. Box 753, Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

Little League signup announced

The Charlevoix Little League will be having registration for boys and girls, ages 7-16.

A child has to turn 7 before May 1. Please bring copy of birth certificate with you. Registration dates are from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Feb. 23 and March 3, at the Charlevoix Middle School cafeteria.

The fee is $45 per player. Family discounts are available. The fee includes jersey and cap to keep. Cutoff date for Minor and Major League registration is March 12. Cutoff date for Junior and Senior League is April 1. There will be a late charge of $15 for late registrants.

Also at registration, there will be a used baseball equipment turn in. Please bring any used baseball equipment that is in good condition that can be donated.

On Draft Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 19, there will be an Equipment Day. Participants will he able to buy good used equipment at "garage sale" prices. Proceeds will go to the Charlevoix Little League for immediate and future needs.

If you are unable to attend any of these registration dates, please call Kirk Heckendorn at 547-2683 or e-mail kheckdom@charter.net.

Obituaries

Mary Jane Cooper: July 15, 1916 - Feb. 4, 2005

Mary Jane Cooper, 88, of Petoskey died Friday, Feb. 4, 2005 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Father Thomas Neis officiated. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

She was born on July 15, 1916 in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Thomas and Antonia (Stasa) Kovar. She worked 34 years for Burrough's in Detroit. She retired in 1980 and then moved from Dearborn to Petoskey. She was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church in Petoskey. She was active in the Salvation Anny and the Friendship Center of Emmet County.

She is survived by four sisters, Terri Jaskierski of Charlevoix, Bette McConnaughey of Traverse City, Agnes Simmerman of Holland and Ann Schwarz of Holland; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Memorials may be given to Alzheimer's Association, North/West Michigan Chapter; 213 Sheldon Blvd SE, Suite A; Grand Rapids, MI 49503-4513.

Victor Kantola: Feb. 14, 1952 - Feb. 5, 2005

Victor Kantola, 52, passed away Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005 at his home in Marion Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, with the loving presence of his wife and children.

Victor was born in Grand Haven on Feb. 14, 1952, the son of Alfred and Margaret (McBride) Kantola. Victor grew up in Charlevoix.

He had played basketball and foothall in high school. He was the captain of his football team. Victor graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1970.

On Feb. 6, 1985 in Stewart, Fla., he married Pamela Gomez. Victor owned and operated Vic Kantola Builders L.T.D. in Charlevoix from 1980 to 2005. Vic was known for his beautiful stonework and was well regarded as a fine craftsman. Victor worked on some of Northern Michigan's finest homes and was uncompromising when it came to his work.

He was a member of the Boyne City United Methodist Church. Victor loved to fish the area lakes for the "elusive walleye." He also loved to fish charters in the Gulf of Mexico.

Victor was a proud father and loving husband. Victor will be greatly missed by his family, his friends and associates.

Victor is survived by his loving wife, Pam; his son, Andy; and his daughter, Maggie. His is also survived hy his mother, Margaret; his sister, Carolyn; his brothers, Mark, Jon (Annie), and Steve (Nancy and their son Sam); as well as a large extended family. He was preceded in death hy his father, Alfred, in 2001.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, today, Feb. 9 at the Boyne City United Methodist Church. The Rev. Carl Litchfield will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the Kantola family asks that memorials be directed to the Maggie and Andy Kantola Education Fund. Arrangements by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

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New officers installed in the Friends of the Library

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff writer

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library have grown and helped accomplish things for the library and the new officers want to continue doing just that.

President Toni Felter, Vice President Mary Snider, Secretary Sandy Marquardt and Treasurer Tansley DeWitt are going to keep working toward getting the new building ready and adding some new programs along the way.

Felter, who is replacing Kay Heise as president this year, is looking forward to getting her feet wet and learning the ropes.

"It's a very good group of people to work with," she said.

Felter has lived in Charlevoix for about 34 years and has been involved with Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library for four years. During her time with Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, Felter was involved with working on the campaign to pass the mileage to support the library.

Her interest in the library came after she retired from the Charlevoix Public Schools and some friends who were involved with the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library approached her.

Felter said it's an exciting time to be involved with the library as the new building is currently undergoing demolition and there's a lot to look forward to.

Felter said this year is going to be a learning experience as she is new to being president, but wants to keep things going

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The 2005 Friends of the Library officers are (from left) Vice President Mary Snider, President Toni Felter, Secretary Sandy Marquardt and Treasurer Tansley DeWitt.

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Friends of the Library has new officers at its helm

FRIENDS

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and keep volunteers and Friends members excited about the library.

Snider was vice president last year and said she chose to keep her spot despite being asked to run for president.

Holding office takes time out of one's life, but Snider said she enjoys doing it.

"I just like to give back to the community," she said. "I think it's important people can do what they can, in a volunteer capacity, to promote and benefit the town."

Snider was born in Charlevoix and enjoyed growing up here. After college she lived in Iowa with her husband and has been back in the area now for three years.

Marquardt, who is returning as secretary, has held the position for four years.

"I enjoy being a part of the executive board," she said.

Marquardt is a lifelong resident of the area and has been in Charlevoix since 1996. She has been a member of Friends for about four years and has enjoyed it.

DeWitt is the treasurer and is enjoying her first time on the executive board.

"I think it's a wonderful organization," she said. "They've been doing great things."

DeWitt has been a member of the Friends group for the past two years and thought serving as an officer would be a good way to contribute back to the community.

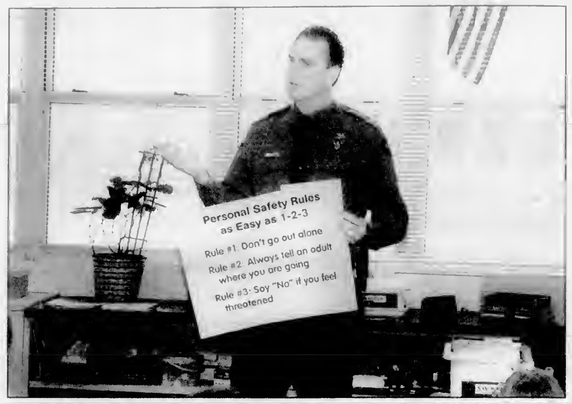
DeWitt has lived in Charlevoix for 25 years and said she joined the Friends group when she retired.

To date, the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library has a membership of 350 families and has $12,500 to work with.

Outgoing President Kay Heise said in a statement that the organization fulfilled it's pledge of $5,000 to the capital campaign for the new library. There is also an additional $5,000 set aside in order to start an art fund for the new library. The author series put on by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library brought in over 250 people. These people came to hear local authors such as Roger Knutson, Larry Smith and Skip Schumacher talk about their books.

The Meet the Candidates program on Oct. 20 allowed citizens to meet and listen to what mayoral candidate, City Council candidates and 105th District candidates had to say. This program brought in about 80 people from the community. The group also hosted the Edith Gilbert Luncheon at Castle Farms in order to raise money for the new library and to honor Gilbert, who is a longtime resident of Charlevoix. This event alone netted over $7,000 on Aug. 18 and about 130 people attended.

For more information on Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library call the library at 547-2651.



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Safety lesson

Charlevoix Police Officer Gerard Doan came to talk to Linda Leavitt's third grade class at St. Mary School about safety on Feb. 2.

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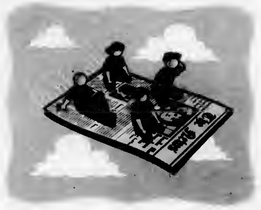

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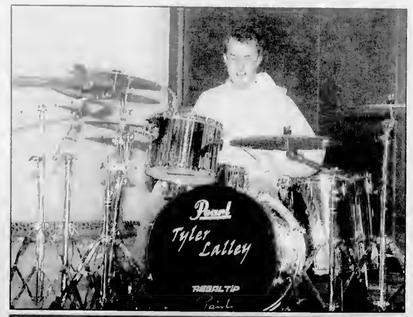

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(Left) One of the several talented musicians displayed their talent during the senior Winterfest skit. (Below left) The sophomore men dressed up in women's jeans and danced to the amusement of their peers. The sophomores won in that category. (Below) Krystal Comber demonstrated her unique hip-hop ability.

(Above) On Feb. 4, the senior class of 2005 did a skit that involved highlighting the talented among them. Jessica Dominic started the skit by showing off her vocal talent.

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Lighthouse nominated for national historic registry

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The United States Coast Guard is trying to get the Charlevoix lighthouse listed on the national registry of historic places.

According to a letter the Coast Guard sent to the city, the coast guard has determined the lighthouse at Lake Michigan Beach to be eligible as a historic property. This means, if the lighthouse is added to the historic places registry, if the city and Charlevoix Historical Society ultimately gain ownership of the lighthouse, they will be able to apply for more grants to restore the structure.

"It has to be registered before we can get some of the funding for the restoration," said Mary Adams of the historical society.

She said a survey of the lighthouse has determined it will need about $161,800 just for the first phase of restoration.

"Our big thing is to try and get that first phase done...Thankfully, there is a lot of grant money available for lighthouses," she said.

The city of Charlevoix and the historic society are working on a plan to get ownership of the lighthouse once it is made available March 1. The society will be the organization that will take care of the lighthouse and will lease it from the city if the deal goes through.

Adams said local governments and non-profits are given first priority when the Coast Guard gives up ownership of a lighthouse.

The United States Coast Guard is seeking comment from local officials and others interested in the lighthouse on its possible registration in the National Register of Historic Places. The comment period is 45 days and started Jan. 18.

The National Preservations Act of 1966 authorizes the secretary of the interior to expand and maintain a national register of districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture. Federal agencies are charged with identifying, evaluating and nominating such properties under their control to the National Register of Historic Places.

Only the lighthouse is being nominated for this registry. It does not include the land below the lighthouse, which is owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

According to a summary statement of physical characteristics of the lighthouse as submitted by the Coast Guard, the present light was constructed in 1948. The light tower's platform is about 13 feet square and 22 inches tall. This supports a 45-foot tall steel tower and cast iron lantern.

The lighthouse's lantern is from the wood tower that stood on the south pier until being demolished to allow the existing tower's construction. This lantern was originally installed in the wooden light tower erected on the north pier at the Pine River Cannel in 1885. That wooden tower was relocated to the south pier in 1914.

The current tower was originally equipped with a 1882 Fresnel lens from the earlier wooden tower. This lens was removed in the 1980s when the light was automated and is now on display at the United States Coast Guard Station in St. Ignace.

The Coast Guard's report says the lighthouse is "associated with event that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Michigan's history."

The report states it has provided for safe navigation of the Great Lakes and marks an important port to the region's maritime commerce since the late nineteenth century.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

A new style

Third grader Molly Corcoran showed off her creativity as a part of Wacky Wednesday on Feb. 2 at St. Mary School as a part of Catholic School Week.

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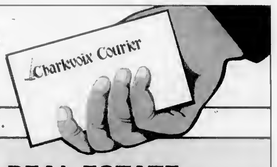

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Mother, son to help in devastated Sri Lanka

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Diane and John Kilkenny will be going to Sri Lanka to help out the victims of the Dec. 26 tidal wave that struck the area.

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Diane Kilkenny, 50, and her son, John, 22, are going to be helping out the victims of the Dec. 26 Southeast Asia tsunami by going to the site of the devastation themselves.

The Kilkennys, of Charlevoix, will be going to Sri Lanka with the group Medina Mission of Mercy out of Medina, Ohio to provide whatever help is needed to the people of that country. Medina Mission of Mercy is a group of doctors, nurses and laypeople that go to different areas of the world and help the people.

"My son, John, and I, like everyone else, see the news and read the papers and just want to do something," Diane said. "It is exciting to be able to help these people."

Diane is a registered nurse and her son is an auto mechanic.

"A big part of me just feels like if there is anything I can do even in some small way to make their lives more comfortable to make them feel better. That is what I want to do," she said.

Diane said has learned the hospital in the area of Sri Lanka they will be staying in has been completely destroyed by the tidal wave that struck the country. She said the mission's job will be to help take care of any illness or injury in the area and provide help with reconstruction.

"Whatever is needed," she said.

Diane said she and her son will be staying for two weeks with over 20 people of the mission. They have to pay for the trip themselves and provide their own water purification tablets, meals and the 23-hour plane trip. Their flight leaves Cleveland, Ohio on Feb. 15.

Both Diane and her son will be staying in a dorm type situation.

The group the Kilkennys will be staying with will be relieved by another team after two weeks.

Kilkenny said she has been told there is so much water, bacteria and bugs that they must sleep on the floors rather than any cots that may be in the dorms. She said the cots are infested with bugs..

"I don't even go camping. This is pretty extreme for me," she said.

Diane learned about the mission from her mother-in-law, Edna Kilkenny. Edna is a registered nurse who has taken part in the mission in the past and encouraged Diane and John to take part this year.

"(Edna) said it is very rewarding. It really enriches your own life just by helping be a part of someone else's," Diane said. "And I feel it is the right thing to do."

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City may take matter to court

CHECK

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was supposedly sent to the city before Brandi left on vacation, but he said he never got it.

Brandi said when he realized the check was in error, he called the city's bank to try and stop payment, but it was too late, CCMS has cashed the check.

Therefore, United Fire and Casualty, sued the city of Charlevoix. In December 2004 the city agreed to end the lawsuit by paying United Fire the money it paid to CCMS.

In the meantime the city was seeking coverage of the mistake from its insurance provider. But the insurance provider is balking at paying this bill.

The city is also looking into criminal charges against CCMS for cashing the check that was mistakenly written to it.

Brandi said the city has added a new procedure to try to keep this from ever happening again. He said both he and the city manager must sign all of the checks that are written by the city. In the past, only he had to sign the checks.

Brandi said he is not sure if this new policy would have stopped the CCMS incident from happening, but it is a step in the right direction. He said by having both himself and Wiesner sign the checks, there is a greater likely hood that mistakes will be caught.

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Wild hair

Third grader Emily Chapdelaine showed off her unique style during Wacky Wednesday on Feb. 2 at St. Mary School.

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Dance classes to be offered

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Elementary Enrichment Program is offering elementary school students in the area the chance to dance.

The program offers children the chance to take creative dance, pre-ballet and ballet taught by Dorothy Eisenstein.

Eisenstein has been a dancer since she was a child and has been teaching the art for 20 years.

She has been a dance teacher at Northwest Michigan College in Traverse City for 10 years and is also a guest choreographer throughout the state of Michigan.

"I enjoy teaching because I like to see the progress in the students," she said. "When you're in that process it helps you become a better artist yourself."

Eisenstein said choreographing for children keeps her mind fresh to new creative ideas and doesn't allow for her choreography to become stagnant.

"You have to be open to change," she said.

Eisenstein said the three classes offer children a way to use their creativity and a way to be active during the winter months.

"The whole program is great in the winter because you can become inactive," she said. "It can be an inspirational outlet for many people, especially children."

This inspirational outlet will be offered to children 4 to 9 years old.

The three classes will run for a six week period starting Feb. 15 and culminating on March 22.

The creative dance is for children in pre-school and kindergarten who are 4 years old and will run from 3:50 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. and costs $30 for the entire six weeks.

The pre-ballet class is for children 5 and 6 years old and will run from 4:20 p.m. to 5 p.m. and costs $36.

The ballet class will run from 5:10 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. and is for children 7 to 9 years old. The cost for this class is $40 for the entire six weeks.

Eisenstein said the classes help develop a child's creativity and involves them in an active learning environment. It also helps them to not lead a sedentary lifestyle when they're older.

"In addition to developing more skills, it develops self-awareness and social awareness," she said.

There isn't a recital as the classes are process based and not performance based.

"I have some new ideas to try out," she said. "It'll be fun. I'm looking forward to the process."

For more information on the classes and to register a child, call Jane Kanine at Charlevoix Elementary School at 547-3215.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Reading lesson

On Feb. 1, Linda Leavitt's third grade Charlevoix Elementary School class read to Heather Sape's pre-kindergarten class. Erin Stebe, 8, read to Julia Sape, 4, during the day.

SPORTS

Island volleyball, basketball claim league titles

By FRANK SOLLE
Island sports writer

With wins over rival Mackinac Island last Friday night, the Beaver Island volleyball and basketball teams each claimed Northern Lights League titles.

The volleyball team cruised to a 25-12, 25-16, 25-14 victory behind strong net play from senior Danielle Cary and sophomore Emma Adams. Adams finished with six kills and five blocks, while Cary added four kills and three blocks, plus four aces from the service line.

Freshmen Andrea Moore and Leaha Cary were solid at the setter spot with Moore dishing out 17 assists and Cary 13.

Other contributors were juniors Christine McDonough with five digs and two kills, and Krystle Timsak with four kills and four aces.

"Our girls knew what they had to do and they were ready," said Islander coach Connie Boyle.

The win secures first place in the league standings for the Islanders at 9-0. Mackinac is in second place at 7-2. Both teams have just one league contest to play.

The Island basketball team found the going a bit tougher as they needed overtime in order to down the Lakers 71-67.

Not only that, but they had to fight back from a 10-point third quarter deficit as well.

Trailing 32-22, the Islander went on a 12-2 tear to tie the game at 34-all. Junior Brett Maudrie capped the run with a trey. The teams then traded five-point runs with the Islanders scoring last on a buzzer beater by Jared Wojan to knot the game at 39 going into the final frame.

A 10-point Island rally appeared to put the game in order, but the Lakers rallied behind two late triples, the final one coming with just 10 seconds to play, tying the game at 56-56, setting up the overtime.

The teams traded points until the Maudrie put the Islanders in control on an inside score followed by back-to-back steals that led to easy layups and a 68-61 lead with two minutes to play.

This time there was no Laker rally as Jimmy Gillespie answered a Mackinac triple with one of his own as the Islanders held on for the win.

The victory seals the league title for the basketball team as they improve to 9-0 with the Lakers falling to 6-2.

The two teams met again Saturday morning, but this time the outcome was reversed. Mackinac won the basketball game 59-56 and the volleyball match in five games 13-25, 25-14, 25-23, 20-25, 15-7.

Since this was the final home date of the season for the Islanders, both coaches made the decision to play their younger and reserve players.

"This is their home crowd," said basketball coach Myers. "It's a chance to let the young kids play."

Coach Boyle agreed, adding, "For the younger girls (who don't get to travel) this is it for their season, so let them play."

And as the scores reflect, play they did.

The reserve basketball players inherited a 28-27 lead from the starters at the beginning of the third quarter and for most of that period held their own. Mackinac's varsity finally took control with a late 10-2 run to post a 50-40 lead going into the final quarter.

The Islander starters went back in for the last period and rallied behind triples by Maudrie, Gillespie and John Runberg to close within three. A late triple try bounced off the rim at the huzzer.

"Our young kids held their own," Myers said. "Then we almost came back in the fourth quarter."

Maudrie again led the Islanders with 17 points. Jimmy Gillespie added 10. John Runberg and Eric Albin each scored seven with Wojan and John Albin hitting four. Kevin Gillespie netted three while Dan Runberg and Justin Martin scored two each.

The young volleyball players matched up well against the Mackinac varsity squad, winning two of five games.

They received a bit of help in the third game after trailing 10-17, but even with a few regular starters sprinkled in they came up just short in a 23-25 loss.

Then, after fighting back to win the fourth game, they tired in the finale as Mackinac ran off the final six points for the win.

"Our younger girls will all be back next year and now they know they can play at the varsity level," Boyle said with an eye to the future.

Sophomores Bailey McDonough and Brenna Green played big roles in the win. McDonough accounted for three blocks, five digs and four aces while Green added four aces as well.

The volleyball team travels to Engadine this Saturday for an annual tournament featuring teams from throughout the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING - SYNOPSIS
January 24, 2005

The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority met on the above date.

City Council Members present: Bob Timms, Bill Haggard, Karen Campbell, Shirley Gibson and Sherm Chamberlain

City Council Members absent: Bill Bellows

DDA Board Members present: Dan Barron, John Taylor, Jeff Porter, John Yaroch, Hugh Mason, Fred DiMartino and Mayor Carlson

DDA Board Members absent: John Kurtz and Jeannine Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Mayor Norman L. Carlson.

The City Council and DDA reviewed proposed amendments to the DDA Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

Amendment #4 will extend the life of the DDA to pay for the Marina bonds. The amendment also includes the marina construction, east park construction, Harbormaster building construction, storm sewer construction, off-site parking construction, allows for personnel to be hired by the DDA and paid out of the captured revenue and financing of projects and personnel. It excludes the band shell, fish pond and the restroom building directly behind the band shell.

Amendment #5 to the DDA Plan includes the band shell, fish pond and restroom building to be removed and the construction of a new pavilion/performance building with amphitheater seating.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

A complete copy of the joint Council/DDA minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Linda Weller, DDA Recording Secretary.

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SPORTS

Rayders lose first time this season

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Keith Haske celebrated his 300th win as a varsity boys basketball coach last week with a win over Glen Lake, 73-63, however later in the week his Charlevoix Rayders suffered their first loss of the 2004-2005 season, falling to Harbor Springs, 64-54.

Haske was 150-84 in 13 seasons as coach of his alma mater, St. John's High School.

Currently in his eighth year in Charlevoix, Haske has posted a 150-43 mark with the Rayders, winning six straight district titles, five regional crowns, two conference championships and three trips to the Breslin Center for the Class C Final Four.

The Rayders, playing without their leading scorer, Jared Hunt, fell however to rival Harbor Springs, following a pre-game ceremony honoring Haske. The loss was the school's first to the Rams under Haske.

Charlevoix jumped out to a 7-0 lead to start the game, playing before a near capacity crowd at home. The Rams were undeterred and rallied to tie the score at 9-9 to end the first quarter.

In second quarter action, the lead changed hands six times and the Rayders left the court with a narrow 24-22 advantage at the half. Phil Steen scored 10 points in the first half.

Harbor took the lead at 31-29 with 6:25 remaining in the third quarter. Steen tied the game on a short jumper minutes later and back-to-back hoops by Ben Bergmann put the Rayders back on top, 35-33 with 5:15 to go in the third.

The Rams tied the game before Matt Kautz sank his second three-pointer of the night to re-take the lead for Charlevoix. Harbor Springs then scored four straight points to take a 41-38 lead. Bergmann scored on a slashing drive to close the third quarter and cut the lead to one.

Bergmann opened the fourth with another drive and score to give Charlevoix a 42-41 lead but the Rams then went on a 8-0 run to take a 49-42 lead with 5:12 left in the game.

Out of a Haske timeout, Cody Crain drained a three-pointer and another Steen basket brought the Rayders to within two at 49-47 with 4:22 to go. The Rayders pulled within a basket twice more at 51-49 and 53-51 but they were unable to catch the Rams.

Harbor Springs outscored Charlevoix, 11-3 over the last two minutes of the ballgame, netting eight of their 11 points at the free throw line.

"One of the keys was that we just didn't have an answer for Greg Oldman (who led all scorers with 27 points)," Coach Haske said. "We did some good things with him, tried to front him but our help side guys just weren't there too much of the time."

Bergmann led the Rayders with 17 points, 11 rebounds and four assists. Steen had 16 points and 10 rebounds. Crain finished with eight points and Kautz with seven.

"Steen and Bergmann had good games, I thought," Haske said. "But we just didn't have enough perimeter help to win."

"Looking back, shooting as poorly as we did from the three-point line (4 for 22 for the game), you wonder how we had a chance to win it."

Against Glen Lake, Kautz led Charlevoix with 17 points and five assists. Steen had 14 points and six rebounds. Bergmann contributed 11 points while Eddie Waldron scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds.

Sophomore Ty Haske dished out seven assists and pilfered three steals in his first start on the varsity.

"It was nice to be able to use our new lineup (without Hunt) in a non-league game," Haske commented. "It gave the players a positive start."

Charlevoix (13-1 overall, 8-1 conference) played at Grayling in a battle of the two top teams in the Lake Michigan Conference. The results will appear in next week's Courier. On Friday, the Rayders play at Traverse City St. Francis.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

During thebasketball games on Feb. 4, Coach Keith Haske was awarded a plaque to honor him for winning his 33th varsity boy's basketball game on Feb. 1.

Volleyball team brings conference record to 8-1

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

The Rayders varsity volleyball team is either hot or cold with very little in between.

In six matches over two nights Charlevoix managed to bring its conference record to 8-1.

For the second time this season the Rayders beat both Boyne City and Elk Rapids.

"Both games we started out slow," said coach Liz Grunch. "And then it really picked up and we came out sweeping the night."

She added, "The girls really hung in there and played well."

The Rayders scored 25-17, 25-8, 25-7 Monday and 25-19, 25-22, 25-16 Thursday against the Ramblers and Elks respectively.

Players of mention against Boyne City were Teresa Martin and Kari Way each with 10 kills. Zita Anderson had 28 assists, was 12-12 for serves and had two aces and Betsey Dennis had 100 percent serve-receive.

The action against Elk Rapids was lead by Martin with 13 kills while Anderson had 23 assists, two aces and was again 12-12 in serves. Dennis came in with four aces and two blocks and Way had 20 digs.

While last weeks games weren't her team's greatest, Grunch is happy with the result.

"These are two nice conference wins for us," she said.

Charlevoix's excellent play on the weeknights was matched only by their poor play on the weekend.

According to coach Grunch, a combination of fatigue and inconsistencies lead her team to a fifth place tie in Saturdays tournament in Suttons Bay.

"I think we played well in the morning," she said. "But we were playing against pretty tough competition."

She added, "It was good experience for us. Suttons Bay is in our district. It was nice to see their style of play."

Watching Suttons Bay work also gives Grunch the chance to focus on the Rayders weaknesses.

And Charlevoix has just three weeks with no tournament play to ready themselves for districts.

"We have a couple weekends off and then we'll be ready to go at it again," she said.

But for now Grunch will look to immediate tasks.

"Our big focus is coming up," she said. "We'll be playing Harbor Springs, Kalkaska and Traverse City — those are tough competitions."

One of the biggest factors in those games will be, among other things, Charlevoix's ability to serve-receive.

And, Grunch said, "We really need to work on blocking at the net and transition on defense."

The Rayders prepare for their next game at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in East Jordan.

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Junior varsity, varsity grapplers doing well

The Charlevoix Rayder junior varsity wrestling team traveled to Houghton Lake for the Houghton Lake Junior Varsity Invitational where they competed against teams from Gaylord, Pine River, Harrison, Cadillac, Roscommon, Houghton Lake, Oscoda, Traverse City St. Francis, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

Coach Craig Golovich said that his junior varsity team "looked strong on the mats and wrestled well.

Top medal winners for the Charlevoix Rayders were; First, Nick Gotshall (130) three Pins, one technical. First, Scott Sladek (189) one pin, two decisions. Second, Nathan Tripplehorn (215) one pin, two decisions. Third, Spencer Hankins (119) two pins, one decision. Fourth, RJ Moore (145) one pin, one decision. Fourth, Drew Klooster (152) two decisions.

Wrestler of the Week went to Nick Gotshall for going four-for-four at the tournament.

The Charlevoix Varsity wrestlers traveled to Rudyard Thursday, Feb. 3, when they competed against Cheboygan and Rudyard.

The team went in having to post voids in three weight classes due to injuries and illnesses, and incurred losses in both matches. Cheboygan defeated Charlevoix 48 – 31.

Top wrestlers were: Nick Gotshall (decision), Jed Daman (pin), Matt Novotny (decision), and Scott Sladek (pin).

The Rayders wrestled Rudyard who won 46 – 36. Top wrestlers were: Jed Daman , Matt Novotny , Drew Klooster, Jeff Golovich, and Scott Sladek. Each pinned their opponent.

"Matt Novotny showed tonight what it means to never give up," Coach Golovich said. "He came ready to wrestle and wrestled tough."

Jed Daman continued to add to his near perfect record by posting two more in the win column.

As the team moves toward the end of the season, the Rayders look forward to going to Petoskey on Saturday, Feb. 12 for the Petoskey B Invitational. Feb. 17 is the Division IV Team Districts at Onaway and Feb. 19 is the Divison IV Individual Districts in Manton.

The Rayders must place fourth or better to advance to the Team and/or Individual Regionals to be Feb. 23 and 26 in Manton.

Boys' team wins one

After several disappointing results this year, the Charlevoix/East Jordan varsity boys' ski team game through Feb. 5 in the Boyne City Invitational with a first place finish out of six teams.

Charlevoix beat out Boyne City, Okemos, Lake Orion, Inland Lakes and Detroit Country Day for the spot.

The girls' team also did well that day with a third place finish. Lake Orion took first and Boyne City was in second.

In addition to its overall first, the boys' team finished second overall in the giant slalom, with Lake Orion taking first. They also finished second in the slalom, with Boyne City taking first.

The girls' team finished third in the giant slalom, with Lake Orion taking first and Boyne City in second. And they finished third in the slalom, with Boyne City taking first and Lake Orion in second.

Individual results for the boys' team in the giant slalom were: Mac Brennan in third with a time of 43.03 seconds; Andrew Mallory in fourth with a time of 43.36 seconds; Cameron Attee in eighth, with a time of 43.92 seconds; Logan Priess in twentieth, with a time of 48.25 seconds; Nic Williams in twenty-second with a time of 49.15 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' team in the slalom were: Brennan in fifth with a time of 1 minute, 4.36 seconds; Geoff Baier in eighth, with a time of 1 minute, 10.21 seconds; Williams in tenth with a time of 1 minute, 11.70 seconds; Priess in thirteenth, with a time of 1 minutes, 13.61 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the giant slalom were: Michelle Fritsch in first, with a time of 45.26 seconds; Kelsey Poineau in seventh, with a time of 47.47 seconds; Kristin Dupuis in sixteenth, with a time of 51.17 seconds; Elizabeth Hasseld in eighteenth, with a time of 51.45 seconds; Stephanie Poindexter in twenty-fourth with a time of 54.57 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the slalom were: Katherine Rowley in second, with a time of 1 minute, 1.76 seconds; Michelle Fritsch in seventh, with a time of 1 minute, 4.93 seconds; Poineau in tenth, with a time of 1 minute, 7.32 seconds; Poindexter in twenty-first with a time of 1 minute, 22.36 seconds; Sarah Lorne in twenty-third with a time of 1 minute, 24.15 seconds and Dupuis in thirty-first, with a time of 1 minute, 50.14 seconds.

Courtesy photo

A Rayder races against the clock in the Boyne City Invitational last week.

Area hockey team beats Traverse City

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team traveled to Howe Arena Sat , Feb 5, to meet Traverse City's North Stars and won 3-2.

With patient blue line passing to keep the puck in their offensive zone, and good passing by the offensive lines within their zone, Boyne pounded the Traverse City goalies.

Ryan Hennessy scored unassisted, Ryan Paridee hit the netting with passes from Russell Williams and Evan Keller, and Williams scored the winning goal with just over 2 minutes left on the running clock with an assist from Matt Kopke.

Goalie Nick Ferree made some spectacular saves as he earned another win.

The team plays in the state district playoffs next weekend in Mackinaw City.

On Jan. 28 they met Lakeland AA in Kalkaska, and lost 1-5. Ryan Hennessy, assisted by Troy Scarbrough, scored Boyne's goal. Charlie Courtright and Ferree shared goaltending.

On Jan. 29 the team hosted Newberry. The first game was marked by very fast skating and end-to-end action. Paridee scored a hat trick with three goals and Scarbrough backhanded in a rebound to score in the 4-2 win.

Assists came from Williams, Darren Looze, Gear Robinson; Nick Dunwoody, and Eli Barsy each gave two. Boyne put 23 shots on net, while Goalie Ferree saved 18 of 20 shots on his turf.

Boyne dropped the second hard fought game 4-5. Looze and Dunwoody each put one on the scoreboard, and Matt Kopke added two. Barsy tallied an assist. Netminder Courtright took 16 shots on net.

On Jan. 30 the team hosted Traverse City's AA team, and skated to a solid 4-1 win, outshooting Traverse City 31-17.

Hennessy, Barsy, Kopke and Scarbrough scored. John Miller, Will Brown, Scarbrough and Kopke gave assists; Darren Looze chipped in two. Goalies Courtright and Ferree split netminding.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League - Feb. 2, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	202	98
Ferguson & Chamberlain	188	112
The Inner Circle	170	130
Paul Bunyan Lanes	137	163
Lutherans	136	164
St. Mary's	136	164
Mark White Paint & Stain	132	168
R & C Roofing	99	201

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Kehrer		220
Roger Crain	597	
John Fiedorek	592	224
Jim Potter	223	584

Tuesday Night Ladies - Feb. 1, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables	15.5	8.5
Brooks Beauty Shoppe	15	9
Central Drug Store	15	9
Twin Lakes Enterprise	13.5	10.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	12	12
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	10.5	13.5
Dons IGA	7.5	16.5

Mark White Paint & Stain	7	17

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	654	233
Cindy Brooks	555	224
Janice Thanasiu		214
Cherie Helm	531	

Men's Senior League - Jan. 31, 2005

	W	L
J Arnold Painting "A"	11	5
B Vanloo & Sons	11	5
Kerr's Racing	11	5
Weebowl-Wobowls	8	5
Central Drug Store	7.5	8.5
J Arnold Painting "Z"	6	10
Selph Trucking	5.5	10.5
Cemex Cement	4	12

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chris Putman	584	233
Jon Kiernan	603	226
Chuck Foy	592	
Mike Cummings	213	

Young at Hearts League - February 3, 2005

	W	L
Spareteme	15	5
Misfits	14	6
Twilighters	14	5
Half & Half	12	8
Irish Rollers	10	10
Alley Cats	9	11

Past Timers	4	16
Has Beens	2	18

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	599	242
Ralph Kitson		190
Ken Schoonhet	521	184
Bob Black	499	
Zettie Kinyon	468	152
Judy Potter	448	159
Shirley Flower	442	156

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles - January 30, 2005

	W	L
Herboldsheimer	37	7
Golovich	32	12
Hill/Martinchek	28	16
O'Leary	26	18
Bradley	26	18
Griffin/Novotny	26	18
Novotny	25	19
Lasky	21	23
Titus	18	26
Hart	16	28
Cunningham/Mikulski	9	35
Team 12	0	44

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	466	199
David Herboldsheimer	485	
Dave Golovich	478	178
Matt Novotny		174

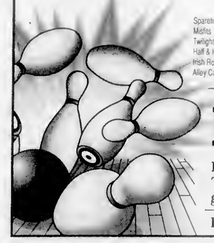
Kathy Bradley	433	169
Margie Golovich	438	158
Colleen Griffin	380	144

Double Deckers Mixed League - January 23, 2005

	W	L
Spencer	22.5	9.5
Bradley	21.5	10.5
Blanchard/Crain	21	11
Novotny	20	12
Sladek	19	13
Russell A & J	19	13
Witthoeft	18.5	13.5
Russell C & R	17	15
Stein	17	15
Ferguson	17	15
Koffman	16	16
Blanchard	14	18
Webb	13.5	18.5
Patton	8	24
Nordman	8	24
Hart	8	28

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Joe Sladek		211
Jeff Novotny	485	
Mike Webb	455	210
Aaron Nordman		196
Gary Spencer	483	
Lynette Webb	488	192
Carla Spencer	485	182
Carrie Blanchard	469	174



Paul Bunyan Lanes
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Third grader Shane Sutherland dressed up for Wacky Wednesday on Feb. 2 at St. Mary School as a part of Catholic School Week.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

January 24, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Norm Carlson, Jr. at 5:50 p.m.

City Council Members Present: Bob Timms, Bill Haggard, Karen Campbell, Shirley Gibson and Sherm Chamberlain

City Council Members Absent: Bill Bellows

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-01-03 of 2005. The resolution of intent to amend the DDA ordinance by extending the duration of the DDA's development and tax increment financing plan and to adopt the fourth amendment to the DDA's tax increment financing plan and to schedule a public hearing on these matters.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-01-04 of 2005 - Resolution of intent to amend the DDA's tax increment financing plan and development plan and to schedule a public hearing on the proposed fifth amendment to the DDA's development and tax increment financing plan.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

A complete copy of the joint Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Jo Weller, DDA Recording Secretary

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed ordinances to amend the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlevoix City Hall Council Chambers located at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearings are to consider ordinances which amend Section 1.302 of Chapter 7, Title I of the Charlevoix City Code to amend the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority's Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The proposed amendments do not result in the relocation of any families or individuals from the Development Area.

The first public hearing will be to consider the Fourth Amendment, which will extend the duration of the Plan through December 31, 2026 and will add the following items to the DDA's Development Plan:

1. Marina Construction – The project includes obstructions and removals along the bulkhead, shore sheeting the bulkhead, four floating pier systems extending into Round Lake, miscellaneous shopper dock construction on the north and south end of the project, construction of electric, water and sanitary sewer lines to service the docks, and supporting tie backs for shore sheeting. The Marina extends from Antrim Street to a point approximately 200 feet north of the Clinton Street right-of-way along the shores of Round Lake and extends into Round Lake.

2. East Park Construction – The project includes numerous removals in the site area, including a section of the street end to relocate the street, reconstruction of the street area with storm systems, curb and gutter and bituminous paving, numerous walkways with concrete pavement, special pavement and brick pavement, construction of a fish pond, an ice skating infrastructure on or near the Harbormaster's office, site railings, irrigation system, numerous park amenities, such as benches, trash receptacles, etc, site lighting and all other elements normally included in a park system of this type. East Park is between Antrim Street, Clinton Street, Bridge Street and Round Lake in downtown Charlevoix.

3. Harbormaster Building – The Harbormaster building will include facilities to house the Marina staff, amenities for the boaters, public restrooms, and a deck on top of the building for public viewing. The Harbormaster building will be placed at the foot of Clinton Street between the street ending and Round Lake.

4. Storm Sewer Construction – The project includes 48 - 60" diameter pipe in Mason Street and a 24" diameter pipe in Clinton Street, along with associated manholes etc. Storm sewers are proposed in Mason Street from Round Lake to the west side of Bridge Street and in Clinton Street from the Round Lake to approximately one-half way to Bridge Street.

5. Off-Site Parking – The parking lot is proposed with curb and gutter construction, bituminous surface along with appropriate drainage systems and landscaped islands. The parking area is located in the southeast corner of the old Middle School site on Mason Street.

6. Personnel – The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) may hire personnel to promote the retail, economic and business advantages of the downtown area and to perform such other services as are authorized by Act 197 of 1975, as amended (the Act), or as may be specified by the DDA.

7. Financing of Projects and Personnel – Personnel that may be hired by the DDA will be paid out of the general revenue of the DDA which comes from "captured millage" and millage that is specifically assessed for the DDA. The other projects that are described in this amendment will be financed, in whole or in part, by the issuance of bonds as authorized by law. Installment contracts, as authorized by Act 99 of 1933, may also be used. As noted earlier, some projects may be funded in part by state grants as well. Regarding bonding, the DDA's financial consultant and bond counsel will recommend the type of bonds to be issued and terms of such bonds. The preliminary estimate of bonding potential is $6.4 million. Until firm project cost estimates can be obtained, it should be assumed that the total amount of bonds to be issued will be the maximum amount that is authorized by law. It is anticipated that bonds will be issued in 2005. The DDA has successfully issued bonds for past projects. Based on information obtained from the financial consultant regarding the likely "life" of the bonds, it is recommended that the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan be extended through December 31, 2026.

8. Removal of Existing Band Shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building; construction of a new pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating. This project is specifically excluded from this Fourth Amendment to the Plan. Thus, the DDA shall not undertake this project unless authorized by a later amendment to the Plan.

A second public hearing will be held to consider a Fifth Amendment to the DDA's Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, which will add the following item:

1. Removal of Existing Band Shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building; construction of a new pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating – The project includes the removal of the current band shell, fish pond and restroom facility. The construction of a new pavilion/performance building, including public restrooms, amphitheater seating for the pavilion.

A copy of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority with maps and copies of the proposed amendments to the plan are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Charlevoix City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan during regular business hours. All aspects of the proposed amendments to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, as well as the entire Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

The public is invited to attend the public hearings and present its comments on the proposed ordinances. The public may also submit its written comments on the proposed amendments at the public hearings or by sending them to the Charlevoix City Clerk at the above address prior to the public hearings.

Date: January 27, 2005 Carol Ochs, City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darryl T. Etter and Melanie Etter, husband and wife, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, mortgagee, dated November 21, 2002 and recorded November 25, 2002 in Liber 501, Page 121, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee, c/o Residential Funding Corporation by assignment dated November 21, 2002 and recorded on June 10, 2003 in Liber 545, Page 981, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 86/100 Dollars ($90,930.86) including interest at the rate of 7.13% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on March 4, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne Falls, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 107, of the Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2 Subdivision, according to the plat as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271 through 273, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: Feb-ruary 2, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee, c/o Residential Funding Corporation, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2760 ASAP631016

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Firefighters Ball

The sixth annual Charlevoix Firefighters Ball starts at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Charlevoix Country Club. The cost is $30 each for tickets or 2 for $50. Contact Shari Kline at 547-8495 for tickets.

Night Under the Venice Sky

A Night Under the Venice Sky an evening of elegance, romance and fun will be at 7 p.m., on Feb. 12 at the Harvest Barn Church of M-66 in East Jordan. Treat your sweetheart to an evening of dancing to the sounds of big band and swing music and Italian cuisine. Entertainment is provided by Northwest Academy Jazz Ensemble. Cost is $50 per couple in advance. Doors open at 6:30.

The catered dinner buffet includes roasted beef, chicken parmesan, pasta primavera, garlic red potatoes, salad, appetizers and desserts.

No alcoholic beverages will be served. Coffee, pop and punch are included in the ticket price. Contact Bridgette at (231) 536-2870 to reserve tickets today. Couples and group reservations are welcome. tickets must be purchased by Jan. 29. Make checks payable to Harvest Barn Church.

Grief, loss support group

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is beginning a grief and loss support group from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, for six weeks at Christ Episcopal Church at 200 State Street, Charlevoix.

Building seminars

Are you planning a building project in the near future? The Department of Building Safety will be having several one night informational sessions to help you understand the process. Inspectors and zoning administrators will he on hand to provide the latest information on building, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, soil erosion and zoning permits.

Items that will be addressed but not limited to: How, When and Why do I need a permit? When and what inspections are required?

Meetings will be at the following locations: 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 14, at the Boyne City Hall and 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the East Jordan City Hall.

Winter book sale

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will hold a special winter book sale from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, in the community room of the library.

Stand powerlifting

The Stand Powerlifting Team is coming to the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66 North in Charlevoix Wednesday Feb. 23 and Saturday Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. and again on Sunday Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The team will be performing at school assemblies throughout the area during their stay in Charlevoix. They challenge young people with a positive motivational message illustrated through amazing feats of strength, teaching the importance of abstinence, anti-drug/alcohol, academic excellence, overcoming peer pressure, issues of self-esteem and respecting others. The team's focus in the schools is to encourage kids to make the right choices in life situations. Church assemblies add the message of family values and Jesus Christ. Public invited to attend all assemblies. For more information, please call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office at 547-6430 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare program is currently being offered at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. DivorceCare is from 7-9 p.m. Childcare is offered Wednesday evenings only. DivorceCare is a free program for anyone experiencing, or have experienced a divorce. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

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Story time

Margaret Purvis, 4, was read to by Geena McKinney, 8, and Jaclyn Merrill, 9, during the reading buddies activity. The third graders from Linda Leavitt's class read to the pre-kindergarten students in Heather Sape's class.

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Lighthouse to be given away by Coast Guard

LIGHTHOUSE

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its first phase of restoration.

"We have a lot of fund-raising to do to meet that," she said.

However, according to Steven Belko, of the Michigan Lighthouse Project and the State Preservation Office, there are a number of grants available for lighthouse restoration.

The first grant that came to mind, he said, was the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program and he has never seen anyone turned down for this grant. The grant money comes from the sale of lighthouse license plates in the state of Michigan.

Before voting on the matter, some council members questioned what would happen if the grants "dried" up and the city did not want the lighthouse anymore.

Belko said it would then revert back to federal control. However, he said, the federal government and the state does not want that to happen, which is why there are so many grants available out there.

"We try to make sure we don't get it," he said.

Belko said the process to get the lighthouse is competitive. This is the fifth lighthouse that will be put up for availability.

Generally, Belko said, during the time for notices of interest from groups on the lighthouse when it is made available, if several groups want the lighthouse in addition to the local government body — which has happened before — applications are sent out. Once those applications are filled out by the groups, the government looks them over and makes a decision on who gets the lighthouse.

Belko added, the lighthouse building is the only part that is being made available. He said the pier is owned by the Corps of Engineers and the light in the lighthouse will be maintained and operated by the Coast Guard.

"It the light goes out, it is the United States Coast Guard's responsibility," he said.

Before the unanimous vote by council approving the partnership and plan to send out a letter of intent when the lighthouse is made available, former Charlevoix Mayor Gabe Campbell said, "I hope this goes through because we have lost a lot of our landmarks around here."

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Hat day

(Above) Amy Putman's fifth and sixth grade at St. Mary School participated in Catholic School Week by creating crazy hats on Feb. 4. Putman's class is pictured (from left to right) front row are: Will Jeakle, Ryan Wimmer, Chris McFalls, Megan Zawisza, Samantha Sell, Molly Jeakle, Jenna Troppman, Trent Bradley, Eric Buday and Riley Corcoran. Second row are: Zach Merrill, Andrew Plude, Ashley Marsh, Cassidy Stebe and Kathryn Sell. Third row is Patrick Kenwabikise. (Below) Linda Leavitt's third grade class at St. Mary School participated in Crazy Hat Day as a part of Catholic School Week on Feb. 4. Pictured (from left to right) front row are: Jaclyn Merrill, Julana Swidorski, Emily Chapdelaine, Erin Stebe, Kelsey Pischner and Ian Clark. Second row are: Oscar Scheier, Nicholas Snabes, Jackson Buday, Parker LaVanway, Shane Sutherland, Molly Corcoran and Justin Pearl.

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Glen's of Charlevoix has a new manager

Congratulations and welcome to Donna Loove, the new manager of Glen's of Charlevoix. Donna lives in Boyne City and was transferred from Gaylord. We wish Harold Miller all the best in his new position as manager of Glen's South in Petoskey. Harold was with our Charlevoix store for many years and he will be missed.

Flap Jack Family Restaurant is celebrating Customer Appreciation Month

February is Customer Appreciation Month at Flap Jack Family Restaurant. Their specials include Trivia Tuesday, Free Dessert Wednesday, Thirsty Thursday, Rayder Pride Friday and Kiddie Day Saturday. Stop by and look for pictures of their "regulars". What a way to show people they care.

Subway is now open for business

After extensive remodeling, Subway re-opened for business on February 8th. Terry Amick, his friendly staff and Subway specialties have been missed. Congratulations on the completion of a major project. The remodeling is just beautiful and guests will surely enjoy the new look. Stop by and say hello.

Steve Andreae interviewed for the New York Times

We are impressed to find out that Steve Andreae with Re/Max of Charlevoix was recently interviewed for the New York Times regarding what it takes to be a great realtor. According to Steve's Up North News it's looking good for the real estate market in 2005.

Winter Indoor Sidewalk Sales Days are Feb. 18-21

Charlevoix merchants are celebrating Presidents' Day weekend by holding their Indoor Sidewalk Sales. This annual shopping event begins on Friday, February 18 through Monday, February 21. Be sure to visit all the stores that will be offering the best bargains of the winter on great merchandise.

2nd Annual Cherry Recipe Contest sponsored by Friske Farm Market

February 26 will be an exciting day as Friske's holds their 2nd annual Cherry Recipe Contest. Entries must be in by February 15, 2005. Six finalists will be named in each category and final judging is on February 26 at 10:30 am at Friske Farm Market. Registration forms are available by calling Friske's 599-2604, or go to www.friske.com.

Esperance presents a Sun. Wine Tasting Series

Esperance is hosting Wine Tasting events at the Weathervane Restaurant to combat the winter blues. All events will be held on Sundays in the lower level of the Weathervane Restaurant The dates are February 27, from 3 to 6pm and April 24, from 4 to 6 pm. For tickets stop at Esperance, 12853 US 31 North or Call 237-9300.

Celebrate Women, Winter & Chocolate

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting the 2nd annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour on February 27. This non-competitive event for women begins at the Charlevoix Elementary School and continues on the trails weaving through Mount McSauba. Novice winter activists are encouraged to attend. Tickets are $35.00 in advance and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day. Proceeds benefit B.A.S.E.S. and the Women's Resource Center. Registration forms are available at the Chamber office.

A Winter Night at the Castle

The Castle is hosting an Evening of Fine Food & Award Winning Michigan Wines on February 26 from 2pm until 11pm. Tickets are $10.00. For more information call 237-0884 or tickets can be purchased at the door.

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- **Feb. 12** - Roven Hill Second Saturday Science for Kids. 536-3369
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Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Breakfast is March 4 at 7:30 am at Grey Gables.

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting is February 17 at 8:45 am at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

If you have news that you would like to have included in our next Chamber Monthly please contact the Chamber office.

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Rate increases proposed

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix's proposed 2005-2006 city budget includes increases in electric, water and sewer rates, in addition to several increases in recreation fees.

According to the proposed budget, residents who use city water, sewer and electric services will see an average increase of about $3.80 per month in addition to a $1.40 per month "ready to serve" charge. This breaks down to a 5.5 percent increase in the sewer bill, 2 percent increase in the water bill and a 3.9 percent increase in the electric bill.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi said, "I think Charlevoix residents are going to see those rate increases and that is going to be a concern. I don't like having the increases we are proposing, but I think they are justified and necessary."

Brandi said, basically, the increases are needed to shore up the electric, sewer and water funds due to expenses that have come out of the funds in the past. These expenses were from fixes or improvements that were needed to the system over the years, but left the funds short.

So, to make up for this, Brandi said the rate increases were necessary.

But before putting in the increases, he said the city looked at the needs of the individual funds over the next five years — thus spreading out the cost over five years — and how its service and rates compare to other cities in the area.

"We tried to look at every single rate that is out there to see how we compared. We have to make sure we are competitive," he said.

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Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner added the increases will also help in making the funds self sufficient. This way, if future projects come down the line in the elet-

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(Left) The characters from "Into the Woods" were brought to life by the performing arts department of Charlevoix High School. The group went to regionals with the play, but didn't move on to state. They are now preparing to show the public what they have been working on. One character portrayed was the witch that kept Rapunzel locked up in a tower. (Above) Little Red Riding Hood makes an appearance.

Student actors place at regional

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix High School performing arts department went to regionals on Feb. 11 with "Into the Woods" and gave a great show despite not placing for the state finals.

Connie Ford, performing arts director, said two other C/D schools were ahead of Charlevoix, which is why they didn't make it to state.

"It was an interesting day," she said.

Despite not having the best facility to work with, Ford said the students did the best they could.

"The kids did a marvelous job with it," she said.

"Into the Woods" is a play that mixes up several different fairy tales including "Little Red Riding Hood," "Jack and the Bean Stalk" and "Rapunzel." The characters from each fairy tale end up coming across one another in a journey through the woods, which creates some humorous encounters.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Jeffery Robert Beckman, 38, Chesaning. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Lynn Whitley, 21, Mt. Pleasant. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $860 in fines and costs.

Thomas Patrick Matela, 17, Boyne City. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana and attempted police officer resisting and obstructing. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for two days, serve six days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 162 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $855 in fines and costs.

Jonathan Clayton Knoch, 17, Boyne City. Assault and battery. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for seven days, 86 days held in abeyance.

David Bruce Woodward, 53, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 45 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance; $1,225 in fines and costs.

Timothy Allen Girlinghouse, 29, Boyne City. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $905 in fines and costs.

Tina Marie Fitzpatrick, 45, Ellsworth, Embezzlement vulnerable adult less than $200. Six months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, 86 days held in abeyance; $1,437 in fines and costs.

Bruce Allen Olson, 34, Traverse City. Check-non-sufficient funds less than $100. Fines and costs totaling $368.69.

Michael Ivan Martin, 20, Sparta, Minor in possession of alcohol. Must attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Kyle Westley Little, 29, Petoskey. Possession of operator's license revoked/suspended/altered/false identification. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Brett Alan Dougan, 20, St. Joseph, Ind. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Rex Allen Bartholomew Jr., 36, Bellaire. Operator's license suspended/revoked/denied, second or subsequent offense. Sentenced to nine days in jail with credit for nine days; $850 in fines and costs.

Jose Angel Tristan, 30, East Jordan. Stolen property received/concealed over $200 and under $1,000 and open intoxicant motor vehicle passenger. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for five days; $300 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Dustin James Hicks, 22, Charlevoix. Home invasion, second degree (habitual offender). Sentenced to a minimum of 88 months to a maximum of 22 years in jail with credit for 439 days.

Dustin James Hicks, 22, Charlevoix. Police officer-assaulting/resisting/obstructing. Sentenced to a minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 24 months in jail.

Dennis Charles Werda, 42, Alpena. Operating under the influence of liquor, third offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 29 months to a maximum of 60 months in jail with credit for seven days.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Beading Magic by Mitzi, 221 North Street, Boyne City, by Mitzi Newber.

Tee's for you, 2282 South Advance Road, East Jordan, by Mary Alice Ruhling.

A Green Tree, 5895 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Brent R. Cadarette.

Hands in Heart Landscaping Services, 107 North Advance Road, East Jordan, by Lisa Carriere.

Highland Metal Works, 02715 Pleasant Valley Road, Boyne City, by Jon Jasinski.

reSort reDecorate, 1329 Lakeshore Drive, Boyne City, by Betty L. Spence.

Café Casa & Galleria, 105 East Main Street, East Jordan, by Jennifer Aenis.

InLand Auto, 26801 PAID EEN OG Road, Beaver Island, by Jeffrey B. Connor.

Eve and Pat Variety Shop, 00133 M-75 South, Boyne City, by Patricia Shotrosky and Eve Miller.

Candiland Daycare, 511 State Street, East Jordan, by Candi Burns.

Closer Look Home Inspections, 1287 Anderson Road, Boyne City, by Peter C. Johnson Jr.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

George Lee Foster Jr., 33, Charlevoix and Christina Kay Baxter, 35, Charlevoix

Kreg Brian Wager, 20, Charlevoix and Danielle Renee Flowers, 20, Charlevoix

Nicholas Arthur Rajkovich, 25, Boyne City and Emilea Lynn Coon, 20, Boyne City

Mark J. Boss, 26, Smyrna, Ga. and Rachel Carrie Nilson, 28, Smyrna, Ga.

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Thomas John Scott vs. Joan Margaret Scott

Karen K. Lorne vs. William James Lorne

David A. Martinchek vs. Moira J. Martinchek

Births

Elliona Skye Leaman weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Misty Leaman of East Jordan on Feb. 5, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Steve and Debbie Leaman of East Jordan.

Madison Elizabeth Knapp weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Shawnee Marie Knapp on Feb. 2, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Betty Lou Sellers of East Jordan and Bobby Cullin Sellers from East Jordan.

Correction

A column written by Edith Gilbert in the Feb. 2 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, should have said a good example of a band pavilion is at Mackinaw City.

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Free throw winners

Charlevoix Knights of Columbus announces winners of the 2005 Free Throw Contest. Ten boys and girls from Charlevoix were named local champions of the contest and have earned the right to represent Charlevoix at the district level. The district championship was Jan. 29 at Inland Lakes School. Winners of their respective divisions are (front from left) Meagan Peters, Andrew Potter, Danielle Barron, Nolan Ager, Nikki Speigl, (back) Logan Kline, Ericka Faust, Collin McDonough, Katie Withrow and Weston Bryan.

Four to try for two school board seats

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Candidates seeking two open seats on the Charlevoix Public School Board have filed and are ready for the election on May 3.

The candidates are incumbent Barney Way, incumbent Scott Boss, Dean Spencley and Kristine Michaud.

The ballots had to be filed by 4 p.m. on Feb. 8 for the May 3 election, which is required under Michigan's election consolidation law.

School board candidates must file an affidavit of identity and either a nominating petition or a non-refundable $100 fee to run, according to a press release by Terri Lynn Land, Michigan secretary of state.

Candidates who chose to submit a petition from a school district with a population of less than 10,000 had to gather a minimum of six signatures. Those from school districts with a population of 10,000 or more had to gather a minimum of 40 signatures, according to the press release.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Cherie Browe said in a previous interview that the law states that there can't be more than 2,999 people in one precinct, so several precincts were created in each school district to accommodate the changes with the election consolidation laws.

There are three proposed Charlevoix school precincts and there are 7,435 registered voters in the Charlevoix School District. Precinct One includes Marion, Norwood and Banks townships. Voting will take place in Marion Township.

Precinct Two includes both Charlevoix and Hayes townships and voting will occur in Hayes Township.

Precinct Three includes the City of Charlevoix and Eveline Township, with voting occurring in the City of Charlevoix.

Browe said the county will notify all the voters where they will vote in the new precincts. Some of the townships overlap in precincts as the lines were drawn according to the school districts and not just the township borders.

The election will be on May 3 and voters that qualify for an emergency absentee ballot may obtain one up to 4 p.m. that day.

Other important election dates are April 4, which is the last day to register to vote for the May 3 election. The filing deadline for write-in candidates is 4 p.m. on April 26.

The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot by mail is 2 p.m. on April 30 and the deadline for voters to vote an absentee ballot in person is 4 p.m. on May 2.

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Tell the city your thoughts on spending

EDITORIAL

Many times when someone is asked about projects taken up by the city or the topic of spending is brought up you hear, "They are just wasting money."

For some reason people just don't trust the government when it comes to money. They question the cost of every project, the needs of every department and the salaries of every official when debating a general raise in whatever they pay to the city, be it taxes or service charges.

And many times after a project is approved by the city council and construction begins on the project people find out how much the project costs and they get upset. It could be Christmas lights in town, road work they don't think is up to par, the marina project, airport buildings and many other projects that irk taxpayers.

Well, now is the time to get a heads up on those projects and see just how much the city is spending because the city's 2005-2006 proposed budget has been released.

In the budget, we see a total of $29.9 million dollars with 57 percent of it being spent on construction projects this year. That means there will be a lot of projects this city will be working on that will effect the lives of the residents of Charlevoix.

Plus, the budget shows increases in the electric, sewer and water rates for all city users. Users of those services will definitely want to know more about that.

Now is the time to learn as much as you can about the city's use of your money. Now is the time where if you see something you don't like or are confused about a certain area in which the city is spending money you will be heard on it.

If you care about the city's use of your tax money and care about what happens to Charlevoix, take a look at the city's budget — it is available at city hall — and come to the Feb. 21 city council meeting when the budget will be discussed.

Get informed on spending in Charlevoix and let the city know what you think about its use of your tax money.

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Modern principled behavior may actually be irresponsible

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

(Editor's note: Due to a typing error that left out part of the column in last week's edition of the Courier, this column is being rerun this week)

When Harry Truman was president he had a small plaque on his desk which proclaimed, "The buck stops here."

Being an old poker player, Truman clearly understood what that meant. The buck named was a marker placed in front of the next dealer, to indicate his responsibility for the act. It was a sign of responsibility. Many of us are uncomfortable with the uncertainty associated with responsibility and are likely to prefer ready made answers — irrevocable statements of principle.

I would like to suggest that what we have come to think of as principled behavior may instead be irresponsible — that our urge for easy answers tends to diminish personal responsibility. We will look at three cases.

Consider employing a standardized test as the key to whether a student should advance or graduate. As a clue to how well an entire school district is working, the use of average test scores might be effective. If scores are consistently dropping or consistently going up, that carries the suggestion that the situation at the school is negative or positive. A standardized test score is a much less worthwhile number for an individual. It measures one day at one time and may be subject to great variation from day to day, even if the whole school's performance stays the same. To pronounce that, "No one with a score of less than so and so can proceed to the next grade" or "No one with less than 75 percent on this exam can graduate," sounds principled, but it irresponsibly fails to take account of an individual's true ability, and allows the decision maker to avoid responsibility by depending on a test score as the sole reason for a decision. Standardized testing certainly has a place in education, but it does not provide an answer to the question of how we should treat an individual. That requires both more information and educators willing to take responsibility for the decision to advance or graduate someone, using test scores as an appropriately small part of the decision.

Consider the national debate about abortion. It sounds principled to say that a woman has the right to an abortion, to the control of her own body. It also sounds principled to say that a unique human life begins at the moment of conception and that any medical interruption of pregnancy is equivalent to murder. Both positions are irresponsible because they limit or eliminate the possibility of considering individual circumstances. They are irresponsible because they substitute an absolute formula for the responsible decisions that humans are capable of. Both positions also require that one must maintain that an equally capable, equally moral, equally principled human being is absolutely wrong. It is sometimes worthwhile to ask, "Is there any imaginable circumstance in which my absolute position would be wrong?" If there is such an imaginable circumstance, then individual responsibility is necessarily involved in making a decision. I once had a colleague, a professor of philosophy, who maintained that the key to moral human behavior was in asking questions rather than providing answers.

Consider freedom and tyranny. Being in favor of freedom and opposed to tyranny sounds principled. Could it possibly be irresponsible? Are there any imaginable circumstances in which the over-diligent pursuit of freedom might be wrong? Are there any imaginable circumstances in which some level of tyranny might be a desirable alternative to whatever preceded it? Is freedom at any cost principled or irresponsible? I don't have that answer, but the questions are worth asking. Patrick Henry is famous for having said, "Give me liberty or give me death." That statement is much easier to make if the liberty or death is someone else's, not your own. Is freedom an absolute good? Is tyranny an absolute evil? Ideology suggests so. But reason suggests that ideology is a poor guide in problem solving.

Principle does not consist in maintaining a position unto death, but in allowing the human capacity for responsibility to emerge to make it possible to keep on asking questions. Answers may be temporarily satisfying, but asking questions is more important and more responsible. And ideals, held without the possibility of exception or compromise are ultimately irresponsible.

Roger Knutsou is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letter to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

Thank you for printing the listing of organizations that have benefited by the most recent round of funding from the Charlevoix Community Foundation. We were so pleased to be one of them.

The foundation's support of our Lifehook program — scraphooks of the lives of children in foster care — recognizes that our kids are at a vul-

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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nerable time in their lives, and that lifebooks provide a meaningful, healing service to them and their foster families.

On behalf of our Charlevoix County foster families, thanks to the Courier and the Community Foundation for their partnership.

Gina Aranki
Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan

Help needed

Editor:

My mission is to help the elderly, especially my mother, and those individuals who can't afford health care, young and old alike. I want to promote a healthy attitude toward the aging process, which begins when we are born. Activity, mental and physical, is the key, and it doesn't mean you have to be an expert to participate.

However, even people who are active get sick, and certainly the older population is at greater risk. Though our health care system is one of the best in the world as far as medical advancements are concerned, the cost of this health care delivery system can be astronomical. It was reported on the Reuters AlertNet Feb. 2, 2005 that, "Half of all U.S. bankruptcies are caused by soaring medical bills and most people sent into debt by illness are middle-class workers with health insurance." Dr. David Himelstein, an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School who led the study, stated, "Our study is frightening. Unless you're Bill Gates, you're just one serious illness away from bankruptcy."

Though my mother raised a family of five alone, worked until she was 70 and managed her finances effectively, she did not plan on the excessive cost of health care in her old age. She had a C-3 (cervical) compression and decompression, followed by what once was end stage congestive heart failure and now moderate to severe Mitral valve regurgitation. Rehab and follow-up care following my mother's decompression surgery was $12,000 a month for a year and a half. After the first month, this was an out-of-pocket expense for her. This, combined with an additional year and a half of medical care, has been a tremendous financial drain on the entire family.

My hope is that you will, as a human-interest story, print my letter and direct your readers to my web site. Though my web address is www.calendargirlforacause.com or www.calendargirl.ws please don't be misled by the name; it is the spirit of the calendar and cause that is important. I am using the calendar only as a vehicle to help my mother and to help many others in similar situations. In addition, the information on my web site may also help those in need of Mitral valve replacement surgery. They may be candidates for the new eValve system, which is a non-invasive technique that is done via heart catheterization. If you have a central valve regurgitation, not lateral, there is a chance that you could qualify for the procedure. Trial studies are being performed at a few medical centers in the east and midwest, including Cleveland, Evanston, northwestern Philadelphia and New York.

Thank you so much for your attention to this letter. My phone number is (239) 289-4898. Though this is a Florida number, I live in northern Michigan. My address is 108 Auld Avenue, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Please feel free to be in touch with me.

Denis Erin Arvilla, MD., MEd.
Charlevoix

Ice rink a bad idea

Editor:

Until I read Jill (Cross) Picha's letter to the editor in the Feb. 9, 2005 Charlevoix Courier, I thought the ice rink in East Park was a done deal.

At the time the ice rink in East Park was an issue before the Charlevoix City Council, I wrote to the Courier which the original letter is not available. In my letter, I wrote of supervisory and safety concerns for young skaters in East Park with Round Lake and access to crossing Bridge Street on skates for food and candy becoming part of the vehicle traffic mix.

This idea of having an ice rink in East Park was cooked up by newer Charlevoix business people to attract more business "downtown." How many of those business people plan to skate? There are supervisory concerns.

From memory, the timeline for Charlevoix Ice Rink:

Ice Rink for figure skating, hockey and speed skaters was always on the tennis courts by the old middle school from day one until 1970. This location was on school property between Mason and Clinton Streets, free, well protected from the wind, maintained by City of Charlevoix. it was an easy location for skaters to walk from all areas of town and safe.

Later, 1970s-1980s, the ice rink was up by the old Charlevoix High School, at the corner of May and Carpenter streets. It had windy conditions, free and the ice was not good and a young girl was hit by a car crossing Carpenter Street and received a broken leg.

In 1986 or so there was talk at City Hall of "moving the ice rink to Mt. McSauba." This cost $1 for a bus to McSauba, $1 to skate and included changing the name of the ski area. In 1987 or so I was asked to volunteer for the City Recreation Commission. In 1987 after I became a member of the City Recreation Commission, City Manager Michael Wiesner moved East Park, such as bandshell planning, from the Recreation Commission to the DDA. The Recreation Commission voted to move the ice rink back to Clinton Street location. The mission was accomplished with the ice rink. I resigned from the Recreation Commission.

Later, in 1988-1990, the ice rink moved back up to Carpenter and May streets. Now in 2005, an artificial ice rink in East Park should not be a draw for "business." Perhaps the "artificial ice rink" with room for hockey players and speed skaters to practice could become part of the new library property and back to Mason/Clinton streets where it belongs.

C. Marilyn Neff Gibbons
Charlevoix

No on ice rink

Editor:

At the Charlevoix City Council meeting, Jan. 3, 2005 a suggestion was brought forth to generate a petition to call for a referendum pertaining to the proposed East Park Renovation. All the registered voters of Charlevoix will then have an opportunity to cast their ballots "yea or nay."

I make reference to the recent publication of the *Charlevoix Courier* of Wednesday, Feb. 9; to wit "Official Notice City of Charlevoix" (on page 19); please read it. Amendment Four originally contained the marina renovation and the Harbormaster Building construction only. The potential 75 percent state grant is for this work only Amendment Five originally contained the proposed renovation to East Park including a new pavilion/performance building complete with amphitheater seating, a restroom and a fish pond. As for the construction of off-site parking and storm sewer construction, I submit that these projects should be covered by the city of Charlevoix Infrastructure Budget. Why have the waters suddenly become so "muddy"? (No pun intended).

At last week's council meeting the city administration brought forth that they are now going to raise our electrical rates. This is just the beginning people!

My thoughts are: take the potential 75 percent grant from the state; (some $6.8 million and change); renovate the marina as originally proposed but leave East Park as it is. Maybe sometime later when the city is more flush with money, renovations to East Park can then be addressed.

I feel that the administration, the city council and the DDA leave my wife, Jill, no choice but to generate petitions on both Amendment Four and Amendment Five, as they presently read in the above referenced "official notice." You, the people of Charlevoix, should have the right to decide on these issues. The petitions generated will only put both of these amendments on the ballot for you to vote on.

John H. Picha
Charlevoix

Small fixes to band shell needed

Editor:

After reading the recent articles about the band shell and its relocation, I feel compelled and responsible to contribute my opinion. I have been an active member of the city band for almost fifty years and have played on three different band shells in East Park. From the time of the old green platform, it was Odie's on-going dream to create a musically sound hand shell. His dream was fulfilled and seen by him in 1992, as he attended the dedication. From the audience he raised his arm in recognition, approval and gratitude to a job well done. Bursting with pride, he observed a beautifully built structure with an architectural design that is uniquely Charlevoix.

It saddens me to think of that structure being demolished and that the city council would consider such an act. If anyone has sat in the park during a warm summer evening listening to performances, they would realize the aesthetic atmosphere is hard to compare. With the pavilion changed to a more southern location in the park, the atmosphere would be less desirable.

Any pavilion in any corner of the park is going to be acoustically ineffective because of the traffic problem. My belief is, the road noise will be even worse nearer the corner, due to the traffic, especially trucks, braking on the hill. That corner is also affected by boat traffic from chartered fishing boats and a gas pump. In addition, the sun has always posed a problem in the pavilion's present location, and the proposed pavilion will be positioned in a similar direction relative to the sun.

I'm questioning some of the reasoning that is being stated to build a new pavilion. We don't need to think of the Hollywood Bowl; most, if not all performers on any outdoor stage are using sound systems for performances. Being acoustically correct on a park stage is certainly not as important as it once was because of technically advanced sound equipment. Theater productions could possibly utilize the auditorium in the Charlevoix High School. Incidentally, the present pavilion was built with dressing rooms in the plans until the city claimed it for storage purposes. One tends to question whether a new pavilion would have the same types of demands.

Is the real reason to demolish the 12-year-old pavilion to open up the park to the marina, and is that worth hundreds of thousand of dollars? I know boaters enjoy listening to music too. The acoustic problem could be fixed for a fraction of the cost. The fish pond could be covered creating a larger stage for more performers. Dressing rooms could be added in place of city storage.

With a few relatively inexpensive renovations, the present band pavilion will serve us well for years to come. It seems that in this time of economic crises, Charlevoix would use the money for a more crucial venue.

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Evelyn Wujcik
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Attendees take to the dance floor for firemen

Many area residents partied on the dance floor and enjoyed good food and company at the annual Fireman's Ball Saturday at the Charlevoix Country Club. The Courier gave two cameras to the event for anyone to use during the event. Those pictures, taken by random photographers, are here.

(Below left) (From left) Fireman's Ball Committee Amanda Silva, Shari Kline, Chuck Meier, Brian McDonald and Winfield "Scotty" Scott. (Left) Winfield "Scotty" Scott and his wife, Caytee, enjoy a moment on the dance floor. (Above, from left) Jeff Hoffman, Tessa Michler and Chuck Meier. (Above right) Dale Meredith and his daughter Crystal Meredith. (Right) Bill Brodin and his sister, Debbie.

(Above) Joe Schwartzfisher smiles at the camera while enjoying the music on the dance floor.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – February 9, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on February 9, 2005. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the January 26, 2005 meeting as corrected.

Motion authorized Chairman Patrick to sign a contract with Delta Institute to initiate an energy audit.

Motion approved Resolution #05-006, C.O.A. Contact, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #05-007, Title Check Contract and authorized the County Treasurer to sign said contract.

Motion approved Resolution #05-008, Proof of Authority authorizing the County Clerk to submit the grant application for new optical scan voting system.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

COMMUNITY

Parenting class to be given in Charlevoix, East Jordan

"How to Talk So Your Kids Will Listen and How to Listen So Your Kids Will Talk" workshops are being offered by Stepping Stones to School in cooperation with East Jordan and Charlevoix elementary schools.

The series schedule is:

• 9 a.m., Wednesdays, Feb. 16-March 23, East Jordan Elementary School, 304 Fourth Street. Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged by calling Amanda Peterson, Char-Em ISD Family School Liaison for East Jordan Public Schools, at (231) 582-8070. Parents will attend the series lecture at 9 a.m. while their children are supervised in nearby classrooms and interacting in age-appropriate activities. From 10:30-11:30 a.m., parents and their children will regroup to share in parent and child activities and enjoy a snack.

• 5 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 17-March 24, Charlevoix Elementary School, 13513 Division Street. Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged by calling Leslie VanDeCar, Char-Em ISD Family School Liaison for Charlevoix Public Schools, (231) 582-8070. Parent and child activities and a light meal will be available at 5 p.m. Parents will attend the series lecture at 5:30-7 p.m. while their children are supervised in nearby classrooms and interacting in age-appropriate activities.

The series is geared toward families with children birth through first grade and their siblings.

This is sponsored by East Jordan Public Schools and Charlevoix Public Schools and Stepping Stones to School.

Stepping Stones to School is a partnership involving Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency-Head Start, the local public schools within Char-Em ISD, area libraries, and several other organizations.

For more information about this family network of services or to register for Stepping Stones to School, call 547-6217 or toll free at (877) 866-3714.

Author to sign copies of his book at downtown store

From 1-3 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 19, Myron D. Lewis, of Harbor Springs will signing copies of his new book entitled, "Making Right Turns in Your Relationship" at the Bridge Street Book Shop. This book helps couples work together to create change, enhance intimacy and strengthen communication.

Lewis has a masters degree in social work from Western Michigan University and his bachelors degree in psychology from Michigan State University. "Making Right Turns in Your Relationship" is based upon a communication workshop that Lewis and his wife, Lisa, developed and have taught for over ten years.

The Bridge Street Book Shop is located at 407 Bridge Street, in Charlevoix. For further information, call 547-7323.

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Sheriff: Warm weather creates thin ice danger

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater would like to warn the citizens and visitors of Charlevoix County that the warmer temperatures and especially the fluctuation in temperatures can cause ice to weaken on the lakes.

Ice can form in several different conditions and some are more perilous than others.

Clear ice is the strongest, formed by a long hard freeze and can vary in color from green, blue and black depending on the water color beneath the ice.

Snow ice is milky looking and is formed from refrozen melted snow. Snow ice is low in density and is very weak. Layered ice is just that, many layers of frozen and refrozen snow, giving it a striped appearance.

The notion that ice thickness is the only factor determining ice strength should be discarded once and for all, according to the Sheriff. Because ice seldom freezes at the same rate in the same body of water, it is not uniformly thick from one location to another. Ice can be one foot thick in one location and only one inch thick just ten feet away.

If you do break through the ice, there are some things you can do to avoid serious injury or death.

First try not to panic and thrash about. The air in your clothes will help you float. Yell for help. Turn toward the direction that you came from. The ice is likely to be stronger there. Place your arms on the edge of the solid ice. Keys, a pocket knife, ice pick, or a belt buckle will help you grip the ice.

Once you've got a grip on the ice, kick your legs hard and pull yourself up on the ice. If the ice breaks, move forward and try again. When you're out, do not stand up, but roll away from the break and stand only when you've reached solid ice.

Go to a place of shelter and warm up immediately.

Two accidents reported Monday

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated two personal injuries crashes that occurred in Charlevoix County between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., Monday.

One occurred on US-31 South in Norwood Township when a 2001 Dodge Caravan, operated by a 72-year-old Central Lake resident, left the roadway and overturned. The driver and his wife were extracted from the vehicle by using the Jaws of Life from the Charlevoix City Fire Department.

Both subjects were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by ambulance for treatment of their injuries. Seat belt use prevented serious injury.

The second crash occurred on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road in Hayes Township. A 2004 Ford pickup lost traction, left the roadway and overturned. The driver, a 50-year-old Petoskey resident and his 6-year-old son were transported for medical treatment by family. Seat belt usage again prevented serious injury.

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Obituaries

Patricia Ann Burris: March 20, 1931 - Feb. 9, 2005

Patricia Ann Burris, 73, of Beaver Island, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at her home on Beaver Island.

A funeral was Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Beaver Island Christian Church, with the Rev. Howard Davis officiating. Burial will take place in the spring at the Beaver Island Cemetery.

Pat was born March 20, 1931, in Ingham County to Fines M. and Elizabeth Ann (Skidmore) Ishell. She married Richard Burris on Feb. 23, 1962, in Lapeer where they made their home until moving to Beaver Island in 1973.

Pat was a wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by her daughter, Sandy (Perry) Fortier of Petoskey; grandchildren, Amy (David) Hansen of Petoskey, Renee (Clement) Morais of Alanson, Jeremy Fortier of Sault Ste. Marie, Holly J. (James Thomas) Burris of Charlevoix, Derrick A. Burris of Beaver Island, Patrick M. Burris of Beaver Island; great-grandchildren, Michael, Steven, and Andrew Hansen, Sophia Morais, Elijah, Chandler Thomas, Skylar and James; her former husband, Richard Burris of Beaver Island; step-daughter, Susan (Glenn) Forster; step-sons, Daniel, Roger, and Arnold Burris.

Pat was preceded in death by her daughter, Sherry Lyn Burris on May 17, 2004. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Beaver Island Christian Church on Beaver Island.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Marion O. Harvey: Jan. 1, 1918 - Feb. 8, 2005

Marion O. Harvey, 87, of Charlevoix, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at the home of her daughter.

A funeral was Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Larry Grooters and the Rev. John "Chip" Sauer both of the Community Reformed Church officiated.

Marion was born in Oscoda on Jan. 1, 1918, the daughter of Alexander and Mildred (Markendorf) Parker. She graduated from Rose City High School in 1936.

On Nov. 20, 1938 she married Glen C. Trew. He died in February of 1943. On Nov. 11, 1944, she married JC Harvey who preceded her in death in October of 1998.

Marion was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

Marion is survived by her daughter Joanne (Neil) Jones of Charlevoix; step-daughter, Andrea Harvey-Wilson of Arizona; four grandchildren, Kim (Rod) Stevens, Shari (Lewis) Kline, Bob (Kelly) Jones and Beth (Terry) Walters; six great-grandchildren, Ashley, Nicholas and Jason Jones, Kathryn, Kaylee and Robert Walters; one brother, Richard (Mildred) Parker of Troy; five sisters, LaNora Markell of West Branch, Jane (Art) Short of Lupton, Helen (Joe) Bohalik of Apopca, Florida, Vivian (Tom) Short of Naples, Florida and Barbara (Harlow) Drake of Lakeland, Florida; three sisters-in-law, Marion Parker of Lake Orion, Ruth Parker of Brutus and Betty Parker of South Branch; six step grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Bernard, Alexander "Sandy", Jimmy and George Parker; two sisters, Theora Harmon and Ruth Marshall; one great-grandson, Riley William Stevens; and two nephews, Bobby Parker and John Parker.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Hospice of Northwest Michigan or the Community Reformed Church. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Robert T. Heise: Oct. 21, 1953 - Feb. 11, 2005

Robert T. Heise, 51, of Charlevoix, passed away Friday, February 11, 2005, at his home.

He was born in Detroit, on Oct. 21, 1953, the son of Robert C. and Madlyn (Crites) Heise. Robert graduated from Cherry Hill High School in 1971, and moved to Charlevoix to start a family.

On July 31, 1982, Robert married Nanette Szejbach. Robert and Nanette gave birth to two daughters. He worked at Hoskins Manufacturing for 16 years, and Petoskey Continental Structural Plastics for six years.

Robert is survived by his mother, Madlyn of Charlevoix; daughters, Rebecca of Mt. Pleasant, and Lindsay of Chicago, sisters, Paula (Gail) Tinsley of East Jordan, and Marlo (James) Stoneham of Charlevoix. He is also survived by his former wife and friend, Nanette Heise of Alpena. His father Robert C. preceded him in death in 1997.

A memorial service will be held at Brookside Cemetery in the spring. Memorial contributions may be given to NWMCHA-Hospice, Greensky Hill United Methodist Church or Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

Courtesy photo

Food pantry donation

The Knights of Columbus's annual Sportsman's Dinner was able to collect $1,000 for the Charlevoix Food Pantry. Here, Larry Campbell gives a check to Mary Helen Riggle as Kay Smith and Ed Linse look on.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m
Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church 547-6410

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey E. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH -
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson ..... 547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m

Father Jim Gunn 547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.

President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlhut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Morning Services 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Prayer Opportunity, 6:00 p.m.

Church Office 547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Sunday School	11:40 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221
Parsonage 547-3852

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH -
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Worship & Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children's Worship & Adult Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times

Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.

Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm

Pastor Greg Timmins 231-238-0052

SAGE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1013 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:30 p.m.
Faith Formation Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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CEMEX signs agreement to sell local plant

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

CEMEX, a Mexican cement company, announced on Feb. 8 that it signed an agreement to sell two of its cement plants in the Great Lakes region of the United States to family-owned Brazilian cement company, Votorantim Cimentos LTDA.

Bud McCormick, plant manager for the Charlevoix plant's cement division, said both the Charlevoix and Dixon-Marquette cement plants are part of the sale along with the Milwaukee, Chicago, Toledo and Cleveland distribution terminals.

However, the Detroit distribution terminal will remain the property of CEMEX.

McCormick said the agreement is merely stating that CEMEX agrees to sell and Votorantim Cimentos LTDA agrees to buy.

There has to be a business and federal review before anything is final, which McCormick said could take between four to six weeks. McCormick said he believes the Federal Trade Commission has the final say before the sale can be completed.

In the meantime, even though the sale isn't final yet, McCormick said the Charlevoix plant is already preparing for the transition.

This preparation includes learning a new computer system and several programs such as those for inventory and maintenance. Also, McCormick said the CEMEX group will learn how Votorantim runs a cement plant.

"We just have to integrate into that," he said.

When the sale is final, the Charlevoix CEMEX plant may be renamed St. Mary's-Charlevoix.

The transaction, which will be structured as a sale of assets, is expected to close during the first quarter of 2005, according to a press release by CEMEX. It will be a sale of assets, McCormick said, as Votorantim is only buying a portion of CEMEX.

Votorantim presented a non-binding contract in November and CEMEX stated in a press release that they had been evaluating what to do with the two cement plants since early 2004.

The transaction assets are valued at $389 million and CEMEX stated in a Nov. 15 press release that they plan to use the money to pay off the debt or reduce the level of debt brought on by their acquisition of RMC.

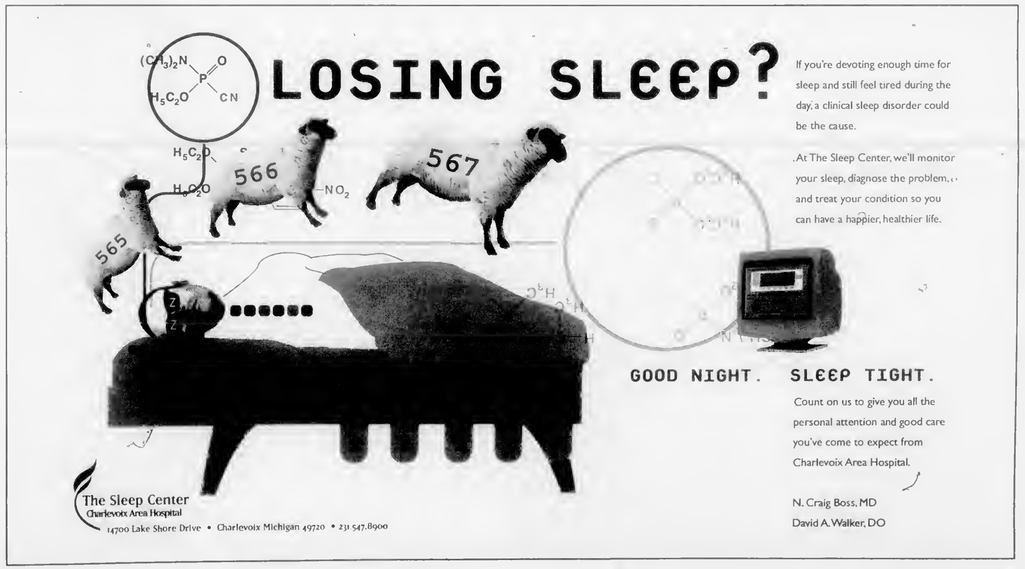
The Charlevoix and Dixon-Marquette plants have a combined production capacity of about two million metric tons per year, which CEMEX said represents about nine percent of its operating cash flow generation of its business in the United States.

Stated in a Nov. 15 Associated Press article from Forbes.com, this will be the first major divestment CEMEX has made since the acquisition of RMC.

The article also stated that for Votorantim's cement unit, the CEMEX deal will be the latest in a series of acquisitions.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

CEMEX signed an agreement with Votorantim Cimentos LTDA for sale of certain assets in the Great Lakes region including the cement plant in Charlevoix. The sale isn't final yet, but the Charlevoix plant is currently preparing for the transition.



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Ski tour next week

Celebrate women, winter and chocolate on Feb. 27.

Active Women Now, Inc. a non-profit organization will host The Second Annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour, a weekend of fun and activities that will take the winter blues out of northern Michigan.

Active Women Now, Inc. has ski tours in Michigan and the United States, celebrating the camaraderie that women hold in empowering one another while giving back to their community. This non-competitive winter event for women will be at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails will weave through Mount McSauba.

Novice winter activists are encouraged to attend.

Ski clinics will be given on Feb. 26 for beginners and those who are looking to cultivate their skills.

A wine and cheese event will be at Castle Farms as a prelude to the Charlevoix Ladies Tour. Log onto the Women's Ski Tour web site for more information.

Tickets in advance are $35 and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day. Proceeds from the Charlevoix Ladies Tour benefits BASES and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Please log onto www.womensskitour.com for more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities and purchasing event tickets. E-mail Courtney Miles, regional event manager at Courtney@womensskitour.com with further questions.

Automobile club to offer scholarship

The Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America has announced that two $500 scholarships for the coming year are being offered to high school graduates and seniors entering school for any phase of practice within the automotive field.

Those interested in applying should contact either their school counselor, their automotive high school instructor or by writing to the Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of American Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 902, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Completed applications for the Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of American's scholarship must be received by March 1, and must include the High School Principal's Report (which may be obtained by Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America) and a transcript of your high school grades. High school graduates who have entered the work field must complete the application and return it with two letters of reference.

Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America is for those interested in preservation and restoration or antique, classic and veteran motor cars. The club conducts several tours, meets, and events throughout each year, the largest being the Antique Car Show, Swap Meet, Antique Show, and Flea Market held the second weekend in August, in Boyne City. Those interested in club activities or in becoming a member, may contact by writing to: P.O. Box 902, Boyne City, MI 49712.

How to get your news into the *Charlevoix Courier*

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits.

Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Volunteers vital at Charlevoix library

Val Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Pubic Library, announced that volunteers from the community are serving on five newly-formed library committees: design, landscape, construction, finance and art selection.

The combined knowledge of these volunteers is invaluable to the new library project as they offer expertise and experience on behalf of the taxpayers of the library district.

Serving on the finance committee to review library investments and project cash flow issues are Chuck Adams, Rick Brandi, Don Heise, John Kurtz, Mason Rosenthal and Paul Weston.

Ensuring that the project is on time and on budget is the construction committee: Rick Brandi, Ted Dumbauld, Phil Frederickson, Tom Hanna, Bruce Herbert, Roger Postmus, Joe Seidel and Stuart Wood. They meet regularly with the project construction manager from Clark Construction, Duane Wixson.

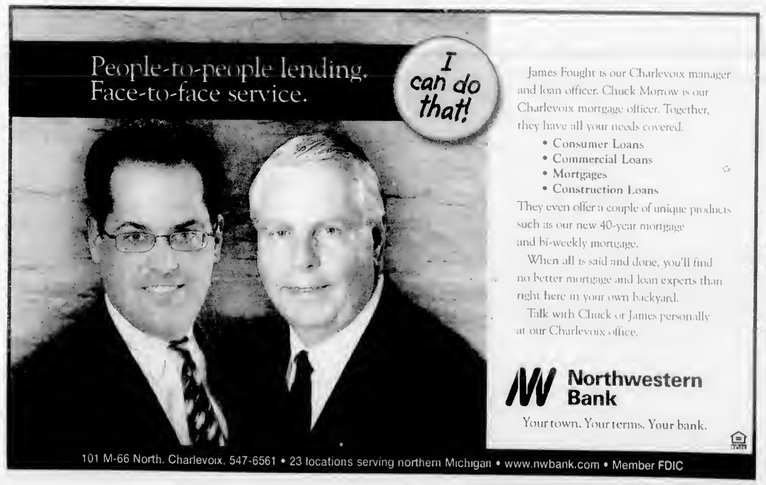
Another committee meets with interior designer, Alyce Riemenschneider, to formulate recommendations for the interior layout, including color schemes and furniture choices. The members of the design committee are Mary Ann Chew, Kay Heise, Betty Henne, Nancy Porter, Cynthia Postmus, Audrey Shapiro and Yvonne Wendt.

Developing a exterior plan for the grounds, which will incorporate current plantings as well as new, is the landscape committee: Rhea Dow, Shirley Polakowski and Ken Polakowski.

Selecting the art work which will be on permanent display in the new library is the art selection committee: Karla Fassett, Marina LaBlanee, Sandy Marquardt and Mary Beth McGraw.

Meyerson says that her job and that of the Library Board of Trustees has been made easier, knowing that they can count on many other dedicated people to look over plans and make suggestions for the rehabilitation, renovation, and expansion of the 1927 school building at 220 Clinton Street.

For further information about the building project, call the library at 547-2651.



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Charlevoix Courier

Four students named winners in essay contest

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Weston Bryan, Samantha Reeves and Emma Baker, eighth grade students at Charlevoix Middle School, were the local winners in the 36th Annual America and Me Essay Contest.

Bryan, 14, received first place, Reeves, 14, second place and Baker, 13, third place, but all received a certificate documenting their achievement. But Bryan is the one who's name will be engraved on a plaque that will be put on display in the school.

The contest started in 1968 and is hosted by Farm Bureau Insurance. The object of the contest is to help students in the eighth grade realize the role they could play in America's future.

Students from over 500 Michigan schools participated in this year's contest and Bryan, Reeves and Baker stood out from Charlevoix Middle School.

The 2004 to 2005 essay theme was "My American Hero."

Bryan chose the heroes of Sept. 11 as his essay topic. He said he chose all the heroes regardless of the role they played or the uniform they donned.

"I just thought that, they're the only people I could think of to consider real heroes," he said.

Bryan said he enjoys writing and the essay allowed him to write about people that matter and who actually make a difference in the world.

"It kind of just gives you a way to point your life in that direction," he said.

Reeves received second place for her essay about her brother, Christopher, 22, who served in the Army in Afghanistan.

She said she chose him because of all the things he did while over in Afghanistan.

Reeves enjoys writing and said heroes make a difference because they show that everyone can have an impact in one way or another.

"Just sort of says look what they did, I could do that to," she said. However, Reeves said this doesn't mean having to go to Afghanistan.

Baker received third place for her essay on Rachel Carson, the author of "Silent Spring." Baker chose to write about Carson because she herself is passionate about the environment.

"I like to think of myself as an environmentalist," she said.

Baker said individual heroes shouldn't be honored, rather everyone who's made a difference throughout time.

"I think it's important to honor the progression of humanity," she said. "Well, to understand how to be a good person, beneficial."

Bryan's essay will advance to the state level where the competition results in choosing the top ten essays in Michigan.

The top 10 essays in Michigan will be announced in April and the winners will receive plaques, cash and United States savings bonds valued from $500 to $1,000.

The essayists will also be honored at a banquet in Lansing where they will meet with Michigan's top governmental leaders. They will also be the featured guests at a minor league baseball game of the Lansing Lugnuts. The game will be dedicated to them.

Photo by Courtney E. Paco

Weston Bryan, Samantha Reeves and Emma Baker were all local winners in the 36th Annual America and Me Essay Contest.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norm Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members except Councilmember Bellows were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the City send a letter of interest regarding purchase of the lighthouse.
- Adopted Resolution 2005-02-01 to use MPPA trust monies for purchased power.
- Adopted Resolution 2005-02-02 allowing the use of City facilities and equipment for school elections, and allowing the Clerk to commit to assisting the County Clerk with the election for the next two years.
- Adopted Resolution 2005-02-03 approving the grant application for election equipment purchase and appointing the County Clerk as Grant Manager, as she will be in charge of ordering, programming and maintaining the equipment.
- Motion adopted to set public hearings at 7.00 p.m., March 7, 2005 for DDA Amendments #4 and #5.
- Motion adopted to set public hearings at 7.00 p.m., February 21, 2005 for the 2004-05 Budget Amendment and the 2005-06 Budget Ordinance.
- The Mayor called City Council Work Sessions for Tuesday, February 15 and Monday, February 21, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND WORK SESSION MENTIONED ABOVE WILL TAKE PLACE IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL.

Council adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carson, Jr., Mayor

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Charlevoix Senior Center has a new look

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Senior Center has taken on a new look.

Earl Muma, director of the center and chairman of the Charlevoix Senior Citizens Board of Directors, said the majority of the renovations were competed on Jan. 15, but there are a few minor details left.

"It has been a great rush to take on the project and see it completed," he said.

The renovations include an expanded kitchen and new sun room that also functions as a library and dance floor.

People are getting to know that the center is their own, Muma said, and that he is only here to run if for them.

Muma calls the center the "Diamond of the North," which he said is true in the eyes of the seniors in the area.

The center offers the best food, Muma said, and is open to senior citizens and non-senior citizens alike.

Renovations started Sept. 15 with foundation by Dan Murray. Then on Nov. 10, James G. Fiedler, a building contractor, came in with the bid for construction of the center. Muma said it cost $21,000 for labor and materials, but Fiedler paid for Tony Lucas to finish up with renovations until the end of December.

Funding for the project came from numerous donors. Muma said Great Lakes Energy gave a $10,000 grant, the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging gave $10,000 for kitchen equipment and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians gave a $10,000 grant for kitchen renovations.

Muma said the center also received a $2,500 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation that went toward kitchen equipment costs and a $5,000 donation from the Senior's Craft Class and the seniors donated $30,000 from their own savings and checking.

The Senior Center will be getting congressional help from Congressman Bart Stupak. Muma said the center will be receiving a $24,500 grant that will used to finish construction on the building.

The center received in-kind donations from Manthei Development Corp., Emmet Brick and Block, Harbor Industries Inc. and Swanson. Muma said Tom Bergmann removed two trees for free.

"We have a happy center," Muma said. "Happy cooks, happy people."

The Charlevoix Senior Center has passed all health inspections and open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and costs $3 for seniors and $4.50 for anyone under 60.

Dinners occur from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday and the fourth Tuesday of every month. Dinners range in price from $7 to $8 dollars depending on the menu. The price applies to all ages, but children get half price.

On Feb. 22 the center will feature a chicken pot pie dinner made by Terry Left, owner of the Villager Pub and Terry's Place in Charlevoix.

For more information call the center at 547-5361.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

After several months of hard work, the kitchen of the Charlevoix Senior Center is ready to serve patrons. The kitchen was expanded and a walk-in refrigerator and freezer were purchased. Pictured is the kitchen after renovations.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ~ TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION RATIOS
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	AGRICULTURAL		COMMERCIAL		INDUSTRIAL		RESIDENTIAL		TIMBER-CUTOVER		DEVELOPMENT			
TOWNSHIP OR CITY	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR	RATIO	FACTOR
BAY TOWNSHIP	46.99	1.06406	46.88	1.06655	N/A	N/A	46.08	1.08507	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP	40.92	1.22190	47.47	1.05330	46.36	1.07852	47.75	1.04712	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CHANDLER TOWNSHIP	44.86	1.11458	47.86	1.04471	49.33	1.00000	47.55	1.05152	40.54	1.23335	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP	N/A	N/A	47.55	1.05152	49.94	1.00000	48.72	1.02627	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP	N/A	1.00000	49.17	1.00000	47.83	1.04537	49.09	1.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
EVELINE TOWNSHIP	45.37	1.10205	46.97	1.06451	49.28	1.00000	44.85	1.11483	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HAYES TOWNSHIP	46.84	1.06746	46.35	1.07875	48.57	1.02944	43.53	1.14863	43.96	1.13740	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
HUDSON TOWNSHIP	38.23	1.30787	46.17	1.08295	31.29	1.59795	45.12	1.10816	44.32	1.12816	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MARION TOWNSHIP	43.88	1.13947	47.68	1.04866	49.50	1.00000	46.04	1.08601	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
MELROSE TOWNSHIP	39.05	1.28041	46.23	1.08155	43.17	1.15821	44.54	1.12259	45.88	1.08980	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
NORWOOD TOWNSHIP	44.55	1.12233	44.62	1.12057	40.23	1.24285	49.84	1.00000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
PEAINE TOWNSHIP	39.56	1.26390	43.85	1.14025	50.69	0.98639	46.38	1.07805	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
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SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP	46.67	1.07135	44.95	1.11235	49.82	1.00000	46.96	1.06474	44.02	1.13585	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
WILSON TOWNSHIP	47.36	1.05574	47.43	1.05419	48.04	1.04080	44.95	1.11235	40.50	1.23457	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF BOYNE CITY	N/A	N/A	42.05	1.18906	49.59	1.00000	46.23	1.08155	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX	N/A	N/A	44.78	1.11657	48.63	1.02817	47.39	1.05507	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000
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Note: THESE MULTIPLIERS REPLACE THOSE OF 2004 AND ARE NOT AN ADDITION TO OR SUBTRACTION FROM THEM.

Prepared by:
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Charlevoix, MI 49720

Charlevoix City Council to discuss 2005-2006 budget

Capital improvements will be the big story for the city of Charlevoix as indicated in its proposed budget for 2005-2006.

The proposed city budget for 2005-2006 shows a total of $29.9 million in it, but 57 percent of that is money for capital improvement projects such as the marina and East Park and much of that money is from federal and state grants. Because of this, the budget shows large increases in both revenues and expenditures as compared to the 2004-2005 budget.

"It is capitally intensive and because of the large projects it kind of distorts the numbers," Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi said.

In 2004-2005, the city budgeted $16,994,531 in revenues and $16,989,288 in expenditures. However, the 2005-2006 proposed budget shows $30,101,033 in revenues and $29,822,470 in expenditures because of construction projects the city will tackle this year and the grant money it has received for them.

The marina and East Park project is at the top of this list with a cost of $10,570,200. While this debt sits in the city budget, the state Waterway's Commission will be paying for 74 percent of it and the Downtown Development Authority will cover the rest.

The second largest capital project is the airport snow removal building slated to cost $1,954,000. Grants are paying for a large portion of that project too.

Some of the projects in the capital expenditures list are left over from last year's budget. Those include a fiber optic system designs and construction at $428,300, GIS improvements at $47,000 and a consultant for a revenue/services study at $25,000.

The revenue/services study is a committee that is being created of Charlevoix citizens that will examine the city's budget and services to see if there are any services that need to be cut or changed or if we need to find other sources of revenue. Money for a consultant for this group has been set aside, but it is not known at this time if the committee will even want a consultant to help it out.

In addition to a large list of capital projects, the budget also shows a fund transfer from the Infrastructure Fund of $92,000 into the general fund for stabilization.

Brandi said the general fund is short each year by about $100,000 to cover its expenses. Brandi said this transfer from the Infrastructure Fund is only temporary as he is hoping the citizen's committee that will be looking at the budget will help shore it up by giving the city direction on it.

The city's budget is split up into various funds, such as General Fund, Infrastructure Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and such, instead of just one large budget. Brandi said this is because the city tries to operate like a business running several small businesses and needs to know how each one of these areas are doing financially. For example, he said the city needs to know how financially stable to the electric fund is to determine if a raise in electric rates is necessary.

In addition to these areas of the budget, there is an increase in tax bills for city residents of about 2.3 percent of taxable value. This is the limit the city is allowed to increase based upon Proposal A, which is tied to inflation. Brandi said this increase will mean a tax bill jump of $16.72 for a home with a taxable value of $63,631.

Overall Brandi said this year's proposed budget is a conservative look at the city's needs.

"We learn more and more about this budget every year that we do it," he said.

This year, he said the big unknown is what kind of impact the state will have on the city. While the state is trying desperately to balance its budget, Brandi used the same amount of state revenue to the city as the city received last year from the state.

He said, this was because the state has indicated it will be giving cities the same funding as last year and will not make cuts to the funding.

However, Brandi said the city has planned in a way for any cuts in funding. While the proposed city budget is for 2005-2006, the city plans five years out and maintains about 19 percent of its general fund in a fund balance. A fund balance is basically money the city has on hand in the bank, sort of like a savings account for rainy days.

With this way of planning out for five years and maintaining a healthy fund balance, Brandi said the city has more time than others to react to changes in funding from the state or its general tax revenue.

Charlevoix City Council will be hearing from the public on this budget proposal at its 7 p.m., meeting Monday, Feb. 21 at Charlevoix City Hall. There will be a council work session on the budget at 5:30 p.m. that day in city hall.

Courtesy photo

John Lachman (left) Charlevoix Kiwanis president, Suzanne Muma and Bob Rajewski, co-chairs for the Kiwanis Rose Sale, check out sample roses for the sale.

Annual rose sale

Charlevoix Kiwanis is currently taking orders for its annual rose sale of yellow, red, pink or mixed roses to be delivered to the location of the buyers choice on March 10 and 11.

One dozen long stemmed boxed roses in a choice of colors are available for just $25 per dozen by placing an order prior to Feb. 24.

These roses are made available to Charlevoix Kiwanis by Charlevoix Floral and Kiwanis members will volunteer on March 8 to de-thorn and prepare the roses prior to boxing by other Kiwanis volunteers on March 9. All roses will be delivered on March 10 or 11.

Those with questions or those interested in ordering roses from Kiwanis, should call Suzanne Muma at 547-2979 or John Laehman at 487-0683 with quantity and color of roses and delivery locations. Roses must be ordered by Feb. 24 to guarantee delivery and choice of roses.

Funds from the sale of roses and other fund-raisers are used by Charlevoix Kiwanis to benefit the many Kiwanis projects including the Key Club, Builders Clubs, Boy Scouts, Camp Daggett and other projects benefiting children. If you are interested in Kiwanis membership or finding out more about Kiwanis, contact Kathy Johnson at 582-2715.

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North Country Community Mental Health Board will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, February 17th, 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 8, 9 and 10, 2004, to review the Assessment Roll in Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday, March 14, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 am. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 16, 2004, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR MARCH 14TH, 15TH AND 16TH BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 547-3250. PER RESOLUTION #93-02-01, LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY PETITION THE BOARD OF REVIEW BY LETTER.

	ESTIMATED MULTIPLIERS	TENTATIVE RATIOS
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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk, 02/08/05

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Community foundations seeking grant requests

Once again, it's time to put local charitable dollars to work on behalf of the community.

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

During the next few months, the community foundations and their Youth Advisory Committees will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts and human service programs. The Youth Advisory Committees, which are made up of representatives from high schools throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties will award grants to programs that serve children and teens.

Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Emmet or Charlevoix County and have a nonprofit tax status. The deadline for grant requests is April 1.

Applications are available by calling the community foundation office in your county. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staff are available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in submitting a proposal for funding consideration.

Both community foundations are grassroots charitable organizations made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, now and for generations to come. Together, the community foundations grant-making total amounts to almost $10 million since 1992.

For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund or making a gift, please contact the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation at 616 Petoskey Street, Petoskey, MI, 49770, by phone at (231) 348-5820, by web site address at www.petoskey-harborspringsfoundation.org or the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727 or by phone at (231) 536-2440.

Area hospice in need of more volunteers

Hospice volunteers are loyal, sensitive individuals who give of themselves to insure the mission of hospice.

Committed to excellence, hospice volunteers have profound respect for the specialized needs and comfort of terminally ill patients and their families. Hospice volunteers give their time and talents to provide a broad spectrum of services including household tasks, office assistance, respite, and fundraising.

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is always looking for committed people to become a part of its Hospice Team. You are invited to attend the hospice volunteer training classes, beginning Feb. 23 through March 23. All sessions will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday at the Hospice Office.

For more information or to register for the training, please call Karen Carson at (231) 487-4825.

Saturday just got better!

Save $10 off night skiing at Nub's Nob on Saturday, February 26.

Look for your $10 off coupon in the Saturday edition of the News-Review.

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Military news

(Editor's note. In an attempt to keep the community informed on Charlevoix citizens in the service, we have added this section to the Charlevoix Courier on a monthly basis. If you know of any Charlevoix residents that are currently serving in the military and are not listed in this section, please contact the Courier at (231) 547-6558.)

Several Charlevoix residents or relatives of area residents are currently serving in the military and are either overseas in Iraq or stateside. Their efforts are recognized here.

Currently Overseas:

ARMY

1st Lt. Anthony Doan, 26 — serving as a part of the 506th Combat Infantry; was stationed in Korea in 2003; could stay deployed in Iraq for 18 months to a year; been in the Army for three years; inspired Operation Beanie Baby after hearing a radio operator wish for something to give to the Iraqi children; currently stationed at Camp Habbaniyah in Iraq since August.

Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt, 21 — stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; serving as part of the Big Red One. First Infantry Division; was involved in Operation Generosity I, which supplied fun items to children; involved in Operation Generosity II, which will supply winter clothing for residents in the area; currently stationed at Camp Anaconda in Balad, Iraq.

1st Lt. Waylon Gross, 24 — stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; is a platoon leader and featured in "Stars & Stripes Magazine"-because his platoon has been fired upon more times than all the other platoons in his division combined; currently stationed in Baghdad.

Sgt. Country J. Middleton, 28 — recently called back for deployment to Iraq for 18 months; previously served in active duty for four years and was a part of Task Force Falcon, a multi-national peacekeeping mission in the Kosovo Campaign, which led him into Bosnia and Albania; stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; currently stationed in Kuwait.

Sgt. Sean Roberts, 25 — serving as a part of 1st Division, 41st Infantry, Charlie Company; stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; is serving on his third tour in Iraq; currently stationed at Camp Cuervo in Baghdad.

Pfc. Nicholas Strong, 20 — serving as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon; currently serving as grenadier for the 2nd Platoon; will be deployed for one year; stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; currently stationed at a camp near the International Green Zone in Baghdad.

MILITARY POLICE — ARMY

Spc. Benjamin Frederick, 20 —serving as a part of the 1st Calvary, 545th Military Police Company, 4th Platoon; stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; will be deployed for about one year; currently stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad.

AIR FORCE

Airmun Elizabeth Powers, 20 — stationed out of Fort Pope in Fayetteville, N.C. and is currently stationed in Balad, Iraq.

Master Sgt. Troy Swegles, 37 — has served for 20 years; was in Baghdad at the beginning of the war in 2003 for 90 days; has been in the Middle East several times for tours of duty including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Kuwait; was also stationed in Haiti, Cuba and the Philippines; currently stationed out of Molesworth Air Force Base in England for the second time; in January will be going to Montgomery, Ala. for training to become a Senior Master Sergeant.

Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Thompson, 41 — stationed out of Camp Darby in Italy; was stationed in Korea for about 18 months; stationed in Saudi Arabia this summer for about four months; could face possible deployment to Iraq.

MARINES

Staff Sgt. James Ciuk Jr., 36 — stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; did a six month tour in Okinawa; currently on his second tour in Iraq.

Joshua Popenhagen, 20 — stationed out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; presently deployed in Iraq.

NAVY

Petty Officer 3rd class Matthew J. Campbell, 24 — was in Iraq for five months at the start of the war; has been stationed aboard the USS Kitty Hawk out of Yokuska, Japan since 1999.

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Lignell, 43 — has served actively for two and a half years, but has been involved for eight years while educating himself; serves as the department head of anesthesiology at the naval base at Yokuska, Japan.

Chief Petty Officer (EAC) Alvin Veenstra, 37 — will have served 18 years in February; serving as an Engineering Aide Chief (EAC) and with the SeaBees, a construction battalion and currently serving with the 7th Naval Construction Regiment out of Rhode Island; works hand-in-hand with the Marine Corps; last year was stationed in Rota, Spain for six months with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 out of Mount Clemens; is slated to be in Iraq for two years; currently stationed in Fallujah.

Currently Stateside:

ARMY

Spc. Tara Gross, 23 — was stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; inactive status, but could face possible re-deployment.

Sgt. Kent Newland, 24 — stationed out of Fort Richardson, Alaska; was on tour with a regiment for nine months in Afghanistan; served as a part of the Army Airborne 501st Parachute Infantry; currently facing possible re-deployment to Iraq next spring.

Capt. Douglas E. Sloan, 38 — stationed out of Fort Drum, N.Y.; was deployed to Al Fallujah, Iraq; currently facing re-deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan in May 2005; took command of Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry on Sept. 29, which he served with in Iraq; has received numerous awards and decorations.

Spc. Curtis Theisen, 25 — currently home from serving in Tikrit, Iraq; was attached to an engineering corps out of Platteville, Wis.; inactive status, but could face possible re-deployment.

Pfc. James Wiklanski, 25 — has served for almost two years; a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, 1-3 Attack Aviation Brigade, Delta Company; will be deployed to Iraq on Jan. 21 for a year to 18 months; currently stationed out of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

Sgt. Scott A. Campbell, 29 — has served for 11 years; served stateside in Homeland Security for six months at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (formerly Selfridge Air Force Base); currently stationed out of Camp Grayling.

Spc. Jeffery Riley, 20 — stationed out of Camp Grayling; serving as a firefighter; was stationed in Mosul, Iraq; currently home in Charlevoix.

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Residents may examine their property assessment at the Board of Review, Monday, March 14th, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 15th, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall.

Charlevoix Township Tentative Ratios and Multipliers are subject to change by the Assessing Office, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization.

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Sgt. Gerald Zeitler, 41 — stationed out of Cheboygan; will be retiring in April 2005, served overseas in Egypt for about six months.

AIR FORCE

Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell, 24 — stationed out of San Angelo, Texas; in 2001 served in Saudia Arabia for three months; in 2002 was sent to Oman for six months, but came home the day the war started; is a firefighter instructor.

Airman Robert Helm Jr., 20 — stationed out of Montana; part of the Space and Missile Technology Program.

Airman 1st Class Christopher Loper, 21 — has served for almost two years; could face possible deployment to Iraq; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Airman 1st Class Hayley Torres, 21 — has served for almost two years; is currently a medical technician; not currently facing deployment to Iraq; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Airman 1st Class Jesus "Skip" Torres III, 20 — will have served two years in February; currently a medical technician; could face possible deployment to Iraq in May 2005; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Brett Vander Heide, 26 —was stationed in Turkey, Bahrain and Qatar; also served one year in Korea; is currently leaving the service after serving for six years; currently stationed at Pope Air Force Base at Fort Bragg, N.C.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Senior Airman Shannon L. Martin, 23 — graduated from basic training on March 12, 2004 from Lockland Air Force Base, Texas; graduated from munitions systems apprentice course on May 19, 2004 from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and received the Ammo Warrior Award; unsure about possible deployment to Iraq; currently a member of the Air National Guard in Duluth, Minn.

MARINES

Cpl. Daniel Bennett, 23 — served in Iraq for eight months; been in the Marine Reserves for over four years; is currently home but could face re-deployment starting in January 2005.

Cpl. Dawson Matter, 23 — was deployed to Iraq for eight months and stationed in Fallujah; received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; is out of the Marine Corps, but is subject to being called back for the next four years.

Mary Selph, 22 — currently stationed in California.

NAVY

EOC Kyle A. Louiselle, 21 — has served as a SeaBee for two years; is an Equipment Operator Constructionman (EOC); received the Junior Sailor of the Quarter Award from the Master Chief at Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.; received a letter of commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon; a Top Honor Graduate in April 2003 from Construction Equipment Training School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; currently stationed in Monterey, Calif.

CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR

Jamey Spencley, 35 — previously served as an interrogation specialist from 1992 to 1996 with the Army; was deployed to Haiti as a part of Operation Uphold Democracy; has recently volunteered as a civilian contractor to do work as an interrogation specialist; will be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan for one year; left on Jan. 8 for Fort Bliss, Texas and will be there for a week before shipping out.

Information is not known about the following individuals except for they are currently serving or did serve: **(AIR FORCE) Dustin Albaugh, Crystal Beach, Kevin Beach, Jeff Schlinger, Paul Walker, (MARINES) Blake Renshaw** and **(NAVY) Christopher Hawk, Garry Miller** and **Phillip Slocum.**

Information is not known about what branch of the military these individuals served with: **Sophie Bootz, Jacob Clark, Nathan Clark, Tiffany Matter, Markus McWatters, Timothy McWatters, Garry Miller, LeEtta Miller, Leonard Nemeth, Christian Pashingbauer, Gregory Starr, Cody Thompson, Billy Werner** and **Steve Woodbeck.**

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Two vehicle accident reported in Kmart parking lot Saturday

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a two vehicle crash around 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 in the Kmart parking lot in Charlevoix Township.

Erika Kristoffer, 46 of Boyne City made a left turn in front of a vehicle driven by Kenneth Kunkle, 59, of Charlevoix while she was locating a parking spot.

The Kunkle vehicle had its air bags deploy during the crash. A front seat passenger, June Kunkle, 55 of Charlevoix suffered a hand injury from the air bag deployment.

She was transported by Charlevoix City Ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital for treatment. The Kristoffer vehicle suffered only minor damage.

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Planning commission tables cap size plan

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

During a Feb. 14 public hearing, the Charlevoix City Planning Commission chose to table adopting an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would cap the size of retail buildings.

The decision to table was based on concerns about the ordinance when it relates to current retail buildings in the community.

Harry Golski, of Barron and Golski Attorneys At Law, spoke to the commissioners on behalf of Captain's Corners LLC.

He said Captain's Corners LLC supports the adoption of the ordinance in concept, but is concerned over some issues that were raised through the wording of the ordinance.

As is, the wording may make the present area non-conforming.

"If it became non-conforming it couldn't be replaced if it burned down," Golski said.

The object of the ordinance is to limit the size of individual retailers and not the whole structure, Golski said.

Mark Greyerbiehl, owner of Ace Hardware in Charlevoix and a member of This Is Our Town, said the ordinance is aimed at big box stores and not retailers who wish to come into the area, such as another hardware store.

Other businesses are favored to come to Charlevoix as long as it's not a big box store, because it would dominate the retailers already here.

"We think the city is taking a pro-active stance to take care of the potential problem before it is a problem," he said.

The commissioners voted unanimously to table the decision until City Attorney Jim Young could be contacted about the wording.

The revised ordinance will either be directly voted on or will come before another public hearing depending on the advice of Young.

Courtesy photo

Christmas Project

Every year, members of the community gather to form the Charlevoix Christmas Project that gives needy families items to help their holidays be wonderful. Here, from left, Bev Boss, Mary Eveleigh, Mary Helen Riggle, Kay Smith and Diana Gully donate their time to packing boxes filled with the goodies to give away.

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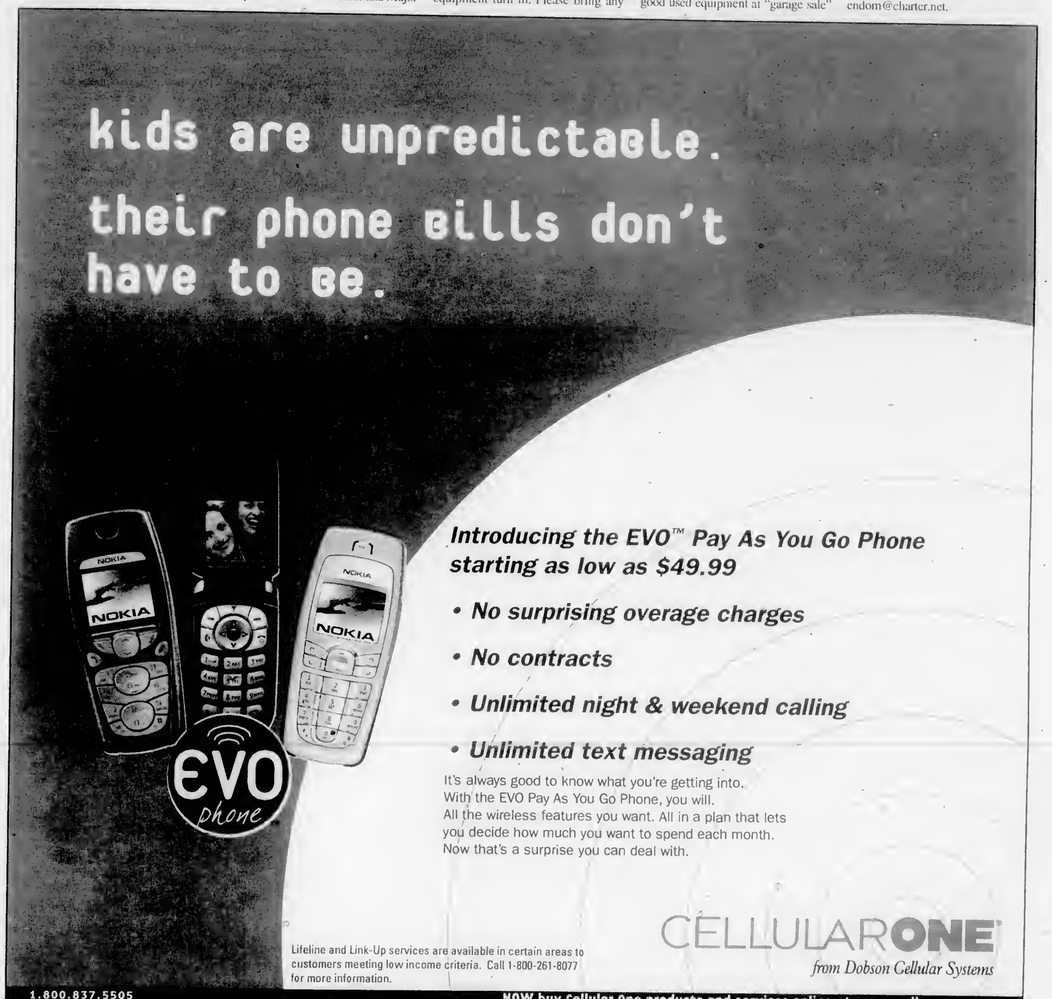
Charlevoix Little League to have annual sign up, draft day

The Charlevoix Little League will be having registration for boys and girls, ages 7-16.

A child has to turn 7 before May 1. Please bring copy of birth certificate with you. Registration dates are from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Feb. 23, March 2 and March 3, at the Charlevoix Middle School cafeteria. The fee is $45 per player. Family discounts are available. The fee includes jersey and cap to keep. Cutoff date for Minor and Major League registration is March 12. Cutoff date for Junior and Senior League is April 1. There will be a late charge of $15 for late registrants. Also at registration, there will be a used baseball equipment turn in. Please bring any used baseball equipment that is in good condition that can be donated. On Draft Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 19, there will be an Equipment Day. Participants will be able to buy good used equipment at "garage sale" prices. Proceeds will go to the Charlevoix Little League for immediate and future needs. If you are unable to attend, please call Kirk Heckendorn at 547-2683 or e-mail kheckendorn@charter.net.



FEB 2005

Charlevoix one of locations scouted for movie

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix just missed out to being in the movies recently over Harbor Springs.

According to Bob Brown, co-founder and managing partner of the Michigan company Purple Rose Studios, Charlevoix was one of the areas being considered as the location for a movie. However, the studio was not able to find a location in the area that fit its needs. Brown founded the company with veteran actor and Michigan resident Jeff Daniels.

"We were looking for a secluded cottage or cabin that had lots of character....we didn't find any that anybody would let us use," he said. "We probably scouted six to eight locations to make it work."

The cabin needed to be on a big lake, so the company was looking at locations along Lake Michigan. However, while nothing was found in Charlevoix, the company was able to find just such a location in Harbor Springs.

Brown said the inability to find a proper location in Charlevoix was not the fault of anyone. He said he was working closely with Tom Pfeifle of the Weathervane Inn and the Charlevoix Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Brown added he and Pfeifle are friends. The two used to have summer cottages near each other growing up.

Pfeifle said it was very difficult to find a location for the company in Charlevoix. First, he said it was on a very short notice and second, people were concerned about loaning out their homes on such short notice. Pfeifle said basically people were asked to sign a contract allowing filming at their home — in most cases their summer home — on the spot.

"I am sure if we had more time we could have probably come up with something," Pfeifle said.

He added having a movie filmed in Charlevoix would have been a great addition to the economy of the area.

Brown said he would have brought in 55 people to Charlevoix and would have probably spent about a quarter of a million dollars in the area.

"The way we look it is like saying, 'Mr. City Leader I would like to drive real slow down main street with a dump truck and throw money out,'" Brown said.

While Charlevoix was ultimately not picked, Pfeifle said it is a plus that the city was even in the running.

"This is not the last movie they are working on at any means. They know who we are now," he said.

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> **Tom Pfeifle**,
> Manager of the Weathervane Inn on area's movie prospects

Brown said Purple Rose Studios is known for the movies Supersucker and Escanaba in the Moonlight. The movie, called "The Retreat," being shot currently in Harbor Springs is a "low-budget horror" movie about a group of college kids that are loaned a cabin on the lake by one of their professors.

"Scary things happen," Brown said.

Filming is expected to wrap up on March 10 or 11.

Otto to speak at Greensky

Simon Otto will be coming to Greensky Hill Indian Mission Church to tell Native American legends at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Mr. Otto, a local author and storyteller, has told stories several times at Central Michigan University's Storytelling Festival.

In the author's biographical sketch in his book, "Walk In Peace-Legends and Stories of the Michigan Indians," Otto writes that he was born and raised in northern Michigan.

His father was Ojibway and his mother Odawa. Both parents were very interested in preserving their culture. A flow of Indian people passed through their home. These visitors talked of politics and happenings in Indian country. Stories, the latest news and legends were all intermingled.

Otto, as a young boy true to tradition, would sit and listen. He remembered these gatherings in later years and, with encouragement from his wife Mary, he put his memories on paper to share in his book "Walk In Peace-Legends and Stories of the Michigan Indians."

In addition to writing several books, Otto writes a column, "Talking Leaves" which is published the second and fourth Monday of each month in the *Petoskey News-Review*. Otto is a retired executive coordinator of Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

"An Evening With Simon Otto" is the first event of the newly formed Greensky Hill Men's Group. The evening will start at 6 p.m. with a Swiss steak dinner followed by Native American legends as told by Otto.

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Harbor Industries remains a part of the community

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Note: This is the first in a new series about local industry and its impact and importance in Charlevoix.

Harbor Industries Inc., a family owned business, specializes in the manufacturing of custom made point-of-purchase displays that are used throughout the country.

Tim Parker, vice president of operations, said standard parts aren't cut as everything is created to a certain client's specifications.

Back in 1979 or 1980, Parker said a mutual client shared between Harbor Industries Inc. and Freedman Art Craft, who was a competitor, bought out the latter company.

Once the client, Noreross Greeting Cards, owned Freedman Artcraft, they shared business with Harbor Industries Inc. but decided to own their own manufacturing company.

Parker said Noreross Greeting Cards operated their business out of Charlevoix, but soon found owning their own manufacturing company wasn't all they thought it would be. After about a year and a half in the business they sold the business to Harbor Industries Inc.

Soon after Noreross Greeting Cards filed for bankruptcy, Parker said Harbor Industries Inc. was left with an office in Grand Haven, Charlevoix and Los Angeles without a client to support them.

Between 1998 and 1999, Parker said Harbor Industries Inc. underwent some strategic planning for the company and decided leaving Charlevoix was not an option.

"We think that you get a really high quality employee here in northern Michigan," Parker said.

Parker said the employees in the Northern Michigan area value a job more than those downstate who view jobs as a dime a dozen.

"We couldn't see leaving Charlevoix," he said.

With support from the state of Michigan and the city of Charlevoix, Parker said enough money was generated to fund remodeling of the original building that had been there since the 1940s. The first phase was completed in 2000 and the second in 2001.

"The city administration, everyone has been very supportive of us from an economic standpoint," he said.

Parker said the old building's design was more a series of 22 additions.

"It was a series of very small, chopped up rooms," Parker said. "It was difficult for us to get efficient flow."

With the new building that has twice the square footage, the added area helped create a more efficient work place.

Being located in Charlevoix has helped the manufacturing company because of the close proximity to wood processing mills.

Parker said Harbor Industries Inc. gets its particle board from a mill in Gaylord owned by Georgia Pacific.

Charlevoix is the location of the manufacturing plant and Parker said all aspects of manufacturing the product were consolidated in Charlevoix. However, Grand Haven remains as the corporate headquarters for the company and is also where the finance and design teams are located.

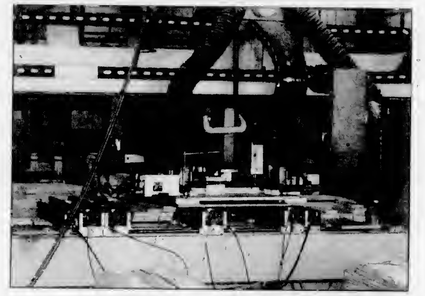
Harbor Industries Inc. created between 130 to 150 new jobs in Charlevoix when they started and now employes between 200 and 250 people.

Parker said the consolidation of operations in Charlevoix helped create numerous jobs and at the high point the company employed 350 employees.

"Without the facility is would have been tougher," Parker said. "It allows us to be more effective and efficient at what we do."

Photo credit

(Above left) Harbor Industries Inc. of Charlevoix manufactures custom made point-of-purchase displays such as this cabinet. (Above right) Two workers construct one such display. (Below) Some of the machinery used in the process.



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Sauer named new pastor at reformed church

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix welcomes a new pastor after a year and a half of searching.

Chip Sauer, 36, is the senior pastor at Community Reformed Church and is replacing Larry Grooters, who retired in Sept. 2003 after being pastor for 27 years.

"I hope Community Reformed Church is a place that helps people on their journey to faith," he said. "Especially, a place to see and experience God's love for them."

Sauer began preaching on Feb. 1, but was officially installed as the senior pastor on Feb. 14.

Before coming to Charlevoix, Sauer and his wife, Alisa, and their 16-month-old son, John, lived in the Grand Rapids area.

He was associate pastor for First Reformed Church in Grandville for 13 years where he also served as youth minister and associate minister.

Sauer said he is looking forward to getting to know the people of Community Reformed Church and in the community.

"I hope to continue being a church to the community," he said. "Caring about people in the community and not just those connected to the church."

Courtesy photo

Chip Sauer is the new senior pastor of Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Sauer is pictured with his wife, Alisa, and their 16-month-old son, John.

Sauer knew he was destined to have a career in ministry when he was in high school and a member of Young Life. The group was an outreach program toward disinterested children.

"It changed my life," he said.

Sauer said his involvement with the group made him want to continue giving back to and helping others.

Growing up with parents who loved him for who he was and who followed Jesus' teachings, Sauer said helped him through his own hardships in high school.

Through his parents' love and guidance, Sauer said he began to see that God had given him gifts to fulfill a role in ministry.

His favorite part of ministry is connecting to others.

"Having a chance to talk to people about what really matters in life," he said.

Sauer is looking forward to experiencing outdoor activities in Charlevoix and what the summer entails.

St. Mary to host parish mission

St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix will be hosting a parish mission from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20 through Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Fr. Michael Goodavish of Milwaukee, Wis., a missionary for "Food for the Poor" will present four evenings of reflection based on the theme "From Sand to Stone" Building Your Life Upon the True Rock.

Each presentation will be repeated Monday through Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. for those unable to attend the evening sessions.

Goodavish is a priest with the Diocese of St. George's-in-Grenada.

Besides his ministry to the youth in Lithuania and Grenada, he also spends his weekends as a speaker for the International Christian Aid Agency, Food for the Poor.

Goodavish places parish missions as one of his favorite ministries, as he says, "They are such a great opportunity to help people expand their horizons of faith living."

During his presentations, Goodavish draws on his vast experiences as a retreat leader, a parish priest, a university campus minister and as a high school chaplain.

He has an amazing ability to bring with him the many lessons from his variety of experiences to those he leads on the journey of reflection and discovery.

Goodavish holds a special place in his heart for the youth of this world and finds extra joy when he sees them in a gathering of the faithful.

A parish mission is a time for the community to pause and reflect on their direction and to deepen their faith.

Right now our country is at war and our service men and women are far from home with no visible end.

Thailand is trying to rebuild from a devastating tsunami that ended thousands of lives without warning.

St. Mary's has child care available at each session and transportation can be arranged for those in need by calling Mary at 547-6652.

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SPORTS

Boys' basketball team drops out of first place

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders dropped out of first place in the Lake Michigan Conference as well as out of the top ten in Class C with two losses, both on the road, suffering a loss to Grayling, 90-68 before dropping a close one to Traverse City St. Francis, 55-51, last week.

"We had a little heart to heart talk (with the team) after the Grayling game," coach Keith Haske said. "The kids practiced well all week long and gave a good effort (against St. Francis)."

The Rayders have now suffered three losses in a row after 13 straight wins to open the season. Charlevoix hopes that they have a recovery similar to last season when after losing the last three games of the season, the Rayders rallied to make a run to the state finals.

Grayling's diamond press was much too much for the Rayders last Tuesday as the Vikings went on a 18-3 run to close the first quarter with a 24-9 advantage. The score could have been even worse had Grayling converted on its layups more consistently.

The Rayders turned the ball over on each of their first four possessions of the game but Grayling missed three layups and committed a turnover themselves on the other occasion.

Charlevoix scored the first eight points of the second quarter, led by two Cody Crain three-pointers, to cut the lead to 24-17. The Rayders would get no closer the rest of the game. The Vikings had a 15-4 run to close out the first half. They left the court leading 45-27 at the half.

Ben Bergmann scored 11 points in the first half but Charlevoix's 24 first half turnovers dug too large of a hole.

After Charlevoix scored the first four points of the second half, Grayling blitzed the Rayders, 26-6 to turn the game into a laugher at 71-37.

Charlevoix finished with 38 turnovers on the night.

"I can't remember ever having that many turnovers," coach Keith Haske said. "We knew what they were going to do and I thought we prepared for it. It's my fault as a coach that we didn't handle it well. We should be ahle to execute against (the pressure)."

Eddie Waldron finished as high scorer with 14 points. Bergmann scored 11 and Dustin Dibble had nine.

Against St. Francis, the Rayders used a revamped lineup with starters Jared Hunt and Phil Steen out with injuries. Freshman Dustin Dibble made his first varsity start at the point guard position.

Haske was pleased with the Rayder effort even though a victory eluded the squad.

"We played better and actually we probably should have won the game," Haske said. "We had a shot to win with four seconds or so to go. But we took a big step forward in the game. Our young kids stepped up."

Charlevoix raced out to an early advantage, leading 14-5 after the first quarter. The Gladiators bounced back, however, to take a 24-19 halftime advantage.

"We jumped out and played real well in the first quarter," Haske said. "But in the second quarter we went ice cold and they got right back in it."

St. Francis led 39-33 after three quarters.

Bergmann led the Rayders with 18 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Crain added nine points.

Waldron grabbed 11 rebounds while Jake Teuscher corralled nine boards.

The Rayders (13-3 overall, 8-3 conference) close out the regular season with four home games. Charlevoix played host to Boyne City on Tuesday, Feb. 15 but results were unavailable at presstime. Kalkaska visits on Friday, Feb. 18.

The Rayders did receive good news on senior point guard Hunt, who has missed the last four games, as an initial MRI report was positive according to Haske. Hunt will return to rehabilitation hoping to return soon to the lineup.

Ski team puts up good scores at Manistee

Despite rainy weather, the Charlevoix boys' and girls' ski teams performed well in the Manistee Invitational last week.

The boys' team finished in second place out of 10 teams, while the girls' team finished in third place out of 10 teams. Benzie Central lead the boys' field and Traverse City St. Francis lead the girls'.

In the slalom, the boys' team finished second overall, with Benzie taking first.

In the giant slalom the team finished fourth, with Elk Rapids taking first. The girls' team finished sixth in the slalom, with Traverse City St. Francis taking first, and took a fourth place finish in the giant slalom, with Traverse City St. Francis taking first again.

Individual results for the boys' team in the slalom were: Andrew Mallory in sixth with a time of 57.02 seconds; Mac Brennan in ninth with a time of 57.40 seconds; Cameron Attee in sixteenth with a time of 1 minute; Nic Williams in thirtieth with a time of 1 minute, 3.76 seconds; Billy Brodin in thirty-ninth with a time of 1 minute, 7.20 seconds; Geoff Baier in fortieth with a time of 1 minute, 7.6 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' team in the giant slalom were: Mallory in fourth with a time of 42.37 seconds; Brennan in eighth with a time of 43.05 seconds; Attee in twenty-second with a time of 44.72 seconds; Williams in forty-second with a time of 47.56 seconds; Baier in forty-fourth with a time of 48 seconds; Logan Priess in forty-fifth with a time of 48.17 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the slalom were: Michelle Fritsch in third with a time of 56.54 seconds; Elizabeth Hasseld in twenty-third with a time of 1 minute, 5.26 seconds; Kristin Dupuis in twenty-eighth with a time of 1 minute, 8.42 seconds; Sarah Lorne in thirty-fifth with a time of 1 minute, 12.76 seconds; Kelsey Poineau in thirty-eighth with a time of 1 minute, 19.64 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' team in the giant slalom were: Katherine Rowley in fourth with a time of 43.46 seconds; Fritsch in ninth with a time of 44.72 seconds; Poineau in eighteenth with a time of 46.14 seconds; Dupuis in thirty-fourth with a time of 50.51 seconds; Hasseld in thirty-eighth with a time of 51.19 seconds; Stephanie Poindexter in forty-fourth with a time of 54.30 seconds.

Library to have winter book sale

The Charlevoix Public Library will be having a Winter Book Sale in order to help raise funding for new books and materials for the children's section in the new library.

Mary Anne Chew, president of the library board of trustees, said there are hundreds of books to choose from in both hardback and paperback form.

Chew said the library would like to thank the community for the book donations over the years.

The books vary in price. There are paperback books that are two for .25 cents and some hardback books for .50 cents. There are some books that are $2.

The Winter Book Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 18 and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Feb. 19 in the lower level of the library.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES

January 24, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Norm Carlson, Jr. at 5:57 p.m.

City Council Members Present: Bob Timms, Bill Haggard, Karen Campbell, Shirley Gibson and Sherm Chamberlain

City Council Members Absent: Bill Bellows

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-01-03 of 2005. The resolution of intent to amend the DDA ordinance by extending the duration of the DDA's development and tax increment financing plan and to adopt the fourth amendment to the DDA's tax increment financing plan and to schedule a public hearing on these matters.

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 2005-01-04 of 2005 - Resolution of intent to amend the DDA's tax increment financing plan and development plan and to schedule a public hearing on the proposed fifth amendment to the DDA's development and tax increment financing plan.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

A complete copy of the joint Council minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Jo Weller, DDA Recording Secretary

SPORTS

Wrestling team takes second at last tourney

In the final tournament of the season before Division IV Districts, the Charlevoix Rayders showed strength and determination as they finished the day with a three-way tie for first place at the Petoskey B Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The Rayders went 4-1 along with Mancelona and Kalkaska. A tie breaker, based on each team's accumulative team points, resulted in a very close second place for Charlevoix.

Mancelona was awarded first place, outscoring Charlevoix by only two points. The remaining Team results were: Kalkaska (third), Petoskey B (fourth), Kingsley (fifth) and Frankfort (sixth).

"This team really wrestled their hearts out today," said Coach Craig Golovich.

In the final match of the day against the tournament's unbeaten Mancelona team, excitement and excellent wrestling filled the gymnasium.

As coaches strategically placed their wrestlers, several weight classes scored key victories by decision, with the Rayders only posting three pins.

One of those victories went to the "Wrestler of the Day," Nathan Tripplehorn, who won by decision against Mancelona's Josh Ponder in the 215 weight class. Another came in the last weight class of the match, with Spencer Hankins pinning his opponent to win against the first place Mancelona team with a score of 37 – 36.

Golovich said, "I'm proud of all these guys today."

Not only did Charlevoix bring home the second place trophy, but Jed Daman, Jeff Golovich and Jaimen Waha were each awarded medals for going undefeated for the day.

The results for the rest of the team included: (4-1) Woody Nitchman, Matt Novotny, Shannon Gillespie, (3-2) Spencer Hankins, Nathan Tripplehorn, (2-3) Nick Gotshall, RJ Moore, Drew Klooster, (2-2) Scott Sladek, and (1-4) Chris Bartling.

Golovich and Coach Gould want to thank all the family members and fans of the team for such overwhelming support this season.

Charlevoix travels to Onaway for the team districts on Feb. 17 and then to Manton on Feb. 19 for individual districts.

Midget hockey team gets runner-up

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team captured the runner-up trophy in the District 7 BB playoffs in Mackinaw City over the past weekend, winning four straight games before falling in the finals.

Their first draw was Sault Ste. Marie on Feb. 11. Eli Barsy opened the scoring at 9:01 with a patient shot that slid in just inside the post.

Two minutes later, the Soo tied it up, hut Ryan Paridee, assisted by John Miller, put Boyne ahead. Miller hit the top corner of the net with a Barsy pass, then Troy Scarbrough scored with assists from Britt King and Josh Aown. Paridee put another on the scoreboard with an assist from Matt Kopke, then Barsy took passes from Paridee and Will Brown, kicked it off his skate to his stick, and scored the final Boyne goal in the 6-4 win.

Nick Ferree made several huge plays in goal, ending up with 15 saves. Boyne put 23 shots on net.

Their next matchup was with Gaylord on Feb. 12. Gear Robinson rocketed in a one timer from the top of the circle for the only goal in the first period. John Miller backhanded in a shorthanded goal with assists from Barsy and Paridee, and Miller scored again with another Barsy pass.

Gaylord scored on a power play, hut Paridee, Russell Williams, and Scarbrough hit the net with assists from Miller, Williams, and two from Ryan Hennessy. Hennessy scored the first and last goals of the third period, with assists from Scarbrough on both, and Williams on the first. Kopke also scored with a blistering slap shot from the blue line.

Williams earned a playmaker with 3 assists in the game. Boyne dominated both ends of the ice, pounding the Gaylord goalie with 42 shots, while netminder Ferree's defense left him with only 8 shots to stave off. The final score was 9-2.

Later on Feb. 12, the boys in blue met St. Ignace, last year's district champions. Barsy, with assists from Paridee and Kopke, put the first goal on the scoreboard. The Saints put up two, then Scarbrough scored on a power-play with assists from Hennessy to tie the game. The Saints ran up three more before Paridee hit the net with assists from Barsy and John Miller. St. Ignace scored twice more to make it 3-7 halfway through the third period.

Boyne showed their never-say-die attitude, as Kopke sent a bullet in from the blue line, Miller hit with a Barsy assist, and Kopke earned a hat trick with two more blistering slapshots from just inside the blue line, with assists from Will Brown, Scarbrough and Paridee. With a 7-7 tie, Boyne skated short handed the last 2 minutes but effectively killed the penalty to take the game to a heartpounding tie. Boyne's patient and intelligent passing, dogged defense and total teamwork put 35 shots on net. Ferree was between the pipes and took 18 shots.

At the end of the game, Boyne was their division winner.

Boyne met Mackinaw City in the semifinal round Sunday morning and dominated, winning 10-3. Hennessy scored a hat trick plus with four goals, and Barsy scored two. Gabe Korthase, Scarbrough, Kopke and Williams each netted one. Assists were credited to Barsy, JP Fiedorek, Brown, Kopke, Paridee and Isaac Krey.

Miller and Aown gave 2 assists and Darren Looze eared a playmaker plus with 4. Ferree was between the pipes.

In the final round, Boyne played Alpena, and despite playing with great passion lost 6-1. Virtually the entire team had been battling illness all weekend and the pace of the previous games caught up with them.

Hennessy scored the lone goal unassisted. Ferree was in goal.

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Church League • Feb. 9, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	228	122
Ferguson & Chamberlain	212	138
The Inner Circle	193	157
Paul Bunyan Lanes	171	179
Mark White Paint & Stain	168	182
St. Mary's	163	187
Lutherans	152	198
R & C Roofing	113	237

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jerry Russell	586	241
Roger Crain	615	235
Jim Potter		236
Randy DeYoung	596	

Men's Senior League • Feb. 7, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	14	6
J Arnold Painting 'A'	14	6
Kim's Racing	13.5	6.5
Central Drug Store	11.5	8.5
Weebowl-Wobowls	9	11
J Arnold Painting 'Z'	7.5	12.5
Seiph Trucking	6.5	13.5
Cemex Cement	4	16

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	638	243
John Lignell		221
Eric Williams	592	214
Jim Campbell	585	

Young at Hearts League • February 10, 2005

	W	L
Spareime	19	5
Twilighters	17	7
Half & Half	16	8
Misfits	14	10
Insh Rollers	11	13
Alley Cats	10	14
Has Beens	5	19
Past Timers	4	20

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ralph Kitson	596	249
Ken Schoenherr	509	223
Al Bergmann		182
Eldon Potter	472	
Nancy Bambach	436	169
Judy Potter	450	
Irene Cellner	416	168
Nancy Zimmerman		165

Double Deckers Mixed League • February 6, 2005

	W	L
Bradley	25.5	10.5
Blanchard/Crain	25	11
Spencer	23.5	12.5
Russell A & J	23	13
Wittnoth	22.5	13.5
Ferguson	21	15
Novotny	20	16
Russell C & R	20	16
Stein	20	16
Sladek	19	17
Koffman	16	20
Webb	14.5	21.5
Blanchard	14	22
Patton	11	25
Nordman	9	27
Hart	4	32

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	595	212
John Ferguson	498	192
Gary Spencer	513	
Chuck Stein		191
Jackie Stein		182
Amy Russell	456	167
Carla Spencer	449	168
Lisa Bradley	452	

Casino League • February 10, 2005

	W	L
Crackpots	136	34
Vegabounds	112	58
4 Fun	92	78
T.K. & The Boozers	80	90
At Least a 6 Pack	78	92
Brooklyn Rats	18	152

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	442	231
Jon Kiernan	425	231
Joel Stradling	420	212
Lynette Webb		257
Carrie Blanchard	420	226
Paula Fralick		254
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City residents could see increase in electric bill

BUDGET

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For example, with the increase in the sewer rate, Wiesner said there is a good chance that the sewer fund will be able to pay for any needed future expansions by itself, without having to go to other funds or bonds.

In addition to these increases in rates, Charlevoix residents will see other increases as well at Mount McSauba, the day camp, the city golf course, the boat launch and in the docking rates.

According to the proposed city budget, a daily lift ticket at Mount McSauba will increase from $8 to $10, downhill ski rental will increase from $7 to $8 and a season pass will increase from $75 to $80, among others.

The Ferry boat launch will have a rate of $100 for ten uses of it and the marina docking rates will increase by 5 percent in all areas.

Charlevoix City Council will be hearing from the public on the proposed city budget at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 21 at the Charlevoix City Hall. There will be a council work session on the budget at 5:30 p.m., that day, in city hall.

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed ordinances to amend the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority on Monday, March 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlevoix City Hall Council Chambers located at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearings are to consider ordinances which amend Section 1.302 of Chapter 7, Title I of the Charlevoix City Code to amend the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority's Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The proposed amendments do not result in the relocation of any families or individuals from the Development Area.

The first public hearing will be to consider the Fourth Amendment, which will extend the duration of the Plan through December 31, 2026 and will add the following items to the DDA's Development Plan:

1. Marina Construction – The project includes obstructions and removals along the bulkhead, shore sheeting the bulkhead, four floating pier systems extending into Round Lake, miscellaneous shopper dock construction on the north and south end of the project, construction of electric, water and sanitary sewer lines to service the docks, and supporting tie backs for shore sheeting. The Marina extends from Antrim Street to a point approximately 200 feet north of the Clinton Street right-of-way along the shores of Round Lake and extends into Round Lake.

2. East Park Construction – The project includes numerous removals in the site area, including a section of the street end to relocate the street, reconstruction of the street area with storm systems, curb and gutter and bituminous paving, numerous walkways with concrete pavement, special pavement and brick pavement, construction of a fish pond, an ice skating infrastructure on or near the Harbormaster's office, site railings, irrigation system, numerous park amenities, such as benches, trash receptacles, etc, site lighting and all other elements normally included in a park system of this type. East Park is between Antrim Street, Clinton Street, Bridge Street and Round Lake in downtown Charlevoix.

3. Harbormaster Building – The Harbormaster building will include facilities to house the Marina staff, amenities for the boaters, public restrooms, and a deck on top of the building for public viewing. The Harbormaster building will be placed at the foot of Clinton Street between the street ending and Round Lake.

4. Storm Sewer Construction – The project includes 48 - 60" diameter pipe in Mason Street and a 24" diameter pipe in Clinton Street, along with associated manholes etc. Storm sewers are proposed in Mason Street from Round Lake to the west side of Bridge Street and in Clinton Street from the Round Lake to approximately one-half way to Bridge Street.

5. Off-Site Parking – The parking lot is proposed with curb and gutter construction, bituminous surface along with appropriate drainage systems and landscaped islands. The parking area is located in the southeast corner of the old Middle School site on Mason Street.

6. Personnel – The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) may hire personnel to promote the retail, economic and business advantages of the downtown area and to perform such other services as are authorized by Act 197 of 1975, as amended (the Act), or as may be specified by the DDA.

7. Financing of Projects and Personnel – Personnel that may be hired by the DDA will be paid out of the general revenue of the DDA which comes from "captured millage" and millage that is specifically assessed for the DDA. The other projects that are described in this amendment will be financed, in whole or in part, by the issuance of bonds as authorized by law. Installment contracts, as authorized by Act 99 of 1933, may also be used. As noted earlier, some projects may be funded in part by state grants as well. Regarding bonding, the DDA's financial consultant and bond counsel will recommend the type of bonds to be issued and terms of such bonds. The preliminary estimate of bonding potential is $6.4 million. Until firm project cost estimates can be obtained, it should be assumed that the total amount of bonds to be issued will be the maximum amount that is authorized by law. It is anticipated that bonds will be issued in 2005. The DDA has successfully issued bonds for past projects. Based on information obtained from the financial consultant regarding the likely "life" of the bonds, it is recommended that the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan be extended through December 31, 2026.

8. Removal of Existing Band Shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building; construction of a new pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating. This project is specifically excluded from this Fourth Amendment to the Plan. Thus, the DDA shall not undertake this project unless authorized by a later amendment to the Plan.

A second public hearing will be held to consider a Fifth Amendment to the DDA's Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, which will add the following item:

1. Removal of Existing Band Shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building; construction of a new pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating – The project includes the removal of the current band shell, fish pond and restroom facility. The construction of a new pavilion/performance building, including public restrooms, amphitheater seating for the pavilion.

A copy of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority with maps and copies of the proposed amendments to the plan are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Charlevoix City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan during regular business hours. All aspects of the proposed amendments to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, as well as the entire Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

The public is invited to attend the public hearings and present its comments on the proposed ordinances. The public may also submit its written comments on the proposed amendments at the public hearings or by sending them to the Charlevoix City Clerk at the above address prior to the public hearings.

Date: January 27, 2005

Carol Ochs, City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND 83/100 DOLLARS ($105,671.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Friday, March 25, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock** in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29"East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33,. 3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said _ line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: February 8, 2005

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust

IN RE: ROBERT E. KELLEY, Trustee of the ROBERT E. KELLEY REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT dated 10/8/91

Date of Birth: December 16 1920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert E. Kelley, who lived at 105 W. Upright St., Charlevoix, Michigan died January 29, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Dorothea Kelley, successor trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date February 11, 2005

Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State Street, Suite 1
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

CLAIMS NOTICE

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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

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By Trust indenture dated the 10th day of March, 1993, as amended thereafter, the decedent established the Ralph McClintock and Elizabeth McClintock Trust.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, Scott McClintock, at 1911 East Bruce Street, Gilbert, AZ 85234, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 16, 2005

KEVIN G. KLEVORN (P35531)
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Team in Training

Whitneys Oyster Bar of Charlevoix invites you for the evening starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 to enjoy Whitneys' dinner menu, beverages and live music by Nelson Olstrom to help support Staci Borths, Tricia Kelly, and Monica Conlan to run a half marathon for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. These ladies joined Team in Training of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to raise money in the efforts to help support cancer research and patient aid. A portion of your bill will be donated to this cause as each young lady must raise $3,200 to enter the race. Come down to Whitneys and support their efforts to help find a cure for cancer! For more information see the web site at www.teamintraining.org/mi.

Business After Hours

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce would like you to join them for Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

Book sale

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will hold a special winter book sale from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, in the community room of the library.

Powerlifting team

The Stand Powerlifting Team is coming to the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 23, 24, 25, and 26 and again at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27. The church is located at 05291 M-66 North.

The team will be performing at school assemblies throughout the area during their stay in Charlevoix. They challenge young people with a positive motivational message illustrated through amazing feats of strength, teaching the importance of abstinence, anti-drug/alcohol, academic excellence, overcoming peer pressure, issues of self-esteem and respecting others.

The team's focus in the schools is to encourage kids to make the right choices in life situations. Church assemblies add the message of family values and Jesus Christ. Public invited to attend all assemblies. For more information, please call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office at 547-6430 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare program is currently being offered at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. DivorceCare is from 7-9 p.m. Childcare is offered Wednesday evenings only. DivorceCare is a free program for anyone experiencing, or have experienced a divorce. Please call 547-9482 for more information.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Area meetings

Editor's note: We are attempting to update this section. If you wouldl ike to see your organization in this section or wouldl ike to change your organization's infonration in this section please call (231) 547-6558 for more information.

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Restaurant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital.

For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

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Constantine R, Fri 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Sat, Sun, Thurs 12, 2:15, 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Mon, Tue, Wed 7:15, 9:20
Are We There Yet? PG, Fri 5, 7:15 • Sat, Sun, Thurs 12, 2:15, 5, 7:15 • Mon, Tue, Wed 7:15
The Phantom of the Opera PG-13, 8:30 Nightly
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SCRAPBOOK

The troubles of deliverymen in the winter

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

In the 1940s, we used to have a great deal of snow in the winter.

The city had only one truck to plow the streets, which was a big 1936 Federal, driven by Leo Allard, the Street Commissioner. He had to plow all the streets himself. Leo was very proud of his truck. He parked the truck in the city garage, located where the middle school on Garfield is now located. In the summer, when he went on vacation, he would take a piece of chalk and make a mark on the tire and on the floor to make sure nobody drove it. A couple of the city crew jacked up the truck and turned the wheels to play a joke on him. Of course, these stories always went all over town, making the statement "Never a dull moment" true.

My dad, Glenroy Ikens, was the Standard Oil distributor in Charlevoix. His oil delivery truck was a 1932 Ford V8, which was the first year for the V8 engine.

Dale remembers my dad attempting to get into Annie Saltonstall's yard at 408 Mason Street to deliver oil for her furnace. Most people at the time burned coal or wood, but oil furnaces were becoming popular. He always removed the outside dual wheel on the truck for the winter, and had a set of chains on the inside wheels, so he could drive through the deep snow. He drove to Annie's house and got the truck square with the house, and attempted to go through the very deep snow that was plowed up. He had to reach the oil filler pipe in the side yard.

The oil tank itself was in the basement. He put the truck in creeper gear, and hit the snow, backed up several times, making a path to the filler pipe. The sidewalk in those days was plowed with Hooker's horses. They pulled a V horse plow early in the morning to clear them, but they never got close to the bottom of the walk, as there would be 18 inches of packed snow where everyone walked, including the horses.

The snow in the yard would be 3 feet deep, and all the deliverymen had to navigate this snow, unless the homeowner shoveled the drive by hand, which was rare.

Once dad's truck got close to the filler pipe, he had to fill a 5 gallon pail by gravity feed from the back of the truck. Then he had to wade in the snow to pour it through a big funnel which he placed in the filler pipe. This made for many trips to fill the tank. When he filled the pail, he had to move a round clicker on the inside of the back compartment to keep track of the number of pails it took.

Charlie Heise, who was a coal and wood dealer had to do the same thing. Dale remembers George Sarasin, Miles Russell and Vern Jones, who were deliverymen for Charlie. They were always grinding their way through the deep snow to get to someone's woodshed at the back of their house. They had to carry heavy canvas coal sacks on their backs, and the closer they could come to the shed, the easier it was for them.

Charlie had a 29 Model A Ford as one delivery truck and a 1937 Chevy. One day, the delivery boys got in an argument over which truck was the most powerful.

Charlie had them tie the trucks back to back in the middle of the street, and go to it. They put a couple tons of coal on each one to give them traction. Dale doesn't remember which truck won, but is provided entertainment for those who gathered around.

Dale got a new 1948 stand-up drive Divco milk delivery truck. He remembers going to Montgomery Wards in Petoskey to buy a set of chains for it, as it was impossible to deliver milk door to door without a good set of chains. Most every day in the winter, he would have to double load his truck so he would have enough weight to get back to the dairy.

Charlie Marshall, the fire chief, who lived upstairs in the city hall, got a quart of milk every other day, and many early mornings, Dale would turn his truck into the fire engine drive before it was shoveled, and step out into deep snow to take the milk to the upstairs door. Both fire engines sat in the garage with chains on at all times, ready to go.

Those were the ways of life then, and everyone just did what had to be done.

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Actors put on great show at competition

ACTORS

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Gene Foley, 17, a four-year member of the performing arts, portrayed Rapunzel's Prince and said he enjoys all the goofy, mixed up fairy tales.

Foley said he was looking forward to regionals to meet new people that could one day help him with his acting career. He also enjoys competing.

"I do like the high sense of competition and at any moment getting knocked out of the ring," he said.

Foley said theater is different than film as actors have to constantly stay on top of the scene because once on stage, no one is going to call cut and allow the scene to be redone.

Anna Taylor, 17, a four-year member of the performing arts, portrayed 12-year-old Red Riding Hood.

"I think it's a fun experience to play someone that's younger," she said.

Taylor said "Into the Woods" is very funny, which is one aspect she enjoys.

Having the chance for state is something that Taylor said she was looking forward to going into the competition.

Suzanne Curtis, 17, a three-year member of the performing arts, portrayed Jack's mother.

Her character called for her to be on stage with a cow, which she said added humor to the already funny scenes.

This year, Curtis said the group has a lot of strong vocalists.

"The music is really challenging, but when we get it right it's good," she said.

Even though they didn't place for the state finals, the Charlevoix High School performing arts department did come home with three awards. They received Excellent Set Design, Excellent Costume Design and Anne Strawbridge received the Superior Acting Award.

Curtis said she received an award for set design at district as well.

Ford said now the group will concentrate on preparing to show the public their version of "Into the Woods."

The performances will be at 7 p.m. on March 5 and 2:30 p.m. on March 6. Tickets cost $7 for adults and $5 for seniors, students and children. The estimated length of the play is about 90 minutes.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf square off early on in the play "Into the Woods." Little Red Riding Hood and other characters interact as they all search through the woods. The play was taken to regionals by the performing arts department at Charlevoix High School.

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Helping troops

Two Charlevoix women are trying to help troops overseas by sending them pieces of home.

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A Charlevoix woman celebrated her ninety-first birthday with a snowmobile ride, just like those from her past.

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More on the budget, winter sports scores and bad birds.

Rate increases questioned

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Council heard from residents on the city's latest budget proposal, with much of the discussion — sometimes heated — centered around proposed rate changes for water, sewer and electrical services.

"I am here to protest raising the electric, water and sewer rates. A lot of people cannot afford a rise in anything now," said Charlevoix resident Pat Dillon.

However, Charlevoix City Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson responded that the proposed increases in the electric, water and sewer rates are not meant to break anyone in the city.

"Costs have gone up," he said. "Maybe that is our own fault. Maybe we should have been doing a .5 percent increase each year."

In a work session before the city council meeting, council focused on the issue of the electric rates. According to Mark Beauchamp of Utility Financial Solutions, if the electric rates are

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Four to run for school board

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Voters will decide who they want as members of the Charlevoix Public School Board on May 3.

School board candidates seeking two open seats on board are incumbent Barney Way, incumbent Scott Boss, Dean Spencley and Christine Michaud.

Incumbent Way, 44, has sat on the board for the past eight years and is looking forward to hopefully serving another four years.

"I feel I can still offer some expertise in some areas for the district," he said.

By expertise, Way said he has served on the Building and Grounds committee and can continue to help maintain the buildings and facilities. Way said he talks to people to hear what they want done and brings that information to the board level.

"I have an ear to the community," he said.

Way has been a part of the community most of his life and has five children, four of which are still in the school system. Way himself graduated from Charlevoix High School and runs Dry Harbour Motor Sports in Charlevoix with his business partner Boss.

He said since he has gone

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Dancing darlings

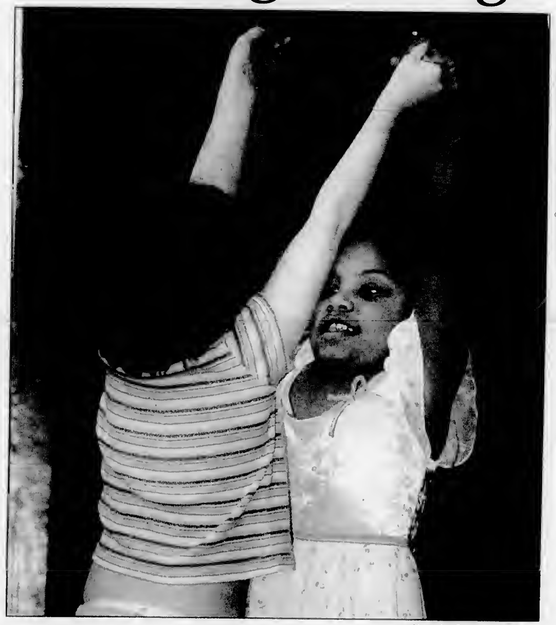

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Haley Campbell, 5, (right) and her partner danced their way down the width of the gym at Charlevoix Elementary School during their Pre-Ballet class last week. Dorothy Eisenstein's Pre-Ballet class engaged in different movements during their first class. Eisenstein is offering Creative Dance, Pre-Ballet and Ballet at Charlevoix Elementary School.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Bert Howard Nyland, 56, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Daniel Peter Lucenko, 48, East Jordan. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Rebecca Lynn Graham, 19, East Jordan. Operator-no license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Joshua Steven Stutzman, 23, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 44 days, 48 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend, $1,470 in fines and costs.

Kevin Mac Hersha, 20, Charlevoix. Motor vehicle-invalid certificate of insurance. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Tina Marie Leist, 40, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 30 days on electronic monitor, 77 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Joshua Lee Marvin, 23, East Jordan. Failure to stop and failure to identify a property damage accident. Two year's probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days, 44 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Nickolas John Bobbitt, 20, East Lansing. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Sean Richard Adams, 20, Mt. Pleasant. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Tracy Marie Gilland, 32, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Scott Anthony Allard, 23, Central Lake. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Georgenna Lavern Welch, 43, Gaylord. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 18, Boyne City. Breaking and entering-illegal entry without permission and minor in possession of alcohol. One year probation; 45 days in jail with credit for 16 days, serve 29 days.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Tayseir Mahmoud Alqouran, 50, Charlevoix. Attempted assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault). Six months probation; sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for six days, serve six days, shall serve two additional months in jail for failure to pay restitution, must complete rehabilitative services; $120 in fines and costs.

Frank William Choate, 35, Charlevoix. Attempted larceny in a building. Sentenced to 240 days in jail with credit for seven days, serve 240 days, shall serve two additional months in jail for failure to pay restitution; $1,240 in fines and costs.

Daniel Robert Cornstalk, 30, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 90 days; $90 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Lee Hosler, 35, East Jordan. Larceny by conversion-$200 or more but less than $1,000. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 18 days, serve 120 days; $846.84 in fines and costs.

Elijah Burton Gardiner, 23, Marquette. Criminal sexual conduct-assault with intent to commit sexual penetration. Thirty-six months probation; sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 365 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $620 in fines and costs.

Shane Joseph Welch, 25, Alanson. Criminal sexual conduct, first degree (during felony). Sentenced to a minimum of 15 years to a maximum of 50 years with credit for 62 days; $637 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Flint's Stone Paving & Tile, 217 East Sheldron, Gaylord, by Christopher M. Flint.

Pine Lake Log Homes, 318 West Division Street, Boyne City, by Homer Williams.

Complete Log Coatings, 2900 Healey Road, Boyne City, by Samuel Oslin.

Speed Freaks Entertainment, 223 Franklin Street, Boyne City, by Laura Knepp and Curtis Justin.

Walker Sock Knitting Co., 01448 M-66 North, East Jordan, by William G. Walker.

Gibson Logging and Lumber, 08989 Gibson Road, East Jordan, by Dominic Gibson.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

James Lee Gagnon, 24, East Jordan and Melissa Marie Rebec, 26, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jayne Marie Kagabitang vs. James Lawrence Kagabitang Jr.

Marlene Chinevere vs. Marshall Chinevere

Elisha Crego vs. Christopher Crego

Rebecca Kay Katz vs. Richard Alfred Katz

Births

Gaige LaShun-Kriztopher Orren, weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Holly Nichole Cords and Daniel Christopher Orren of Bellaire, on Feb. 15, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Bob and Kim O'Neal of Michigan, Becky Jo Wolf of Florida, Rebecca Cords of Florida and Carol Nehus of Florida.

Gavyn Marschal Clees, weighing 10 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Jon and Christina Clees of Ellsworth on Feb. 17, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Michael James Clees. Grandparents are Judy Clees of Charlevoix and Gina Shortridge of Nashport, Ohio.

Jadin Eliza Reiter, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Robert W. Reiter and Tiffany R. Whitten of Charlevoix on Feb. 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Marlo Stoneham of Charlevoix, James Stoneham of Charlevoix, Robert Whitten of Interlochen and Chris Whitten of Interlochen.

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Area women trying to help soldiers overseas

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Since announcing the formation of their military support group in the *Charlevoix Courier*, the newspaper's own Courtney Pace and Valerie Pedersen have seen their idea blossom into a success.

Last fall, *Charlevoix Courier* Staff Writer Courtney Pace decided she wanted to do something for the United States troops serving overseas. So she announced in a column in the Courier that she would be teaming up with Courier Classifieds Manager Valerie Pedersen to form the group Operation Soldier Awareness and Aid Packages.

"If I make just one soldier smile then the time and money spent on it was worth it. I want soldiers to feel appreciated and know they are appreciated," Pace said.

Pedersen added, "It's about giving back to the soldiers that are putting themselves on the line and letting them know we care. Especially those on the fringe of not having someone write or send a care package that might make the difference."

The organization basically collects items for soldiers to use or give to the children of Iraq and sends them out to soldiers group members know serving overseas. The soldier they sent the items to then distributes the items among the other soldiers for their use.

The purpose of sending it to a specific soldier, Pace said, is because people can not just send out boxes marked "any soldier" on it. You can still send out packages to soldiers that you know if the package is addressed to them.

Pace and Pedersen use soldiers they know serving overseas as a way of getting items to soldiers that may not be getting care packages or letters from home. Pace has a friend serving in the Middle East and Pedersen's son, Sean Roberts, serves in the Middle East. Plus, they have connections with many other families in the area with sons or daughters serving overseas.

And the plan is working beautifully, according to Pace and Pedersen.

From starting with a simple idea in a newspaper column, the program has grown to having $210 in monetary contributions and collection boxes located at the LaCroft Condominiums, the Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs Office in the Charlevoix County Building, the *Charlevoix Courier* office, Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, the Weathervane restaurant, The American Red Cross in Petoskey, the American Legion in Charlevoix and the Coast Guard buoy tender Acacia.

So far, two boxes have already been sent out. Pace said a women in Midland who heard about her and Pedersen's program contacted her and put together her own box with toothpaste, eyedrops, granola bars and other items the soldiers might need. It was sent out to a soldier serving overseas for his use and distrihution among the other soldiers.

The other box that was sent out contained clothing for the Iraqi children. This was sent to a soldier serving in Iraq that is part of a program that supplies clothing to the children of the country.

Pace said the object is to keep this program going until "every soldier is home." She stressed this is not a religious or political organization and it does not matter what your feelings on the war are.

"Personally, I do not support the war. But you can support the troops and not support the war," she said.

Pace added the feedback has been very positive.

"Most people are very supportive and think it is a great way to support the troops," she said.

To contact Pace or Pedersen about the organization, call (231) 675-7394 or (231) 547-2968. You can also e-mail them at courtneyepace@hotmail.com.

Photo by Jeremy McBain
Valerie Pedersen, left, and Courtney Pace are trying to help soldiers overseas.

Correction

In a story on page on of last week's edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* about city rates going up, some numbers were incorrect. After adding in the percentage of total rate changes with the service fees being proposed, the average city bill would raise about $3.76 a month or $44.88 a year. The story stated there is a $1.40 service charge being proposcd to be added to the sewer bill and should have also said service charges are proposed for electric and water users of 40 cents a month.

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Organization would like letters for troops

Courtney Pace
Staff writer

We all remember the time when we were away from home and a letter came addressed to us. The feeling of knowing the ones back home were thinking about you meant a lot, but staying connected during a war is even more important.

Letters connect people who are intimately involved such as family members and those who are less involved such as friends and acquaintances. However, no matter who sends the letter, we all enjoy receiving one.

Operation Soldier Awareness and Aid Packages, OSAAP, is asking for people in the community to sit down and create a hand-written letter, card or note of encouragement that will be sent to our service people overseas.

OSAAP was created by Valerie Pedersen and me because we wanted a way to help support our troops during this trying time. Our organization has slowly gathered momentum and we have received much appreciated donations from the community.

We aim to send packages filled with needed supplies, snacks and letters to our local service people who in turn will pass items out to members of their units. Then when our people come home, they will find a replacement so we can keep the support going until all of our heroes are home safe..

Letters are the most important item we're going to send as it's something a soldier can carry with them and re-read during times when chaos seems to rule.

I have talked with several area veterans and current service people. Something personal such as a letter from home is what really counts when one is in a hostile situation away from the ones they love.

One veteran told me how he appreciated receiving a letter from a young girl in his community. He didn't know her, but when he returned he went to visit her and thank her for the support.

No matter one's age or experience, a letter can touch someone who is far away and feeling disconnected from their country, family and loved ones.

A Vietnam veteran said nothing was more important than receiving a personal item from home. He said the simplicity of a letter carries more weight than anyone will ever know for someone who is involved in a war.

A letter can be a few words with a signature or several pages detailing one's life. It doesn't matter how long or the presentation it comes in, what matters is that it's a heartfelt message.

OSAAP is currently working with local schools and both the Coast Guard Cutter ACACIA and Coast Guard Station Charlevoix to help generate letters for our troops.

There isn't a time frame in which to write the letters, but we're asking that they keep coming along with any other donated items.

OSAAP is here for our troops until they're all home, no matter where their home may be.

Wars and conflicts hit home when one personally knows someone involved, but it's important to keep that support up even if you're sending something to a stranger.

However, we're not strangers as we're all human beings and citizens of the United States. Our brave service men and women are not going through this alone.

Yes, they're on the front lines seeing things no one should see, but we're all involved. Whether we know someone or are just unsure about the fate of the United States position with other countries, we're all here together.

Letters and other donations such as feminine hygiene products, face wash, insect repellent wipes, eye drops, dried fruit, nuts and Tang or other such drinks are also welcome.

Donation boxes are located at the *Charlevoix Courier*, the Charlevoix Public Library, the Charlevoix County Veteran's Affair's Office, the Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, the Coast Guard Cutter ACACIA, Stafford's Weathervane and the American Legion in Charlevoix.

If anyone has an address for someone overseas and would like them to become a contact for OSAAP please contact me at 675-7394 or e-mail me at CourtneyEPace@hotmail.com or contact Valerie Pedersen at 547-2968 or e-mail her at vpedersen@charlevoix-courier.com.

Addresses aren't given out and are solely used for the purpose of OSAAP and sending items and letters to the service people overseas.

Courtney E. Pace is a staff writer for the Charlevoix Courier.

Potatoes were a large part of American, world history

Roger Knutson
'Ear to the ground'

Lent is upon us, and if you pay any attention to the old ideas about when things should be planted, you may have already begun your plans to put potatoes into the ground on Good Friday.

Sweet Potatoes do not do well in our northern climate, but what is commonly called the Irish potato is in nearly every garden. There is no good botanical or horticultural reason for planting potatoes on a day that fluctuates in time with a religious holiday, but such considerations have not stopped people from doing just that for centuries. Potatoes were cultivated in Peru at least 2,500 years ago, and the planting of them was ritualized there as well, often being accompanied by sacrifices of some sort, including dipping the to-be-planted tubers in blood, which may explain the relationship to Good Friday in Christian countries. Potatoes did not arrive in Europe until after 1500.

Acceptance of potatoes as food by Europeans was slow at first. There was the problem of potatoes being closely related to plants used by witches (nightshade, mandrake and datura) and the possibility according to some experts at the time that such potentially harmful vegetables might even "be used for exciting Venus." Almost all plants new to some part of the world have been accused in those places of being poisonous, being aphrodisiacs or both. Apparently we humans are not all together comfortable with new things, whatever they might be.

The final success of potatoes as human food in Europe was driven by economic forces. Land owners recognized that their peasants or serfs could be fed with less effort and less land if they ate potatoes. An acre of not very good land could produce enough potatoes to feed a peasant family and their live-

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

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Potatoes once feared now enjoyed

KNUTSON

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stock, while it required acres of wheat made into pasta or bread to accomplish the same thing. Potatoes needed only to be boiled and eaten.

Population growth among the peasants was dramatic with the potato as their primary food. The total population of Europe nearly doubled in the century from 1700 to 1800, almost all of the increase fueled by potatoes as a major human food. Of course it couldn't continue. In the mid-1800s a blight disease of the potato decimated the crop, especially in Ireland. Three million people starved to death in the decade following 1845.

Death and emigration halved the population of Ireland, with most of the migrants coming to Canada and the United States. If you can claim Irish ancestry dating back a century or more, it is almost certain that your ancestors came to America fleeing the starvation and misery brought on by the potato blight. America and the world were changed forever by overdependence on a single source of food and the microscopic fungus that caused the blight.

The potatoes available for your present-day garden reflect a long and complex history. They come in all colors (blue, red, pink, yellow, even brown) and have been selected for unique shape and for sizes that range from mammoth to mini. Most of the present-day varieties have some inherited resistance to that terrible blight and continue to provide us with tasty, inexpensive and nutritious food.

Memories of the great depression and our family's dependence on potatoes at every meal have dulled my appreciation for most potato recipes. But given all the attractive colors, I do enjoy making a red, white and blue potato salad for the Fourth of July, and now and then a simple boiled potato can serve to remind me of all that botanical history.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Article response

Editor:

I am concerned about statements made in the Jan. 5, 2005 issue of the Courier by DDA member John Yaroch in the hopes of creating "a thriving business district in the city."

To imply that "when we eliminated the Parkside from the downtown we eliminated 200 to 400 people from coming to town for waterside dining," is absurd. At the time the city purchased the Parkside building, it hadn't functioned as a restaurant for two seasons. It had a rich and colorful history whose time had passed. It was a long and narrow building, with only a few tables in the back having a view. It was open only three months of the year.

The 200 to 400 diners did not do a u-turn and leave Charlevoix when they discovered the restaurant was no longer there. I suspect they found dining at some of the other fine restaurants in town who were pleased to have their business. Furthermore, if you talked to the boaters who had to dock behind the restaurant, they would tell you that they do not miss the noise and the aroma from the dumpsters that the restaurant generated.

The decline of the downtown business district is far more complex than focusing on the closing of one restaurant that was open for 90 days of the year.

Alice E. Ance
Charlevoix and Troy

Column rebuttal

Editor:

I have several problems with your opinion of Feb. 9, 2005. As I'm only allowed 450 words I am not sure I can cover this in one letter and will follow up later. First I would like to address the "surplus." Yes, we have a surplus, but in what form? The entire surplus is added to the general fund then the government issues bonds (IOUs). As someone said, this is like funding your IRA or 401k with IOUs. So in 2019, which is only 14 years away, the government will have to start to cover the extra outlay (IOUs). Where do you think the money to cover this is going to come from? It will come from tax increases, spending cuts, more borrowing at higher interest rates or raising the age that you can receive social security. So your journey hits some rough water in a relatively short time.

I don't know about you but if I'm promised 100 percent of something, then I expect it. So again when we hit 2052 (only 47 years from now) the government has to come up with more money. I won't have to worry about this but my children and grandchildren will. Over the last 40 years we have "fixed" the Social Security three or four times and it's not "fixed" yet. Our president, Mr. Bush, is trying to "fix" Social Security once and for all.

Now I will address the fixes that you listed. Lifting the cap to $90,000 is at best only a short-term fix. Social Security is set up in a way that the more you put in the more you get out. This means that sometime down the line Social Security will have to put out more money to the people who have paid more in. This is one of those problems we have now. You bring in more money but then sooner or later you have to pay more out.

A net neutral effect of personal accounts is only true if you only look at your monthly return and assume that you only get 3 percent interest on you private account. It doesn't take into account that you will have the principle in an account that you can pass on to your family. The Bush administration is using a 6.5 percent growth rate of return because that is what the stock market has returned over the last 45 years. In fact the stock market has returned almost 7 percent over its lifetime.

This was very easy to verify. Yes, we will have to borrow to start this but we will have to borrow to pay back the IOUs anyway so I see no difference. More later.

Lonnie Jones
Charlevoix

Don't waste money

Editor:

Amen Ev Wucjik! I have to admit that I was for the new band shell in the beginning, however I have changed my mind for the following reasons (besides those stated hy Ev). Our schools have no money and the city is going to increase the cost of some utilities, McSauba Ski Hill and others. Does this sound like an economy that needs frivolous spending? We should make sure the docks/seawalls are in good repair — maybe add a few. We should fix up the existing band shell and possibly purchase a sound system. We should either eliminate the fish pond or move it to another location. Visitors come to Charlevoix because they love it the way it is; not because they want it to be another Traverse City. I realize that some of the money being spent is from grants, but it's still money and I can't believe there isn't some way to divert it to real, existing needs (like schools).

Judy Willey
Charlevoix

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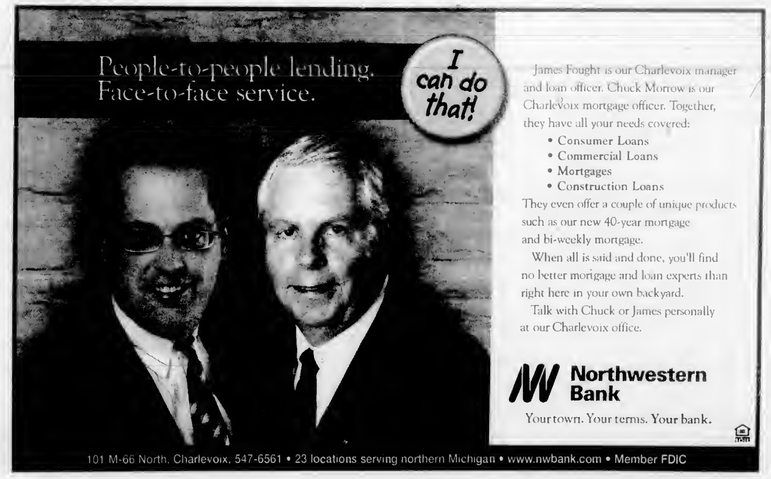

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Dupuis on dean's list

Michael Dupuis, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list of the University of Notre Dame for the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year.

Trubilowicz graduates

Joel W. Trubilowicz, of Charlevoix, graduated in December from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor of science in environmental engineering, Magna Cum Laude.

Madonna dean's list

Megan Sue Potter and Renee T. Malkowicz, both of Charlevoix, were named to the dean's list at Madonna University recently.

Calvin College dean's list

Several Charlevoix area students were named to the 2004 dean's list at Calvin College recently. They were Laura S. Borths and Sarah K. Mays, both graduates of Charlevoix High School, and Kate R. Leese, a graduate of Ellsworth High School.

Hope College dean's list

Several Charlevoix area students were named to the first semester dean's list of the 2004-2005 school year at Hope College. They were: Eric Bourassa, Taryn Drost, Katherine Madison and Amanda Boss.

Tilley going to FBI Academy

Lieutenant Mike Tilley of the Michigan State Police and Charlevoix has been selected to attend the 220th Session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. Tilley is an officer with 26 years of state police service. He is currently the district coordinator for 17 northern Michigan counties for the State Police Emergency Management Division.

NMC dean's list

Several students from Charlevoix County have been named to the dean's list for fall semester 2004 at Northwestern Michigan College. They are: Satin Bruce, Samantha Kupka, Adam Martin, Rahyn McCarry, Kathleen Richards, Nicholas Tripplehorn, Kristy Trudeau and Kelly Ward.

Rowe on dean's list

Jennifer L. Rowe, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Grand Valley State University.

Football team honored

The Charlevoix High School varsity football team was named honorable mention for the MHSFCA Academic All State Football Teams in 2004. They had a collective GPA of 3.509.

Visit Ragamuffins in their new home

The Ragamuffin Theatre and Company has a new home and would like you to join them to celebrate their new building and hear all about their vision for spring and summer 2005.

Stop by from noon until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26, at their new location on the corner of Bridge and Park streets across from Vacation Properties Network in downtown Charlevoix. There will be live performances by the Ragamuffins as well as performances by local musicians.

Complimentary refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Scouts honored for project

An Eagle Scout Court of Honor was given on Jan. 22 for Benjamin J. Cupp, 16, and Robert L. Danbert, 16.

Cupp is the son of James and Sharon Cupp and Danbert is the son of Jack and Eileen Danbert, all of Ellsworth. Their troop,170, is sponsored by the Charlevoix Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The troop is led by Scout Master Merlyn Poppleton and Assistant Scout Master Jack Danbert.

Cupp and Danbert shared a Eagle project, the installation of the Ellsworth Labyrinth Garden, and each were responsible for different aspects. They served as assistant co-directors under the direction of Alana Haley, project coordinator, for five months in 2004.

The labyrinth's flagstone path measures approximately 2,000 linear feet, over one third of a mile, and is 90 feet in diameter. Surrounding the labyrinth path is a garden berm in which were planted 2 trees, 51 shrubs, 10 climbing plants and 600 perennials.

The Labyrinth Garden was completed entirely with volunteer labor from Ellsworth and the surrounding communities. Cupp and Danbert each supervised over 100 volunteers whose hours totaled well over 800, with Cupp and Danbert responsible for many of those hours themselves. The scouts completing this $32,000 project on time and on budget.

Presiding and conducting the honor were President Timothy Kellogg of the Michigan Lansing Mission and President Richard Conley of The Traverse City District Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were presented with a Good Citizenship Award by Paul Michael of the Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League and a special commendation from Governor Jennifer Granholm by Stan Hoover, Scout Committee Chairman. President Michael Robinson of the Charlevoix Branch presented the Eagle Awards.

Courtesy photo

From left, Ben Cupp and Robert Danbert.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW 2005

The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Rd., Tuesday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2005 assessment roll.

Residents may examine their property assessment at the Board of Review, Monday, March 14th, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 15th, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall.

Charlevoix Township Tentative Ratios and Multipliers are subject to change by the Assessing Office, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization.

Listed below are the Ratios and Multipliers.

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Preschool sign-up in March

Northwest Michigan Human Services Head Start, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Early Education Be-Four Programs, East Jordan PREP Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands Head Start, Women's Resource Center Project Free, and the Central Lake Early Education Programs will be holding joint recruitment activities for the free preschool programs in the Char-Em ISD service area.

This region includes Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties. Recruitment activities will take place during the months of March and April.

Children ages 3 and 4 are eligible to apply, including children with special needs.

The basic goal of these programs is to encourage well-rounded development. The development goal is accomplished through teaching health, language, self-help and socialization skills, large and small muscle movement, and cognitive skills.

Teachers, community professionals, family service staff, and parents (whose insight is extremely important) work together to meet this goal through center and home-based activities.

Preschool programs are available to families residing in Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties.

Those interested in applying must call to make an appointment through the Stepping Stones to School Network, locally at 547-6217 or toll free at (877) 866-3714.

Recruitment times and dates for Charlevoix students are 1 to 7 p.m., March 8 and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 9 in the Charlevoix Elementary School computer room.

Elsenheimer to visit area

State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire, will be available Feb. 28 and March 7 to talk with residents of the 105th District.

On Feb. 28, Elsenheimer will be in Antrim and Charlevoix counties.

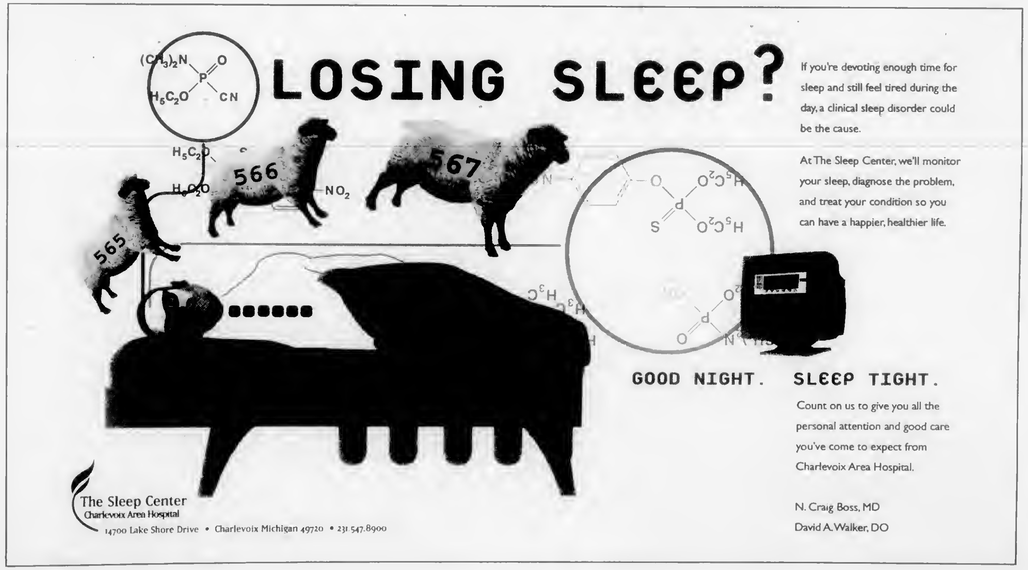
From 9 to 10 a.m. he will be at the Mancelona Senior Center, 122 E. State Street, and from noon to 1 p.m. he will be in Boyne City commission chambers, 319 North Lake Street.

Residents unable to attend can contact Elsenheimer's Lansing office toll free at (877) 536-4105, by e-mail at kevinelsenheimer@house.mi.gov, or by writing to the lawmaker at State Capitol, Lansing, MI 48909.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

100 days of school

Kari Boss, a first grade teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School, dressed up as a 100-year-old lady and read to her students. Boss dressed up to commemorate 100th Day, which celebrates the 100th day of school.



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Obituaries

Darrell James Anthony: June 7, 1959 - Feb. 19, 2005

Darrell James Anthony, 45, of Beaver Island, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, on Beaver Island.

He was born June 7, 1959, in South Haven, the son of Donald Anthony and Alvina Cornstalk.

He attended Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs, and L.C. Mohr High School in South Haven.

Darrell worked as a commercial fisherman. He loved music, playing his guitar and drawing cartoons. He especially loved a nice sunny day.

Darrell is survived by his son, Donald Amos Anthony, III, of Mancelona; mother, Alvina Cornstalk of Beaver Island; father, Donald (Vicki) Anthony of Saint Ignace; brother, Brian J. (Diane) Anthony of East Jordan; sisters, Donzell S. Anthony of Beaver Island, Teresa M. (Fabian "Sonny") Wabanimkee of South Haven and Daneen A. Anthony of East Jordan.

His brother, Donald Amos Anthony, II, preceded him in death in 1977. A funeral was given Monday, Feb. 21, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, with the Rev. Francis Partridge officiating.

Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Library digitizes Courier obituaries for its users

The Charlevoix Public Library and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library announce the availability of digitized local obituaries.

The Michigan Room Committee of the Friends of the Charlevoix Library are adding one obituary at a time to a database, as well as scanning each obituary. The obituary is searchable by date and name as well as relatives and nicknames. The actual obituary is also scanned and available to be viewed and printed.

One of the most popular reference questions at the library is for obituary lookups.

"Currently we have a volunteer who handles these questions, but many times it takes digging, searching and lots of patience to find the correct obituary," said Val Meyerson, Library Director.

Having the ability for a quick search will provide an ease of access that will benefit everyone, from library staff to their worldwide patron base.

Currently there are seven years of obituaries available, 1998 – 2004. The library staff work at adding the current year's obituaries and the Friends of the Library are working backwards to add the older papers.

The Library owns copies of all the *Charlevoix Courier* newspapers back to its inception in 1908, as well as the *Charlevoix Sentinel* from 1920-1936 and the *Charlevoix Journal* from 1883 to1890.

"We realize this is a long-term project, but felt it would truly benefit all our patrons for many, many years," said Cynthia Postmus, Michigan Room Committee member.

To access the obituary database, visit the Charlevoix Library web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org and look on the header for the link. If you need any assistance searching, contact the Charlevoix Library at (231) 547-2651.

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Scouts visit with Globetrotters

A few Charlevoix Cub Scouts of Den 1, Pack 11, were lucky enough to pose with one of the Harlem Globetrotters prior to their basketball game which was held in Traverse City on Jan. 27. This year celebrates the 75th Anniversary year of Cub Scouts. Any boy from first through fifth grade can join in on the fun of Cub Scouts and any adult can volunteer to be a leader by calling 547-6862 or 547-7347. Pictured left to right in front of a Harlem Globetrotter are a few boys of Den 1 Bears: Desmond Hunter, Justin Pearl, Nicholas Snabes, Tristan Rudolf, Jody McKinney and Luke Rabon.

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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Father Jim Gunn 547-6322

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Students learn about struggles of blacks

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

In honor of Black History Month, several area teachers informed their students through projects, pictures and participation.

Sara Jonker, a second grade teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School, said her students read biographies on famous African Americans.

"It's their first introduction to how African Americans were treated badly," she said.

After reading their chosen biographies, Jonker said her students created timelines from the information with the help of their parents.

Jonker said the timeline highlighted only the important events in the person's life, which helped the students determine what is important in someone's life and what isn't.

From the information they gathered in the timelines, Jonker said her students then wrote their own biographies of the person.

They will then present the information to their class with the help of visual aids, such as one student who brought in peanut butter for her presentation on George Washington Carver.

Jonker said the project shows the students how diversity is important and is also one of the first big reports they do in school.

During Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 17, Jonker said her class really got into the information she provided.

She said they looked at pictures and were taught how King fought for equal rights for everyone and not just African Americans.

Jonker isn't alone as Linda Leavitt, a third grade teacher at St. Mary School, did book reports to honor Black History Month.

Leavitt said she does the project every year and also talks to her students about the injustice African Americans faced.

"They're just beginning to become aware," she said. "It's an eye opener for them."

Charlevoix High School also honored Black History Month.

Betty Henne, library media director of Charlevoix High School, said the media center displayed a bulletin board honoring 25 African Americans who have a connection to Michigan.

The media center also featured a window display that recommended several readings concerning Black History Month.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

This was one of the displays set up in the school district to teach children about black history month.

Charlevoix Children's House to sell pizzas as fund-raiser

Charlevoix Children's House will have a Little Caesars fundraiser to raise money for School Supplies from Feb. 17 through March 22.

Little Caesar's Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough Tubs contain all the ingredients to bake pizza, bread and cookies at home in minutes. Items range in price from $12.75 to $18 and Charlevoix Children's House will earn $5 for each item sold.

There are several pizza kit varieties to choose from: pepperoni, personal pepperoni, personal cheese, deep dish, cheese, whole wheat, thin crust, taco thin crust, Italian sausage, Italian cheese bread, crazy bread and cinnamon crazy bread. Each pizza kit contains all the ingredients needed to make three pizzas or three bread products.

In addition, there are eight varieties of Little Caesars cookie dough to choose from: chocolate chunk, white chocolate macadamia nut, chocolate mint chip and double chocolate. Make-N-Bake Colorful Sugar Cookie, peanut butter chocolate chunk, oatmeal raisin and peanut butter.

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Woman celebrates 91 with snowmobile ride

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Charlevoix resident Helen Cunningham chose to celebrate her ninety first birthday in style by going snowmobiling.

Cunningham turned 91 years old on Jan. 21, but took to the outdoors on Jan. 23 as she once again donned a helmet and warm suit as she enjoyed a snowmobile ride.

"You're no older than what you feel, I guess," she said.

Cunningham, who hadn't ridden a snowmobile since she was 65, decided that's how she would celebrate her birthday since it was a fun activity.

Also, she enjoyed the sport in her younger years when she and her husband would ride around the farm with their children.

Bev Sladek, one of Cunningham's four daughters, said her father had purchased a snowmobile in 1968 in which her parents rode double. Then a few years later he bought another one and they rode around after dinner each night.

For her current ride, she chose to venture around the farm and go over the same runs. However, time has changed the look of things because it had been 26 years since Cunningham had been back there.

The weather was sunny and nice, but the best part to Cunningham was being surrounded by her family.

Her grandson, Joe Sladek, picked her up along with his wife, Laural, and daughter, Rylynn, 3, and made their way to an area where other family was waiting.

Cunningham's daughter, Bev, son-in-law, John, and grandchildren, Jerry Sladek, Kathy Sladek, Lisa Sladek and Jen Ellis, joined in on the fun and looked back on past memories over hot dogs, chips, hot cocoa and cider.

Great-grandchildren Scout and Dylan Sladek were present as well, but Nicole Sladek had to work and was unable join in the celebration.

The reunion wasn't just a family gathering, but also a four generation celebration as Cunningham, Bev Sladek, Joe Sladek and Rylynn Sladek all rode on the old family farm.

"It was great that day," Cunningham said.

Cunningham said her family wanted her to ride alone, but she chose not to because the snowmobiles are much larger and faster than what she used to ride.

"I probably could have done it," she said, but opted to avoid the potential of getting hurt.

Looking ahead, Cunningham said she isn't quite sure how she'll celebrate her ninety-second birthday.

"Living one day at a time because you never know what comes up," she said. "I'll probably ride a snowmobile again."

Courtesy photo

Helen Cunningham, 91, celebrated her birthday by snowmobiling with her family. The occasion was also a gathering of four generations. Pictured (from left to right) are Bev Sladek (Cunningham's daughter), Cunningham, Rylynn (Cunningham's great-granddaughter) and Joe Sladek (Cunningham's grandson).

Charlevoix Little League sign up in March

The Charlevoix Little League will be having registration for boys and girls, ages 7-16.

A child has to turn 7 before May 1. Please bring a copy of a birth certificate with you. Registration dates are from 6:30 to 8 p.m., March 2 and March 3, at the Charlevoix Middle School cafeteria.

The fee is $45 per player. Family discounts are available. The fee includes jersey and cap to keep. Cutoff date for Minor and Major League registration is March 12. Cutoff date for Junior and Senior League is April 1. There will be a late charge of $15 for late registrants.

Also at registration, there will be a used baseball equipment turn in. Please bring any used baseball equipment that is in good condition that can be donated.

On Draft Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 19, there will be an Equipment Day. Participants will be able to buy good used equipment at "garage sale" prices. Proceeds will go to the Charlevoix Little League for immediate and future needs.

If you are unable to attend any of these registration dates, please call Kirk Heckendorn at 547-2683 or e-mail kheckendorn@charter.net.

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BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 8, 9 and 10, 2004, to review the Assessment Roll in Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday, March 14, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 am. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 16, 2004, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR MARCH 14TH, 15TH AND 16TH BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 547-3250. PER RESOLUTION #93-02-01, LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY PETITION THE BOARD OF REVIEW BY LETTER.

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Dentists to host screening at school

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Local dentists Dave Strawhridge, John Merrill and Jeff Porter will provide the annual free dental screening for children despite not having a district school nurse.

The free screening is in observance of National Children's Dental Health Month and was in jeopardy as the school board had made the decision to let go of the district nurse, Sue Dixon, and several aides due to budget concerns.

Dixon was the one who coordinated the education and preventative dental activities. However, Strawbridge is seeing to it that children get the annual screening.

"The importance is that we can make parents aware of the importance to save baby teeth," Strawbridge said.

The free screening is also important to the detection of obvious problems dealing with gum tissue and alignment among others.

"It doesn't take the place of going to the dental office," he said.

However, Strawbridge said the free screening does alert parents early on to what is needed for their child's dental health.

Strawbridge said the Charlevoix Lions Club will be donating Spongebob Squarepants toothbrushes to the children during the screening.

The screening will take place at 9:30 a.m. on March 4 at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Ski tour this weekend

Active Women Now, Inc. a nonprofit organization will host The Second Annual Charlevoix Ladies Tour, a weekend of fun and activities that will take the winter blues out of northern Michigan Feb. 27.

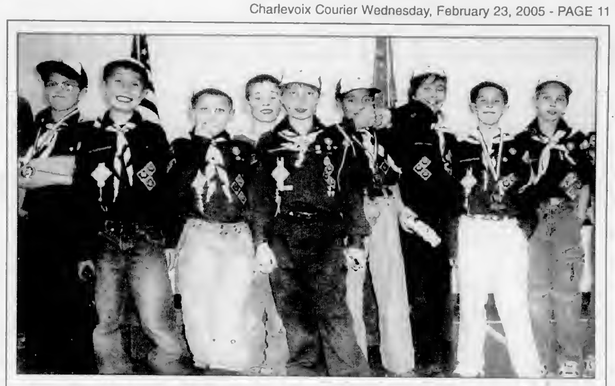
Active Women Now, Inc. has ski tours in Michigan and the United States, celebrating the camaraderie that women hold in empowering one another while giving back to their community. This non-competitive winter event for women will be at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the trails will weave through Mount McSauba.

Novice winter activists are encouraged to attend.

Ski clinics will be given on Feb. 26 for beginners and those who are looking to cultivate their skills.

A wine and cheese event will be at Castle Farms as a prelude to the Charlevoix Ladies Tour. Log onto the Women's Ski Tour web site for more information.

Tickets in advance are $35 and include all the chocolate, goodies and fun you can hold in one day. Proceeds from the Charlevoix Ladies Tour benefits BASES and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan. Please log onto www.womensskitour.com for more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities and purchasing event tickets. E-mail Courtney Miles, regional event manager at Courtney@womensskitour.com with further questions.



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Pinewood Derby

The Charlevoix Cub Scouts of Den 1, Pack 11, gather for a pose after completing the Annual Pinewood Derby Races. This year celebrates the 75th anniversary year of Cub Scouts. Any boy from first through fifth grade can join in on the fun of Cub Scouts and any adult can volunteer to be a leader by calling 547-6862 or 547-7347. Pictured left to right are Den 1 Pinewood Derby Participants: Jeff Musser, fourth place; Tristan Rudolf, Logan Eckhardt, Justin Pearl, Nicholas Snabes, Desmond Hunter, third place; Parker LaVanway, Austin Hunter, first place; Kyle McGarey and Luke Rabon, second place.

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Zonta Club to have annual Sensational Sessions

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is hosting its fifth annual Sensational Sessions on March 5.

Linda DeGrow, Chair of Charlevoix Area Zonta Club, said the inspiration for the yearly event came from another club that offered a similar program.

"Everyone that goes has fun," she said.

Aside from fun, DeGrow said the Sensational Sessions is a way to combine fund-raising and service to the community.

The original idea was centered around a theme of Spring Fix Up, which meant fixing up one's self, home and other things.

Since the organization's motto is 'to improve the status of women,' DeGrow said the theme of "fix up" was a perfect fit.

The Sensational Sessions is designed for people to have fun by participating in the many program's workshops being offered.

The day is divided into four sessions and lunch is included with the registration fee. Early registration is $20 and $22 the day of the sessions.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. with the first session starting at 9 a.m. Each session lasts one hour, ending at 2:30 p.m.

Classes range in topics. Some have an additional fee because participants will create something they can take with them.

The Growth, Health and Relaxation classes include "Releasing Neck and Shoulder Tension," "Making Fitness Fun," "REIKI-What is it-How it works?," "Ti Chi," "Yoga Flow" and "Protect Yourself."

Classes in Crafts and Goodies include "Make your own earrings" for $10, "Well Done-Done Well" for $5, "College Cooking 101" for $5, "Beginning Cross Stitch" for $3, "Flower Pincushion" for $6, "Homemade Soap Making" for $15, "Kitchen Scrubbies" for $6, "Get a Jump Start on Spring with a Dried Floral Arrangement" for $10, "Pine Cone Wreath" for $2, "Wearable Wild Woman" for $10, "Wire Wrapping" for $5 and "Needlecase" for $6.

The Managing Life Happenings sessions include "The 60 Minute Retirement Plan," "Home Care Services," "Identity Theft — Homeland Security," "Nutrition Basics," "Hot Mamas" and "Tips on Taxes."

Zonta International's headquarters is located in Chicago, but the organization was founded in 1919 in Buffalo, New York. The name Zonta is taken from the Lakota Sioux Indian word meaning "honest and trustworthy."

The world-wide service organization is composed of executive business and professional women who strive to advance the status of women.

There are approximately 33,000 members in 1,200 clubs in 67 countries and geographic regions.

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club was founded in 1989. All proceeds from the Sensational Sessions workshops will go toward resources in the local community that help promote the advancement of the status of women world-wide.

For more information on registration or the sessions call Helen Emmons at 547-2955 and Linda DeGrow at 547-4109.

Coast Guard give media ice safety lesson

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Feb. 15, members of the United States Coast Guard Station in Charlevoix spent the day with local media in order to help get the word out about how people can protect themselves when going out on the ice.

Executive Petty Officer Nicholas A. Gould said protecting oneself is very important as the response time for an ice rescue can take a minimum of 10 minutes.

"The biggest thing is time," Gould said.

Since it can take the Coast Guard and local fire departments awhile to get out to a person in distress, Gould said it's up to that person to do what they can to help themselves.

Members of local media gathered in the Charlevoix station to listen as Gould spoke about what people can bring with them to ensure the best chance at survival should they fall through the ice.

Since the weather conditions have been changing, Gould said the ice has become unpredictable and can be 12 inches in one spot and one inch in another.

"You just don't know what the ice is going to be like now because of the warming trends," he said. "It's just not safe."

Gould said the safest ice to venture out on is clear ice, which occurs after a cold, hard freeze.

However, no matter the condition of the ice, people who will be out on it should be prepared.

The public can bring several items with them that can aid in survival including a life jacket, ice awls, signal mirror, whistle, strobe lights, boat pole, a 15 to 20 foot line and flares.

The life jacket should be a type three, which Gould said is your standard life jacket that easily fits over clothing. He said the inflatable kind is pretty safe as well and both forms don't restrict one's movement.

Ice awls come in all different forms, but can be worn around one's neck for easy access. Gould said there are types that have the point exposed and those like what the Coast Guard uses that have a spring action that retracts the point when not in use.

"When you fall through you immediately start to lose the dexterity in your hands," Gould said.

Either form, and even homemade ones out of ground screwdriver ends, give enough traction so someone can pull themselves out of the water with the aid of kicking their feet.

Using the aid of ice awls is the self-help method the Coast Guard recommends people use until help can come. Once a person is removed from the water they should roll away from the water until they come to a patch of ice that is thick enough to support his or her weight.

Other items to bring such as the signal mirror, which can be from a make-up compact, whistle, strobe lights and flares are easy to get and relatively inexpensive. A boat pole is a good item to carry, Gould said, because if one falls through the water they can extend the pole horizontally and hold themselves up. It can also be used to pull someone from the water along with a 15 to 20 foot line of rope.

If someone doesn't have a boat pole and begins to fall through the ice, Gould said he recommends putting one's arms out to the side so they can act in the same capacity the boat pole would.

After the instruction, the media gathered outside to watch as the Coast Guard Air Station in Traverse City flew a helicopter in to demonstrate a rescue.

After the helicopter, members of the station in Charlevoix staged a mock rescue using a 14-foot Ice Skiff.

Petty Officer 2nd Class (MK2) Kirk Less, Petty Officer 1st Class (BM1) Eric Koch and Petty Officer 3rd Class (BM3) Mitch Balazs drove the Ice Skiff toward Fireman Vogelheim who portrayed the victim.

The men demonstrated the throw method, which involved throwing a line out to the victim. They also showed the reach method by using a boat pole to reach the victim and finally the go method, which requires going right out to the victim and extracting them from the water.

After viewing how the Coast Guard executes a rescue, the media personnel were allowed to don an Ice Commander Suit.

Those from the media were given polypropylene undergarments to wear under the Ice Commander Suits.

The polypropylene undergarments draw the moisture away from the body, but Gould said a layer of wool is recommended over that as it helps keep warmth in.

The heavy overalls some men wear in the winter may keep them warm, but will become extremely heavy if they get wet, Gould said this can be dangerous if someone wearing them fell through the ice as they have to lift their own weight and that of their overalls out of the water.

Petty Officer 2nd Class (BM2) Rudy Patten said it's important not to use cotton when layering as it traps moisture to the body.

The Ice Commander suit is designed to keep a person warm while out in icy waters for up to six hours. In fact, Coast Guard members said a person sweats while in the suit despite the temperature outside.

Other Coast Guard members wore the Ice Commander Suits, but Fireman Brian Vogelheim wore a dry suit.

The dry suit functions differently than a wet suit, which uses water heated up by the body. The dry suit doesn't involve water and is used if the water is under 50 degrees.

"Dry suits are very costly, but how much is life worth?" Gould

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Petty Officer 2nd Class (BM2) Rudy Patten discusses the importance of flares during an ice rescue demonstration the United States Coast Guard Station in Charlevoix gave to members of the media.

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Keep safety first when out on the ice

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said.

Unlike the dry suit, the Ice Commander Suit does not require certain undergarments unless there is time to put them on as they are designed to go straight from street clothes.

Putting on the suit was a task as they are quite large and dwarf those that aren't six feet tall. However, the suits have built-in boots and gloves and completely cover one's head except for a small portion of the face.

They are extremely warm and suction to the body when one falls into the water. They also act as a flotation device.

The sensation of falling through the ice was neat, but only because of the protection available with the Ice Commander Suit and trained Coast Guard personnel.

However, the experience under supervision allows one to learn first hand how to get out of the water without panic setting in.

For more information on how to guard oneself from danger on the water and ice call the Charlevoix Coast Guard Station at 547-2565.

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(Above) Air Station Traverse City flew in to demonstrate how they would rescue someone from the ice. Fireman Brian Vogelheim portrayed the victim laying on the ice during the ice rescue demonstration the Coast Guard Station in Charlevoix. (Left) Air Station Traverse City hovers above the ice as a rescue diver is slowly rising up to safety with Fireman Brian Vogelheim, who portrayed the victim.

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(Above) Fireman Brian Vogelheim demonstrates the Self-Help method of ice rescue by using ice awls to pull himself from the water. (Left) Vogelheim pulled himself from the water by using ice awls and kicking his feet.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Fireman Brian Vogelheim was rescued from the water by Petty Officer 2nd Class (MK2) Kirk Less, Petty Officer 1st Class (BM1) Eric Koch and Petty Officer 3rd Class (BM3) Mitch Balazs during an ice rescue demonstration showing the Go-Method. This method involves going straight out to the victim and extracting them from the water.

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Historical Society to host talk on Irish in area

In anticipation of St. Patrick's Day, the Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting an Irish potluck party on Tuesday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Depot.

Robert Cole of the Beaver Island Historical Society will present a program on St. Patrick, King Strang and the influence of the Irish heritage on the Island for over 100 years. Singer-guitarist Danny Gillespie will perform traditional Irish songs.

The program will be preceded by a potluck dinner with an emphasis on green fixings. Bring a dish to pass, serving utensils and your own plates and silverware. Cups, beverages and napkins are provided.

Those who wish to attend the program only should arrive around 6:45. This event is open to the public. Call 547-0373 for further information.

Foundation awards grant

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan has received a grant to help support one of its education programs, Out of the Locker Room.

The Eugene B. Renkiewicz fund of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has contributed $1,337 to support the program in Charlevoix County. The fund also helped develop and pilot Out of the Locker Room in 1997 by donating start up funds.

Out of the Locker Room is a 7-hour program for male high school students which uses interactive exercises, role plays, and discussion to provide information and skills on topics including relationships, communication, STIs and contraception, abstinence, sexual decision-making, and laws regarding sexual assault, consent and dating violence. The program gives young men the opportunity to learn about and discuss these critical issues in a safe and supportive environment. Out of the Locker Room is conducted in an informal setting for a group of 10 – 20 high school age males.

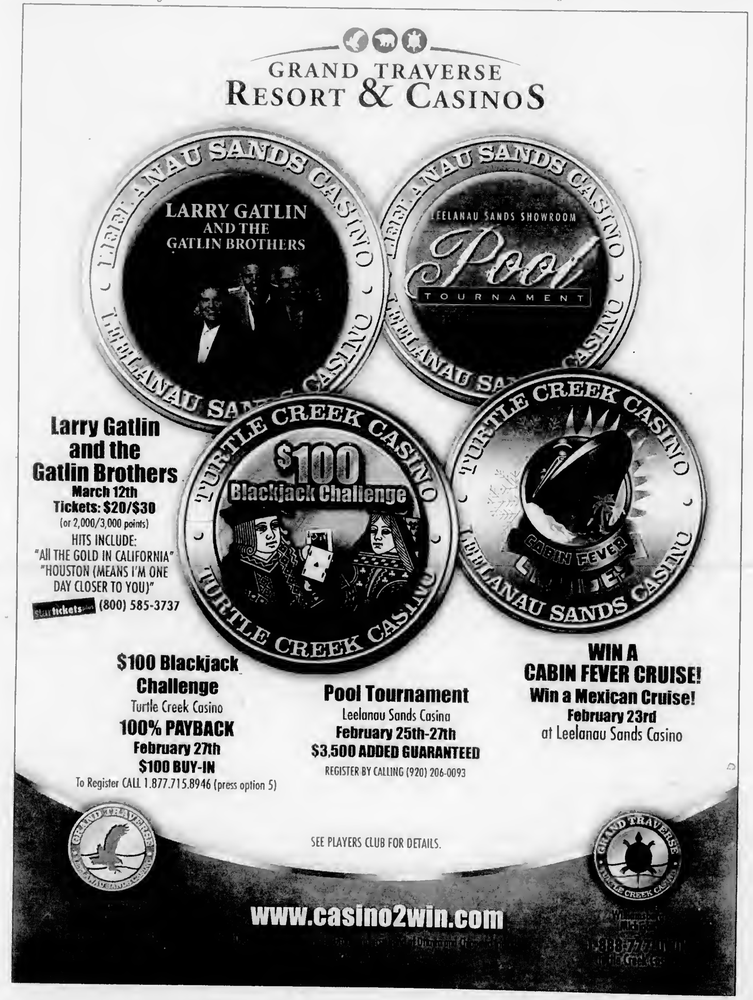
It is led by Greg Lummukka, Outreach Educator for Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan.

Out of the Locker Room is done in collaboration with the Women's Resource Center (WRC) of Northern Michigan. Through a sexual assault prevention grant, the WRC developed a program for high school females called Just the Facts, and Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan presents Out of the Locker Room as a companion program for males. These programs have been presented together for the past six years.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Large herd

This is just a small portion of a large herd of deer that has been spotted off of Marion Center Road, just north of Ferry Road, that sometimes numbers well over 100. The deer have been gathering in this spot to enjoy the leftover corn in the field. Drivers are cautioned to keep an eye out for them in the road.



Northern Community Mediation has annual meeting

On Friday, February 4, Northern Community Mediation had its annual meeting in the Edith Gilbert Gallery of Crooked Tree Arts Center. Those in attendance were Northern Community Mediation's mediators, board of directors and staff.

Prior to having lunch, people enjoyed looking at the exhibits that are presently on display in the Art Center. This was followed by the meeting itself. Outgoing-president John Rohe stressed the importance of mediation in a civilized society, and then turned the meeting over to incoming-president Cathy Atchison.

In the annual report, Executive Director Jane Millar emphasized the importance of in kind donations, which had a total value to Northern Community Mediation of $63,965.68 for 2004. The majority of this contribution was a result of the time volunteered by the mediators, which equated to $44,237.73.

The annual awards were then presented. Dick Hendrian, Leah Green and John Campbell were recognized for their commitment to Northern Community Mediation . The mediator of the year, however, was Bruce Herbert. Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at (231) 487-1771.

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Rotary Club to host Beatles tribute concert

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On Feb. 25, Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host the talent of The Return, one of the world's most authentic Beatles tribute bands, after the last home game for varsity boy's basketball.

Dan Barron, co-chairman of Rotary concert committee, said bringing the singing sensations to Charlevoix was a great way to combine entertainment and fund-raising.

"They're quite a sensational group," Barron said.

The doors will open for the concert around 9 p.m. after the final home game for varsity boys basketball between Charlevoix and Elk Rapids.

All of the proceeds from the event will go toward the Charlevoix Rotary Club's "Strive" scholarship program and the Charlevoix High School band, Barron said.

The money for the band will go toward general operations and will be used where needed, Barron said.

The "Strive" scholarship program is an outgrowth from Charlevoix Rotary's "Reach for the Stars" program, which helped to fund upgrades to the light and sound system in the high school's auditorium.

Barron said the two year "Strive" scholarship program awards scholarships to students that have significantly raised their grade point average.

Combining The Return and Rayder basketball seemed like a natural connection, Barron said, since the crowd is already gathered and it lengthens the evenings entertainment.

Also, Barron said,the success of the Rayder Rumble, a 2004 Venetian event, showed that it was possible to successfully cross reference sports and music.

The popular 1964: The Tribute group, which played at Venetian, was in such demand that the people behind the group formed The Return, Barron said.

Members of The Return are in their early-to mid-twenties, but Barron said they provide the same caliber of music.

"They're almost indistinguishable from the original fab four," Barron said.

The Return was invited by Hard Rock Cafe to be the official tour band for the company's thirtieth anniversary. The group rode in the original Magical Mystery Tour Bus and visited areas including Orlando, Atlanta, Washington D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

The Return also was chosen as the official tribute band for the 20th Anniversary "Magical History Tour" of Liverpool Productions. The tour went to London and Liverpool, England.

Courtesy photo

The Beatles tribute band The Return will be performing in Charlevoix.

Like the Beatles, they also performed at the Cavern Club in Liverpool, England and recorded music at Abbey Road Studios Two — the same room as the Beatles.

Aside from being the stars of the show, The Return has shared the stage with numerous famous musical acts including Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Monkees, Peter Noone of Herman's Hermits and Chubby Checker.

Tickets for The Return are $10 in advance and $14 at the door. They can be purchased at Charlevoix High School and at Bridge Street Book Shop.

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SPORTS

Hockey team takes two

On Saturday, Feb. 19, the Boyne Area Hockey Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team hosted two games with Sault Ste. Marie.

Boyne took the first game in an 8-3 romp.

Russell Wiliams powered in the opening goal unassisted. Ryan Hennessy notched a hat trick with three goals in the game — two on unassisted breakaways, the other with passes from Darren Looze and Chris Loyselle.

Matt Kopke popped one in over the goalie with an Eli Barsy pass. Gear Robinson took an assists from Barsy and scored a power play goal, Looze rippled the net with a patient pass from Evan Keller, who received the puck from Loyselle.

Isaac Krey scored the topper with assists from Nick Dunwoody and Hennessy. Nick Ferree was between the pipes.

In the first period of the second game the teams traded power play goals. Boyne's came from John Miller, with assists from Russell Williams and JP Fiedorek. Darren Looze scored unassisted twice in the second period, and the Soo answered with two goals to tie again at the period's end.

The defense stepped it up, and the final period went scoreless till with just under 4 minutes left Kopke slammed the net with an assist from Barsy, and Miller faked-out the goalie on a breakaway after receiving a Fiedorek pass.

Boyne put 23 shots on goal while netminder Nick Ferree took 15 in the 5-3 win.

Two grapplers move on

For most of the Charlevoix Rayder wrestling team the season ended Saturday at the individual districts tournament.

Quite a few of the boys held on to the final round with two advancing to regionals next Saturday in Manton.

Jed Daman, 135 pounds, advanced with two pins, one decision and one loss. Jeff Golovich, 171 pounds, went on with three pins and one loss. Both boys took third.

Volleyball team getting ready for tournament time

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

Not only did they win their last nine matches in a row, but the Rayders' varsity volleyball team leads the league with only one conference game to go.

On Feb.10 the girls won the evening against East Jordan in three matches, with scores of 25-17, 25-11 and 25-12 by implementing their powerful offense.

"We had a good overall attack," said coach Liz Grunch. "The kills were pretty evenly distributed. Also we ended up with 23 aces, so we served really well. And, we only had three serve-receive errors."

According to Grunch, limiting errors helped, but it was aggressive play which won the day.

"We played a tough match against East Jordan," she said.

Players of mention were Kari Way with 15 digs, six kills and two aces, Bethany Pearson with four kills, Teresa Martin had eight kills and seven aces, Betsey Dennis had seven aces, three kills with a 100 percent serve-receive and Zita Anderson had three aces and 21 assists.

Striving to improve communication and efficient play came to fruition for coach Grunch and the girls.

"I think at this point in the season my main goal is to be consistent with what we have," Grunch said. "I think that's a pretty obtainable goal for the girls."

She added, "We're looking forward to the tournament run."

On Feb. 17 Charlevoix swept both Grayling and Harbor Springs with scores of 25-14, 25-9, 25-15 and 25-21, 25-17, 25-17 respectively.

Players of mention were Anderson with 61 assists, Martin with 21 digs, a 100 percent serve-receive and 31 kills. Way had 20 digs, three blocks and 23 kills, Dennis had three kills and three blocks and Liz Javelin had four aces.

"It was nice coming in and sweeping the two conference games," Grunch said.

The last time Charlevoix met Harbor Springs it was a much longer battle, she added.

"We played five games the last time we met with them, so we came out really strong on offense (this time) and we just played strong together as a team," she said.

Maintaining a winning streak is a lot of work, but Grunch and the girls are confident heading into competition.

"I think going into these two conference games, hopefully, our momentum is going to lead us into the final two in Mancelona," Grunch said. "I think we just need to continue to come out strong on offense."

In the end run, Charlevoix will play East Jordan. The Rayders then meet the winner of the bottom brackets, which consist of either Mancelona, Suttons Bay or Traverse City St. Francis. The winner then continues play at the regional level the following weekend.

The Rayders' overall standing is 26-8-6 with a conference record of 11-1.

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Charlevoix basketball players sign for college

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Former Charlevoix High School basketball players Grace Farrell and Scott Friske have a lot in common.

Both were all-state basketball post players who sacrificed personal statistics to lead their teams to the state finals. Now both have selected colleges to attend and play basketball beginning in 2005-06.

Friske committed to Brown University while Farrell will be attending Northern Michigan University.

"It's nice to get it (accepting the scholarship offer) out of the way," Farrell said. "I was nervous, especially after getting hurt last year. I was worried that I might get hurt again and wouldn't have a place to go."

Farrell selected NMU because she liked visiting the campus in Marquette, she hit it off with the coach and she has friends who are attending, including a friend from Marshall, that she met through AAU basketball who will be her roommate and teammate.

Saginaw Valley State also was prepared to make a scholarship offer. Many other colleges were interested, contacting Farrell and her coach, Keith Haske; however, they were turned away after Farrell settled on NMU.

Grace's humility and teamwork make her a special person and player, according to Haske.

"She's a humble person," he explained. "She didn't want the focus to be on her. One thing I think of when I think of Grace is how unselfish she was. She put aside any thought of herself as an individual to be successful as a team."

"She could have averaged 30 points a game but she just wanted to win," Haske said. "When your best player has that attitude, it permeates the whole team."

Farrell said getting the scholarship took her back to her early days in basketball, with her parents driving her and her friends to three-on-three tournaments.

"I think we played in every three-on-three you can imagine," she laughed.

In addition to her parents, Farrell talked about the influence of her former coach, Jason Otter and coach Haske and assistant Bret Erskine.

"Coach Otter taught me discipline," Farrell added. "And this last year I learned so many new things (from Haske and Erskine)."

While Farrell has learned from her coaches, Haske says that youngsters have a lot they can learn from her.

"She's a great role model for future Rayders," Haske said. "She has a great work ethic and a great attitude. Recently she spoke at the DARE graduation about making good choices and setting goals for yourself."

"She's proven if you put enough work into something, this is what you can accomplish," Haske said. "She set a goal for herself and set out to accomplish it."

Another of Haske's former players, Friske has achieved his goal as well.

"I've always wanted to play Division I basketball and the opportunity to do that and at the same time receive an Ivy League education just seemed like an ideal situation," Friske said. "I was impressed by the coaching staff's interest in me as a basketball player.

"They were extremely helpful in getting all the information that I needed to make a decision and just expressed a genuine desire to have me in their program."

Another added advantage is that Friske will have the opportunity to play with another local product, Petoskey's Damon Huffman.

"It will be cool to play with someone from the area, especially being he's such a quality player," Friske said. "There are a lot of young kids in the program and the future looks very bright."

Huffman is scoring 8.4 points per game as a freshman for the Bears, who are 9-11 overall and in seventh place in the Ivy League.

Friske was offered scholarships by about sixteen Division I schools and seriously considered Lehigh and Holy Cross before selecting Brown.

He is playing this season at Worcester Academy, a prep school in Worcester, Mass.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Grace Farrell, a senior at Charlevoix High School, signs her letter of intent to play basketball for Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Farrell was accompanied by her parents Brian and Cindy Farrell and Girls Basketball Coach Keith Haske.

"The school is like a college atmosphere at the high school level in terms of classes and having to manage your time," Friske said. "There is a lot less individual attention given to students here as well. The level of basketball is great."

Friske added, "We have played against kids who are going to be lottery picks next year in the NBA along with countless kids who are going to big time schools. It isn't uncommon to have seven or eight high level Division I players on each team in our league."

Even with the competition, when it comes to fan support, Worcester is no Charlevoix, according to Friske.

"The level of competition is a lot higher," Friske said. "But we don't have nearly as much fan support as there is in Charlevoix, but it just makes me more grateful for what I was able to be a part of at Charlevoix."

Friske is optimistic about the future but hasn't forgotten his friends in Charlevoix.

"God has blessed me with just a tremendous opportunity and I owe a lot of thanks to my coaches and the people who have supported me along the way. I look forward to representing Charlevoix and the Rayders as I move on to the next level," he said.

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Rayders struggle in conference play

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders continued to struggle in Lake Michigan Conference basketball action last week, as they overcame a slow start to defeat Boyne City, 70-54 and they lost to Kalkaska, 74-67.

The Rayders, who had lost three straight games coming into the week. continued to reel from the loss of senior guard Jared Hunt.

Against the Ramblers, Charlevoix was slow out of the blocks, with the game tied 16-16 after the first quarter.

The Rayders scored the first eight points of the second quarter, the first four by Eddie Waldron. Boyne fought back, however, and tied the game at 26-26 with 2:42 left in the half.

Charlevoix scored the last four points of the half on a Ben Bergmann jumper and two Dustin Dibble free throws for a 32-28 halftime advantage.

The Ramblers tied the game at 32-32 a minute and a half into the second half but Cody Crain hit a jumper and had a steal and layup to put Charlevoix back in the lead. Boyne's coach was then assessed a technical foul and Crain calmly sank both free throws for what appeared to be a comfortable 40-32 margin.

Boyne City responded, however, tallying five straight points to cut the lead back to three. Ty Haske's driving layup pushed the lead back to five but a Rambler three-point shot again cut the lead to two.

Minutes later, Boyne pulled to within one at 45-44 with 1:03 left in the quarter but Waldron scored on a drive and a three-point play to give Charlevoix a 50-44 lead. They led 50-46 at the end of three.

The Rayders put the game out of reach with a 7-0 run to start the fourth quarter on two more Waldron free throws, a three-pointer by Matt Kautz and another Haske drive. Boyne pulled to within nine, at 59-50 but a 9-0 spurt put the game away.

Crain and Kautz each drilled three-pointers during the decisive run.

Waldron was the leading scorer for Charlevoix with 20 points, including 12 for 13 shooting from the charity stripe. Crain had 15 points and seven steals.

Bergmann finished with 11 points and eight rebounds. Kautz tallied 11 points.

Against Kalkaska, the Rayders fell behind early, trailing 21-7 after the first quarter, and were never able to recover. They pulled to within four during the second quarter, but trailed 39-29 at the half.

In the third quarter, they rallied again to cut the lead to six but a late Blazer rally pushed the lead to 60-43 at the end of the period.

Jake Teuscher led the Rayders with 16 points and nine rebounds. Dibble and Kautz scored 11 and 10 points respectively.

Haske had four assists and three steals while Crain had four assists.

The Rayders (14-4 overall, 9-4 conference) cannot win the league title as Grayling (16-2 overall, 12-1 conference) clinched the championship with a win over Elk Rapids.

Charlevoix hosted Petoskey in a non-conference matchup on Tuesday, Feb. 22. They finish the regular season at home against Elk Rapids.

High school ski team places well in regional

The Charlevoix/East Jordan Varsity girls' and boys' ski teams had strong showings at the regional ski meet at Boyne Highlands recently.

The girls' team took third place with a total of 105 points and Houghton took first place with a total of 79 points.

"I'm very excited for the girls," Coach Suc Miller said. "They were skiing well all year and skied strong and consistent and as a team."

The boys' team took fourth place with a total of 153.5 points and Harbor took first place with a total of 22 points.

"The boys had a rough start in the giant slalom, but came back very strong in the slalom," Miller said. "It just wasn't enough to put them over the top."

The girls placed third in the slalom and the boys also placed third.

The girls placed third in the giant slalom and the boys placed fifth.

Individual results for the girls' slalom: Katherine Rowley placed fourth with a time of 1 minute and 31.85 seconds; Michelle Fritsch placed eleventh with a time of 1 minute and 38.10 seconds; Kelsey Poineau placed sixteenth with a time of 1 minute and 42.40 seconds; Katie Diller placed eighteenth with a time of 1 minute and 46.65 seconds; Elizabeth Hasseld placed twenty-sixth with a time of 1 minute and 53.74 seconds; and Kristin Dupuis placed twenty-eighth with a time of 1 minute and 55.39 seconds.

Individual results for the boys' slalom: Mac Brennan placed twelfth with a time of 1 minute and 34.38 seconds; Andrew Mallory placed fifteenth with a time of 1 minute and 37.53 seconds; Billy Brodin placed sixteenth with a time of 1 minute and 39.51 seconds; Geoff Baier placed twenty-fourth with a time of 1 minute and 45.58 seconds; and Nic Williams placed twenty-fifth with a time of 1 minute and 46.12 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' giant slalom: Rowley placed second with a time of 1 minute and 2.73 seconds; Poineau placed fifteenth with a time of 1 minute and 9.29 seconds; Diller placed sixteenth with a time of 1 minute and 9.70 seconds; Dupuis placed twenty-third with a time of 1 minute and 13.50 seconds; Hasseld placed twenty-eighth with a time of 1 minute and 17.19 seconds; and Fritsch placed thirty-eighth with a time of 1 minute and 47.24 seconds.

Individual results for the boys 'giant slalom arc: Cameron Attee placed seventeenth with a time of 1 minute and 9.95 seconds; Brodin placed twentieth with a time of 1 minute and 11.32 seconds; Baier placed twenty-fourth with a time of 1 minute and 13.79 seconds; Brennan placed twenty-fifth with a time of 1 minute and 13.95 seconds; and Williams placed twenty-eighth with a time of 1 minute and 14.50 seconds.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League - Feb. 16, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	255	145
Ferguson & Chamberlain	235	165
The Inner Circle	210	190
Paul Bunyan Lanes	204	196
Mark White Paint & Stain	194	206
St. Mary's	187	213
Lutherans	174	226
R & C Roofing	141	259

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Randy DeYoung		227
Bill Gengle	579	225
Scott Kehrer	576	
Ken Schoenherr		222
Larry Potter	559	

Men's Senior League - Feb. 14, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	17	7
J Arnold Painting 'A'	17	7
Carroll Drug Store	12.5	11.5
J Arnold Painting "2"	11.5	12.5
Weebowl-Wobowls	9	15
Selph Trucking	7.5	16.5
Cemex Cement	7	17

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kiernan	608	234
Mo Dixon	574	224
Brian Dixon	574	
Walt Holm		223

Young at Hearts League - February 17, 2005

	W	L
Spare time	22	6
Twilighters	21	7
Half & Half	17	11
Misfits	16	12
Irish Rollers	15	13
Alley Cats	10	18
Past Timers	6	22
Has Beens	5	23

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Joey Brown	538	217
Louie McKenzie	198	
Mo Dixon	507	197
Elden Potter	460	
Ken Schoenherr	460	
Judy Potter	449	180
Maxine Reis	166	
Shirley Flower	445	
Zettie Kitson	442	162

Casino League - February 17, 2005

	W	L
Crackpots	146	34
Vagabounds	122	58
4 Fun	100	80
T.K. & The Boozers	80	100
At Least a 6 Pack	78	102
Brooklyn Rats	18	162

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fredorek	399	243
Joel Stradling	347	200
Jon Kiernan	349	183
Andrew Towsley		183
Becky Holechak	330	206
Paula Fralick	376	201
Lynette Webb	356	198
Carolyn Blanchard	330	

Gutter Gals League - Feb. 10, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	72	48
Paul Bunyan Lanes	69	51
Burger King Charlevoix	55	65
Express Yourself	44	76

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	560	221
Diana Speigl	506	200
Krista Fowler		168
Jane Holm	451	

Tuesday Night Ladies - Feb. 15, 2005

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	19	13
Grey Gables	18.5	13.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	16	16
Central Drug Store	15	17
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	14.5	17.5
Twin Lakes Enterprise	13.5	18.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	8	24
Don's IGA	7.5	24.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	212	
Mary O'Brien	531	198
Marlene Evans		204
Evelyn Olesky	529	
Cathy Sullivan	526	

Paul Bunyan Lanes

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Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND 83/100 DOLLARS ($105,671.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

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PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29"East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33.. 3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said _ line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

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MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darryl T. Etter and Melanie Etter, husband and wife, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, mortgagee, dated November 21, 2002 and recorded November 25, 2002 in Liber 501, Page 121, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee, c/o Residential Funding Corporation by assignment dated November 21, 2002 and recorded on June 10, 2003 in Liber 545, Page 981, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty and 86/100 Dollars ($90,930.86) including interest at the rate of 7.13% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at **11:00 a.m. on March 4, 2005**. The premises are located in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 107, of the Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2 Subdivision, according to the plat as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271 through 273, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: February 2, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee, c/o Residential Funding Corporation, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2760 ASAP631016

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Area meetings

Stand Powerlifting

The Stand Powerlifting Team is coming to the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 23, 24, 25, and 26 and again at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27. The church is located at 05291 M-66 North.

The team will be performing at school assemblies throughout the area during their stay in Charlevoix. They challenge young people with a positive motivational message illustrated through amazing feats of strength, teaching the importance of abstinence, anti-drug/alcohol, academic excellence, overcoming peer pressure, issues of self-esteem and respecting others. The team's focus in the schools is to encourage kids to make the right choices in life situations. Church assemblies add the message of family values and Jesus Christ. Public invited to attend all assemblies. For more information, please call the church office at 547-6430.

Spaghetti dinner

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser for Charlevoix High School Senior Class 2005 All Night Graduation Party from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25, at the final home gasketball game in the Charlevoix High School commons. The menu includes spaghetti, (meat sauce and meatless sauce available) salad, cheese breadsticks, desserts, milk and coffee. Cost for adults is $7, children, students and seniors are $5, families price tops at $25. Join us and support the 2005 Senior Class.

Community Worship

A Community Worship and Intercession Service is being offered from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday evening, March 1 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66 North. Live worship music with prayer directives offered for the local community, region, state, nation, world events and leaders. Communion will be offered. Everyone is invited to attend with children being welcome. Nursery not provided. For more information, contact the church office at 547-6430.

Trout Unlimited

There is a Trout Unlimited meeting at 7 p.m., March 2, at the Dilworth Hotel, Boyne City. The guest speaker is Alex Wolfe who will demonstrate bamboo rod building. Non-members welcome.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office at 547-6430 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Immunizations

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Area meetings

Editor's note: We are attempting to update this section. If you would like to see your organization in this section or would like to change your organization's information in this section please call (231) 547-6558 for more information.

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Restaurant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital.

For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House. For more information call 547-0373.

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School board candidates discuss issues

SCHOOL

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Scott Boss

Barney Way

Dean Spencley

Christine Michaud

through the system himself and runs his own business, he is knowledgeable in operations.

Way said there are tough times ahead for the school district since the state can't provide as much money as it used to.

"We're trying to keep the curriculum and progress going, but doing it with less money," he said. "Everyone's not always happy, but we're doing what we can on a fixed income."

Way's business partner, Boss, also serves on the school board. Way said he doesn't think there's a conflict of interest to have two business partners serving on the same board.

Way said he and Boss weren't business partners when they started on the school board, but were friends. They don't always agree, Way said, but sometimes they share the same opinion on an issue.

When asked what issues he and Boss have disagreed on, Way said he couldn't think of anything off the top of his head. However, he said most of the disagreement came in the discussion phase, not when it came time to vote.

Way said one benefit to having partners serve on the school board together is that they talk about issues a lot while at work. Way said he couldn't think of a specific issue he and Boss talked over at work, but said they talk about all the issues and whatever is going on.

He said their discussions can lend themselves to discovering a flip side to something that they then bring up to the whole board. From there, the ideas go into the discussion with everyone.

"We've never had any issues that controversial where the board has split," Way said of the unanimous voting pattern of the board.

He said by typically voting together, the board has shown the community they work well together.

Way said he keeps coming back to the school board because of his childrens' involvement in the schools.

"I like being involved because I have kids in the school system still," he said. "I like being involved in it and I enjoy it."

Boss, 46, has also served on the school board for eight years and is seeking re-election because he thinks the district currently has a good board.

"We work well together," he said.

Boss said the board has done a lot together and there's still more to do.

"It seems like when it's going good that's what we should keep on doing."

What keeps bringing Boss back to the school board is that he still has two kids in the school system and because he wants to keep watching the schools grow.

"I like to feel I'm a part of their education," Boss said of his children.

Boss said he originally ran for the board eight years ago because he saw some dysfunction occurring and felt changes were needed.

There are financial challenges ahead, Boss said, and he wants to help people understand that separate money is used to build a school from what is used to run a school.

"There's financial difficulty because the state is struggling to support public education," he said.

There have been cuts made and Boss said they were done in order to preserve the integrity of the programs currently being offered.

Boss said he hopes people that know him and Way, know that even though they have a successful partnership they are different people.

"We get different opinions on topics," he said.

Boss said people can know that since they're partners, issues get mulled over a lot because the two men can discuss them at work.

"If you look back there's a number of topics we were on opposite sides of the fence on," Boss said.

Boss said most decisions that are voted on don't need much discussing during meetings since the board is communicating and knows where everyone is coming from.

"We don't vote the same always," he said.

Boss said when there is a 7 to 0 vote by the board that shows that the superintendent has done a good job of informing the board about what's going on.

Candidate Spencley, 40, said he is running for the position on the school board because there is a separation between the public and the school board.

"I would like to be the voice, foremost, for our kids, their parents and the entire community who all have a stake in our school system bringing their concerns as well as compliments to the board," he said in a written statement.

Spencley said he has seen improvements as well as concerns arise in the 14 years he's been back in Charlevoix . He co-owns South Side Gym & Fitness LLC and Willoway Specialties Inc.

Spencley graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1983 and currently has daughters going through the school system. He said there have been several changes since he was in school.

Spencley has always been involved in the school atmosphere from sports to school parties. However, he said now seems like the right time to step in and serve on the board.

"I'm going in to get involved," he said of his candidacy.

Spencley said he's not running against Way and Boss personally, but is running for everyone.

"I'm not thinking I'm going to go in and change everything," he said. "I'm going in there to be a different voice."

He said even though both of his daughters will be in high school next year, he isn't running specifically for them. In stead, he said he's running to make the school board better.

He said he will bring in views and state concerns people have in an attempt to close the gap between the public and the board.

"I don't know how hard or easy that's going to be," he said. "That's the concern that I have so far."

Candidate Christine Michaud, 39, has lived in Charlevoix most of her life and said she is running in order to become more involved in the school system.

"I'm not really looking to change things," she said. "I'm more or less looking to get involved in some of the decision making.

Michaud has twins in the second grade and another child who is a sophomore in high school.

Education is important to Michaud not only because her children are in school but because she knows where it got her in life as she currently works at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

"Every child should be allowed an education worthy of them to help them prosper," she said.

Michaud said the students in the Charlevoix School District, both the over and under achievers, should be looked at so the school can offer the best in education.

If elected, Michaud said she is looking forward to being a voice.

"Being an advocate for kids and education and to help make the district prosper," she said.

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Council holds off on budget action

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left alone the city will lose money every year.

Documents given to the city show the electric revenue versus expenses for 2005 will be short $287,755. This is because of increasing costs to provide service to customers, such as meter reading and line-work and increases in the costs of providing power.

Beauchamp also said the problem can be caused by the increase in seasonal homes in Charlevoix. He said seasonal customers may use less electricity than year-round customers, but they still need services such as meter reading throughout the year.

Plus, when seasonal customers use the electric system it is usually during the summer, which is the peak period for electricity. This is also the time when the electric costs are set, therefore, with more people using the system, Charlevoix is locked into those rates throughout the year, even in the winter.

Beauchamp said this means people who live in Charlevoix year-round are making up for the increased use of the seasonal residents in the summer.

The consultant suggested rates changes across the board in electric services to combat this, with year-round users seeing less of an increase in their electric bill than seasonal users or users who use less electricity.

And to make up for the losses in revenue for the electric system the city would need an average rate increase of about 10.4 percent. But, the city and consultant are balking at the idea of such a dramatic increase outright and is instead looking at phasing-in the increase.

Under this phase-in proposal, city council has two options to pick from. First, it can phase-in the increase over five years with an initial 3.9 percent increase the first year and a 2 percent increase each year after. Second, it could phase-in the increase over three years, with a 3.9 percent increase in rates each year.

Council has yet to decide which plan, if either, it will choose.

Basically, according to Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi what this means to the consumer of Charlevoix's electric system is if this proposal is passed you would see an increase of, on average, $1.96 — this includes a proposed $1 a month service charge.

In addition to this, the sewer rates are proposed to be increased by 5.5 percent, with a $1.40 a month service charge and water rates are proposed to increase 2 percent, with a 40 cent service charge. This would be an average monthly increase of $3.76.

This concerned many people at the city council meeting. In addition to Dillon, Charlevoix resident Chris Papineau questioned the plan and if the city was raising rates just to prop up its electric fund so it could pay for improvements without bonding. He said at one time the electric fund had a surplus in it and the city was borrowing from it to pay for other city projects.

Brandi said the city is not raising rates to prop up the electric fund. He said there is a section of the fund called the "electric fund balance." What this is is cash on hand the city has for this fund in case of problems. It is kind of like a savings account for the electric fund.

He said the city has borrowed from that fund in the past for other city projects, such as city hall, but it pays that fund back with interest. Brandi said by borrowing from the funds, the city saves more money than having to bond out on projects.

Carlson added with the city losing money in the overall electric fund, he said it could not keep borrowing from the fund balance to cover those losses, or the fund balance would be dry.

Charlevoix resident Jill Picha said she has lived in several different cities throughout the midwest and Charlevoix's electric rates are some of the highest.

Carlson responded according to city documents Charlevoix's electric rates are below average when compared with seven other cities in the state of Michigan, including Harbor Springs and Petoskey. He added there has not been a rate increase for about 10 years.

Charlevoix resident Dave Scott also spoke out about the rate increases and the budget overall.

"We are spending money like crazy and the city is moving money all over the place (referring to the city's use of borrowing money from various funds to pay for various projects)," he said.

Scott began to discuss a section of the electric fund which sets aside about $400,000 for a fiber optic network design, but was cut off by Carlson.

Carlson has set a rule for all city meetings that audience members could not speak for more than 3 minutes. During Scott's presentation, he interrupted Scott to tell him he had 15 seconds left. Scott took offense at this, saying he had a right to address the council, and a shouting match between him and Carlson erupted. Carlson threatened Scott that if he did not sit down and stop talking he would be removed from the meeting.

Scott complied and stayed in the meeting. Scott was the only person during the meeting that Carlson said went over the 3 minute rule.

The $400,000 fiber optic network is a proposal the city is working on to bring fiber optic to the city of Charlevoix. If the city decides to bring fiber optic to the community, it would be run out of the electric department, according to Brandi.

Charlevoix City Council decided to take no action on the 2005-2006 budget at this time, saying it needed more time to examine the budget. A work session has been scheduled for 5:30 p.m., March 1 at the Charlevoix City Hall. The council is expected to take up the budget issue again at its March 7 meeting.

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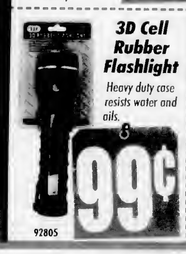

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Amendments face public

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Depending on the decisions made by the Charlevoix City Council after the March 7 hearing on two Downtown Development Authority amendments, two petitions may start circulating around the community seeking a referendum.

"It should not be up to eight people when it comes to that kind of money," Charlevoix resident Jill Picha, who is one of the people behind a possible petition for a referendum drive, said. "It should be up to the people of Charlevoix."

According to the latest figures, the cost to construct a new Charlevoix marina and renovate East Park will be over $11 million. The Michigan Waterways Commission has said it would fund 75 percent of the cost, with the city's DDA funding the rest.

The hearing on March 7 is on two amendments to the DDA plan dealing with the proposed new Charlevoix marina and changes to East Park. The DDA needs to add these projects to its development plan in order to provide funding for it.

The first, called the "fourth amendment," deals mostly with the marina portion of the project, but includes funding for a harbor master's office and an ice rink. The second, called the "fifth amendment" deals with the marina and East Park by including the

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Photo by Jeremy McBain

The Charlevoix City Council will be discussing two amendments to the Downtown Development Authority's development plan March 7. The amendments deal with proposed renovations to East Park and the Charlevoix Municipal Marina. Some have said they will try to get a referendum on the amendments.

Minorities talk about treatment

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

For several area residents, not enough was done to commemorate Black History Month in Charlevoix.

Mike Dixon, 32, is half African American and half Native American and ready to help educate those who will listen.

"A lot of people say racism will never change, but I think it will through education," he said.

Black History Month has been a struggle each year to stay acknowledged, Dixon said. Bigger strides have been taken to educate the public more, but Northern Michigan is lacking.

"Northern Michigan needs to wake up to Black History Month," Dixon said. "Downstate is more aware."

Education is a top priority for Dixon, who remembers reading "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain as an elementary school student in Saginaw. He said the word "nigger" is used as a part of the language of the book, but it also keeps a negative connotation toward African Americans alive.

Dixon said schools should have students read something that helps portray a more positive image of African Americans and doesn't enable them to think it's OK to use derogatory language.

"I can walk in a lot of places up here and feel the negative energy," he said. "You have to be strong."

The negativity can change, Dixon said, because there are new generations being born each year that can grow up colorblind.

In order to promote Black History Month more, Dixon said restaurants could feature authentic Soul Food for the month of February or a cook off could occur downtown.

There could also be several school and community activities involving bringing African American speakers to the library and schools and artistic groups could come up and display their

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Cody Daniel Pratt, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Attend BASES classes. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Aaron Curtis Finch, 23, Vanderbilt. Operating while intoxicated. Eighteen months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 18 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 65 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,525 in fines and costs.

Kurt Bevan Bottorff, 38, Holly. Use of marijuana. Six months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 79 days held in abeyance; $555 in fines and costs.

Zachary Minor Jones, 24, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Jack Ronald Reid, 49, Shelby Township. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $760 in fines and costs.

Cody William McCary, 18, Charlevoix. Use of marijuana. One year probation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 84 days held in abeyance; $650 in fines and costs.

David Firth Denmee II, 39, Charlevoix. Domestic violence and attempted police resisting and obstructing. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for 18 days, serve 12 days, 335 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,400 in fines and costs.

Jared Matthew Martin, 20, Charlevoix. Operating-minor with any blood alcohol content. Dismissed.

Jared Matthew Martin, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, third offense. Nine months probation; 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $500 in fines and costs.

Ronnie Richards Jr., 33, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 27 days, serve 16 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 40 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,480 in fines and costs.

Todd William Schwem, 35, Warren. Operating while intoxicated. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Amy Kristen Gillespie, 35, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Eighteen months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Jason Charles Fels, 20, Charlevoix. Drug or alcohol consumption by minor allowed on premises. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Kevin Donald Russell, 40, East Jordan. Impaired driving. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 40 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance; $1,025 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

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J and R Maintenence, 1227 Parsons Road, Charlevoix, by Jared Lucas.

Recreational Rental, 00185 North Addis Road, Boyne City, by Brett Binkley.

Nancy's Garden, 6189 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Nancy Grunch.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Births

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Charles Keiswetter Clark, weighing 11 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Sam Clark and Kristin Clark of Petoskey on Feb. 22, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Charles and Mary Jo Clark of Grand Ledge and Petoskey, Linda and David Beier of Walloon Lake and Paul and Melissa Keiswetter of Petoskey.

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East Park break down shows $2,500 benches

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

As Charlevoix City Council gets ready to hear public comment on plans for a new marina and renovations to East Park, some are questioning a break down of the costs for the park that show, among others, table and chair sets for $6,000 a piece.

The break down of costs detailing what the city could get for its buck in East Park was given to the Courier by Charlevoix resident Jill Picha, who received it under a Freedom of Infornation Act Request on the city. It gives further insight into what is included in the over $2 million price tag on East Park.

"I was blown away," Picha said she though when she first saw the break down. "I am now referring to this as the East Park Yacht Club."

The total city marina and East Park project is estimated to cost over $11 million, with the state Waterways Commission picking up 75 percent of the tab and the city's Downtown Development Authority picking up the rest. Most of the tab being paid for by the DDA will include renovations to East Park, which take up around $2 million of the total project cost.

Of that $2 million, a break down dated Oct. 22, 2003 from the city's paid consultant Pollack Design Associates, gives estimates on what the city could get.

Included in the break down are costs for common work such as concrete steps, estimated to cost $45,600, concrete retaining walls, estimated to cost $88,000, and other items. But, what has Picha and some other residents and council members who have seen the break down upset, are items such as flower baskets for $350 a piece, with 44 planned,totaling $15,400; and benches for $2,500 a piece, with 31 planned, totaling $77,500.

Other costs include the table and chair sets mentioned above, with 30 planned, totaling $180,000; bicycle hoops at $450 a piece, with 20 planned totaling $9,000; post-top grills at $400 a piece, with six planned totaling $2,400; picnic tables at $1,000 a piece, with six planned totaling $6,000 and flagpoles at $5,000 a piece, with three planned for a total of $15,000.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said these costs are just estimates and the actual design of the park has yet to be decided. Once the plan gets to the design stage, then some of those costs can be clarified.

Wiesner said the design stage should begin soon after the funding questions are answered after the March 7 city council meeting. At that meeting, council will decide on two amendments to the Downtown Development Plan adding to proposed marina and East Park renovations to the DDA's list of projects, thus allowing the DDA to provide funding for it.

Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said he had not seen the break down in East Park costs. He was surprised at some of the items included in it.

"It means that park side should be a heck of a lot cheaper than what we have been lead to think," he said.

Carlson said some of those items included in the break-down are "preposterous."

"To me that is over the top," he said. "There is an image of Charlevoix, but it is certainly not to waste money."

Charlevoix Council Member Boh Timms also had not seen the break down before.

"It is a lot of bucks. You don't want to short-change the park, but to me it seems like an awful lot of money," he said.

Timms pointed to the cost of grills in the park saying, "East Park isn't a picnic park."

Council Member Sherman Chamberlain also had not seen the break down.

"Sounds like we are talking about something pretty elaborate," he said.

But he pointed out the city has not gotten to the design stage and can address those concerns then.

Carlson said if costs in that break-down came to the council in the design stage, he would say the city should take a step back.

"We do have options," he said.

School out early due to bomb threat

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix High School was dismissed early Monday due to a bomb threat.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater, a note was found written on a boy's bathroom wall above a urinal around 10 a.m. saying the school was going to be blown up on Tuesday. Lasater said school officials erased the note before police arrived, but they did take pictures.

Bomb sniffing dogs from the tribal police, Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police were called in and checked the school — nothing was found.

Meanwhile, students were brought into the school gymnasium and told of the situation by the school principal Gary Grundman and school Superintendent John Sturock. The students were given a chance to confess to writing the note, but none came forward.

Lasater said he is now actively investigating the matter and the perpetrators will be charged with making a false bomb threat.

School was in session on Tuesday, but Lasater said he assigned a deputy to the school all day.

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Partisanship invades our views of president

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Recently the polling firm Gallup released the results of a poll asking who Americans believe is the greatest United States president ever.

Modern Americans chose Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton as the top two greatest presidents ever. Abe Lincoln came in third. Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy tied for fourth and George W. Bush tied with George Washington for fifth.

It's polls like these that make me question what kind of history is being taught in our schools and the overall intelligence levels of my fellow Americans.

Come on! Reagan and Clinton as the top presidents ever? Reagan, a B-movie actor who was president during the Iran-Contra scandal, and Clinton, an embarrassment of a president who didn't know the definition of "is," heat out Lincoln, who fought to keep the country from dividing, and Washington, the man known as the *father* of our country.

What really hurns me is that Washington is tied with George "Weapons of Mass Destruction" Bush for fifth. First, Washington's leadership is a big reason we won the Revolutionary War, gaining our independence from England. He is one of the main men responsible for our freedom today. Second, the man was asked to be the king of the United States and refused. Third, the man reluctantly accepted the presidency because he knew he was needed to help guide the country in its birth. Lastly, he is *George Washington.*

So here is the great Washington tied for fifth with a man who used his family connections to avoid serving in Vietnam, has divided the country with his with-us-or-against-us politics, supports measures taking away our civil liberties in the name of safety, sent us to war using false information and believes 51 percent of the vote is a mandate.

After calming down some and taking my finger off the trigger of this machine gun of angry words flowing from my head, I find the most odious part of this poll is not that it shows Reagan and Clinton at the top, but that it shows the partisanship that has invaded our modern lives. We have become a country divided between two political parties — who in reality have not much to offer different from one another. And because of this rift which has been pounded into our heads by the national media and the spin doctors of the political parties, we think we must believe in the greatness of Reagan or the greatness of Clinton above all others.

We have become blinded to the realities of our history by the unrealities that are sold to us on a daily basis — with the help of the 24-hour cable news channels that seem to cater to one side or the other — that we can no longer understand what a truly great man or woman is unless they abide hy the political dogma that we subscribe to.

Politics is not a religion and the political parties do not have all the answers. The fathers of our country understood that, which is why they created the system of checks and balances. They knew that compromise should he the winner of the day.

But now, we cast aside those men who held us together in times of need — men like Washington, Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Roosevelt. These were men who valued the country and its future. There was a greater good to their work and life.

In their place we have put up power fiends like Reagan, Clinton, Bushes I and (ugh) II and even Richard Nixon. Men who put politics above all else and are drunk on its power. While each had their shining moments — Reagan with the fall of communism and Clinton with the booming economy and peace — they left a bitterly divided country.

I fear for our country when we forget our past. When we forget the real great men and women of our history. When we blindly follow a party or dogma without question.

I can only hope that opinions like this will someday change and show the true intelligence of the American people. The kind of intelligence that seems to have been lulled into hibernation, perhaps by our endless fascination with short-hurst-thinking media like reality television, talk radio or "commentators" who tell us what to think on the cable news channels.

Maybe someday soon we will say no to the political parties and their spin machines, turn off the cable news, reality show or loud-mouth radio personality and get back to the business of creating the greatest united nation on earth.

Hopefully, then, Washington will stop spinning in his grave and rest in peace.

(Written in memory of the great Dr. Hunter S. Thompson.)

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Letters to the editor

Column response

Editor:

I feel bound to respond to Roger Knutson's column of Feb. 16, particularly his remarks on the abortion debate.

Unfortunately there are some serious faults in his reasoning. The first part is where he says it sounds principled to say that a woman should have the right to control her own body. The trouble is that abortion is a woman exercising fatal control over someone else's body. Every cell of a person's body has the same genetic code. An unborn baby's body has a different genetic code, partly drawn from the father and partly from the mother.

What he goes on to recommend is what is irresponsible. His suggestion would lead to legal and moral chaos — the ultimate scenario of situation ethics. All of our laws say that there are some choices that are legal and some that are not. For example, if someone makes a plan and sets out to knowingly and deliberately take the life of another person, then they are charged with first degree murder and that is exactly what is happening in an abortion.

I'm afraid that I also have to say that it is ludicrous to make the general statement that all human beings are "equally capable, equally moral and equally principled." That would put the Marquis de Sade and Mother Theresa in the same moral category.

His final sentence is that "ideals, held without the possibility of exception or compromise are ultimately irresponsible." Actually, what is ultimately irresponsible is putting the choice of what constitutes moral behavior in the hands of fickle and sinful human beings.

The Rev. E. James Gunn
Charlevoix

Why running

Editor:

I am writing in response to the article written in the Feb. 23 Courier titled, "Four to run for school board." Though I believe the article was well written I feel it did not express my views personally on why I am running for the school board position.

I've been back in Charlevoix for 14 years now and I've seen a lot of changes in the school system as my daughters have been growing through it. Many tremendous improvements have been made as well as many concerns have been created sometimes separating the

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public from the board. I would like to be the voice foremost for our kids, their parents and the entire community who all have a stake in our school system bringing their concerns as well as compliments to the board. If we can create a team between the community and the board we can make a district that is envied by others.

I am not looking at my running as a race against Mr. Boss and Mr. Way because my intent was to run no matter whose seat was available. I am running for everyone else and hope to bring the only change I feel I can guarantee which at this point is a different voice. I feel a need to get involved so I can see how the system really works. Everyone is always a better coach or a referee from the stands and you can see that by going to any Charlevoix sporting events. But when you put yourself out there it becomes a whole different ball game and you find out it really wasn't as easy as you thought. I will give fully of myself and listen completely if elected.

Dean Spenceley
Charlevoix

Johnson leaving hospital foundation

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's Executive Director Kathy Johnson has announced she will be leaving her post in order to help out a family member in need.

"I would not be leaving were it not for the fact that I have family and I put my family first," she said. "I really like what I do. I love working with our volunteers and donors."

Johnson will be leaving April 1 and will be moving from Charlevoix to just outside Charlottesville, Va. by the middle of June. Johnson said she has an elderly uncle living in that area who she is the caregiver for. Recently, she had to put her uncle in an assisted living faeility and she realized he needed her help more.

In addition to this, she has purchased her family home in the area, which was built by her grandfather in the 1800s and she wants to fix it up.

"Hal (Johnson's husband) and I made the decision to move to Virginia and be there for him (her uncle) and live in the family home," she said.

Johnson said her uncle is the only family she has, besides her husband and her children. Johnson and her husband have seven children.

Johnson has been with the hospital for 14 years and been living in the Charlevoix area for 25 years. When she started, she was the first director of development for the hospital, but two years ago she was chosen as the director of the Hospital's foundation.

She said she loves Charlevoix, loves the hospital and the people who volunteer and work at it.

"To work on a regular basis with people who do things just to make things better, that's a real privilege," she said.

She added she is proud of the changes the hospital has gone through with the help of volunteers and donors.

"We are just so fortunate we have so many that work on it with us," she said.

Once she makes her move south, Johnson said she will definitely spend some time doing a little gardening, but she wants to go back to work for another non-profit.

"I am hoping to do the same sort of thing in central Virginia," she said. "I would work for another non-profit if it was something I believed in."

She is also hoping to do some volunteer work.

Johnson added she will miss Charlevoix.

"The biggest difficulty we have with leaving is leaving all the friends we have made with the volunteers. They are an incredible bunch of people," she said.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Kathy Johnson has announced she will be leaving the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation in April.

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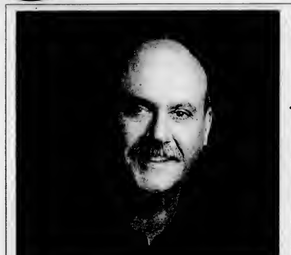

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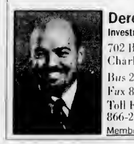

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COMMUNITY

Powerlifting group visits schools, churches in area

It was standing room only in the crowd of over 375 people as The Stand Powerlifting Team performed their grand finale at the Charlevoix Assembly of God church on Sunday night.

With names like "Shrek," "Big Buck," "The Mountain," "Crush" and "Ironman," these huge men brought down walls of bricks doused in flames, tore through phone books, mangled steel bars, created a human sandwich in a bed of nails with 600 pounds pressing down, crushed cans of pop, blew up hot water bottles and shattered wooden bats with ease.

Over 1,200 people attended this five day event to watch The Stand present the gospel of Jesus Christ through feats of strength.

In addition to the evening programs at the church, The Stand visited area schools to present their message of making right choices, saying no to illegal drugs, alcohol, violence and the importance of a good education, honoring parents and authority and serving others. School assemblies were given in the public schools of Charlevoix, East Jordan, Boyne City and Boyne Falls. They also visited the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the YMCA in Petoskey. VIP passes were distributed after each assembly to enable kids to exchange it for an autographed poster of The Stand Powerlifting Team at the evening programs.

At each of the school assemblies audience participation was often a humorous highlight. Students, school staff and others tried to rip through phone books, were lifted in the air on steel rods and generally used as object lessons to teach values of perseverance, self worth, achieving goals, getting rid of negativity and choosing healthy friendships.

Principal Keith Haske at CMS said, "Our kids received the message of The Stand well. It was really cool, the message was awesome, and their presentation captivated the attention of all the kids."

He added, "It was fascinating to watch kids scramble to take home pieces of the phone books, indicating that they really wanted to be part of it."

T.A. "The Shrek" Nalian commented during an evening program that, "Charlevoix is one of the closest knit communities they have ever seen" and "the students at the school assemblies were some of the most well mannered, respectful and attentive students" they have encountered in their 14 year school assembly experience.

Pastor "Ryp" Hankins of the Charlevoix Assembly of God church, said, "This outreach was made possible by the hard work of many people in our congregation and the team work of area churches, businesses, schools and sponsors in our community."

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A member of the powerlifting group, The Stand, lifts a log over his head at a recent demonstration in Charlevoix.

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Student honored for her set design work

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix High School performing arts student envisioned a set for "Into the Woods" deserving of two awards.

Suzanne Curtis, 17, received an award for excellence in set design at the district level and then a superior award for set painting at regionals.

"I've never really won very many things," Curtis said. "I had to walk up in front of six other schools and it was nice to get recognized for hard work."

Curtis is a three year member of the performing arts department and this was her first year to head up the set design team.

The design for "Into the Woods" came from Performing Arts Director Connie Ford's daughter, Beth Sherman. Curtis said Sherman was inspired by a fairytale set she saw while watching the Summer Olympics.

The idea was handed off and Curtis took it and helped create a pop-up book. The book features the portraits of each cast member and then opens up to reveal a forest. Small trees are brought on stage and the effect looks like a pop-up fairy tale story brought to life.

"It was really cool to see everything come together," she said.

The design paid off and helped create the magical world for the actors to inhabit.

However, it wasn't pulled off by Curtis alone.

Everyone helped with the base painting, but Curtis received help from two mothers who donated time and talent to the project.

Curtis said her first year heading up the set design team took a lot of extra hours and dedication, but the competitions will help her grow as a designer.

"It's neat to see other people's ideas and interpretations of the same play," she said. "You gather future ideas."

Now that "Into the Woods" is under wraps, Curtis said she is looking toward the future and her senior year.

"I'm really excited what we're going to do for next year's show," she said.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Charlevoix High School student Suzanne Curtis was honored for her set design work in the play "Into the Woods."

Curtis plans on attending school for anthropology, but will keep herself in the performing arts through various theater projects.

Chamber wants $50,000 from city

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

During the Feb. 28 meeting of the Downtown Development Authority, many concerns were raised over the proposed cut in funding for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

According to Charlevoix Chamber Director Jacqueline Merta, chamber members are concerned since funding is tight as it is. They highlighted several events such as the Taste of Charlevoix that was a huge hit and brought people to the area.

Hugh Mason, chairman of the DDA, said he wants to help the chamber but doesn't know if the funding is there. The chamber is asking for almost $50,000 to keep promoting Charlevoix.

Both sides argued about the role of the Downtown Coordinator and decided that the issue will be tabled until the next DDA meeting.

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Obituaries

James Huffman Hisey: Aug. 23, 1919 - Feb. 19, 2005

James Huffman Hisey, of Charlevoix, died of a cerebral hemorrhage on Feb. 19, 2005. He was 85.

Mr. Hisey was born Aug. 23, 1919, in Wayne, the son of Ventry and Lois (Huffman) Hisey. He attended public schools in Wayne and later graduated from Michigan State University.

He married the late Beverly Grace Simpson and with her had three sons; James Hisey II of Fairfield, Conn., Jon Arthur Hisey of Charlevoix, and Jerrold Ross Hisey of Garden City. He had seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Following his divorce from Beverly Hisey, he married the former Darleen Williams. In their later years he and Darleen were world travelers. After her passing in 2000, he traveled with his beloved friend, Joann Clow.

Mr. Hisey was publisher of the *Wayne Dispatch*, founder of an international student exchange program, and the Center for International Studies.

In Charlevoix, Mr. Hisey lived on the Marion Center Centennial Farm. He was active in the Rotary International Roy Harris Rotary, Michigan Farm Bureau, Charlevoix Historical Society and Republican Party.

Services will be at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix, on March 19, details to be announced prior to the funeral. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Crandall to be added to officers memorial

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Former Charlevoix City Police Officer Earl William Crandall will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. on May 13.

"I am very pleased to announce Officer Crandall's honor," said Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson at the Feb. 21 city council meeting. "After 40 years we are going to have an officer that will be remembered as he should be."

Crandall is the only Charlevoix Police Officer that died in the line of duty in 100 years. On July 20, 1966, Crandall received a call of a motorcycle accident near Kipke Field and went to the scene.

A motorcycle with a driver and passenger was found laying on its side at the field, with the driver pinned under it. Crandall lifted the motorcycle off of the driver and when he did, the driver grabbed the bike and attempted to get away.

Crandall got into a scuffle with the driver when he tried to take him into custody as another police officer arrived on the scene and helped. Once the driver was in custody, Crandall walked over to the driver of an ambulance that arrived on the scene to say he was not needed, when Crandall collapsed.

Crandall was taken to Charlevoix Area Hospital were he was pronounced dead of an apparent heart attack.

"It did not appear right to the department that Officer Crandall's life would be forgotten," Halverson said. "I am extremely proud that Officer Crandall's death will not be forgotten."

Halverson said the police chief at the time, Joseph L. Smith, said Crandall, "was one of the best officers I worked with. He liked people, especially kids, and he was known as strict, but fair."

Crandall was born March 12, 1909 in Charlevoix and attend Charlevoix schools. He was married to the former Esme Blohm in 1947 and had three sons and a daughter.

He had been with the Charlevoix police for 15 years.

Crandall's name will be added to the memorial during an annual candlelight vigil as part of National Police Week. The ceremony honors our nation's law enforcement officers and pays special tribute to those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Biography of Ali

Tannor Blackwell-Seese, a second grade student in Sara Jonker's class at Charlevoix Elementary School, shows fellow classmates Spencer Bruce, Trever Van Norman and Ivy Wells his poster documenting the life of Muhammad Ali. In honor of Black History Month Jonker had her students write a biography of famous African Americans.

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Strawbridge takes honors at regional

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Anne Strawbridge received the Superior Acting Award for her role as the Baker's wife when the performing arts department at Charlevoix High School took "Into the Woods" to regionals.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix High School student received high honors when the performing arts department took "Into the Woods" to regionals.

Anne Strawbridge, 17, received the Superior Acting Award for her portrayal of the baker's wife.

"It was definitely really, really neat," she said. "I couldn't attend the award ceremony, but it was really nice to win."

Strawbridge received honors in acting for an ensemble performance along with the entire cast of last year's production of "The Sound of Music." They received top honors in acting as a group for their portrayal of the Von Trapp children.

However, this is the first year she has received individual honors in acting.

"I like the challenge of being a character, but I also like just being the character," she said.

Portraying the baker's wife was challenging, Strawbridge said, because her character's motives stem from the desire to have a child, which is something Strawbridge doesn't have plans for anytime soon.

"I enjoyed the role just because it gave me a chance to develop the character," she said. "She really has depth. To delve into a character with so much depth is really nice."

Strawbridge was born into the arts as her mother has always been involved in community theater, which is something Strawbridge wants to continue.

It depends on which university she chooses, but she may pursue theater in college or else just stay active in the community realm.

"I like the theater atmosphere," she said.

"There's something to be said for the live atmosphere."

Strawbridge joined the performing arts department three years ago when several friends a year ahead of her in school persuaded her to join.

Strawbridge was also involved in the Ragamuffins Theatre for two and a half years.

However, acting and singing is something Strawbridge has been doing since she was three years old.

"I just really like doing all of it," she said.

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Cormorant hurting area fishing populations

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The double-erested cormorant is not only in danger itself, but is causing danger to the Great Lakes fishing industry.

Kevin Speer, owner of "Michigan's Hooks & Bullets Magazine," had his magazine do an article on the birds in an attempt to inform the public.

"I want people to know who to write to and e-mail," he said. "These programs may be canceled without community interest."

The programs Speer spoke of are attempts to control the cormorant populations. The object isn't to destroy the population of Cormorants in Michigan, but to control them.

The bird is a relative of the loon and resides in several areas surrounding the Great Lakes including Michigan. The fishing industry has taken a hit due to the large nesting populations that flock to the Great Lakes region.

Courtesy photo

Cormorants are being blamed for negative impacts on area fishing populations.

Cormorants originally settled near the Great Lakes in 1913, according to information provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Some migrated to the Gulf of Mexico, but others came north to raise their young.

The information also states that the population was hit hard in the 1960s due to pollution from a chemical called DDT. The chemical was affecting fish, but since the birds prey on fish they were consuming a lot of DDT.

Human interruption and nest destruction also aided in the decline.

However, in 1972, the cormorants became protected under the 1918 Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Their population still declined until recently with the numbers reaching the highest ever recorded.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also states that scientists don't think the population will keep on growing, but will eventually stabilize.

Their resurgence, however, has caused concern in the fishing industry as they are preying on newly stocked fish.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service information states that an adult cormorant eats about one pound of food per day, but chooses fish that are easiest to catch.

The birds usually feed on steelhead, lake trout and brown trout.

"Population level effects from cormorant predation on lake trout, salmon or steelhead are not apparent though, as diet studies indicate the birds consume very few of these fish in open waters," as stated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is going to reduce the damage of Cormorants in Michigan by enacting an Integrated Wildlife Damage Management plan.

The information states that the plan will focus on cormorant damage dealing with aquaculture, property, natural resources and human health and safety.

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Library group forming

In its quest to provide the best possible library service for the community, the Charlevoix Public Library has begun a yearlong planning process.

Library Director, Valerie Meyerson, said, "A library is a tremendous source of information. Our goal is to determine what this community needs and then adapt our services to meet those needs. The new facility opens up new opportunities and we want this library to be relevant and responsive to the people who live here."

The first step in the process is the formation of a community-planning group. Members represent education (students and educators), business, the library, community groups and families in the community. This group will be asked to review current library services, trends in library service and community issues. They will be asked to give the library input on the types of services they believe are needed most in Charlevoix.

The following people have agreed to participate in the March planning meetings: Mary Ann Chew, Joe Seidel, Kay Heise, Toni Felter, Jill Haan, Dennis Halverson, Connie Marshall, Suzanne Klinger, Todd Thompson, Marina LaBlance, Hugh Mason, Jim Berlage, Caitlin Taylor, Beth Strawbridge, Julie Burgess, Laurie Hodgeson, Betty Heune and Elisa Lindgren.

The March meetings will culminate in service recommendation to the library staff and board. These ideas will lay the foundation for future goals and objectives. They will guide the rest of the planning process and eventually result in a plan of service for the new library.

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Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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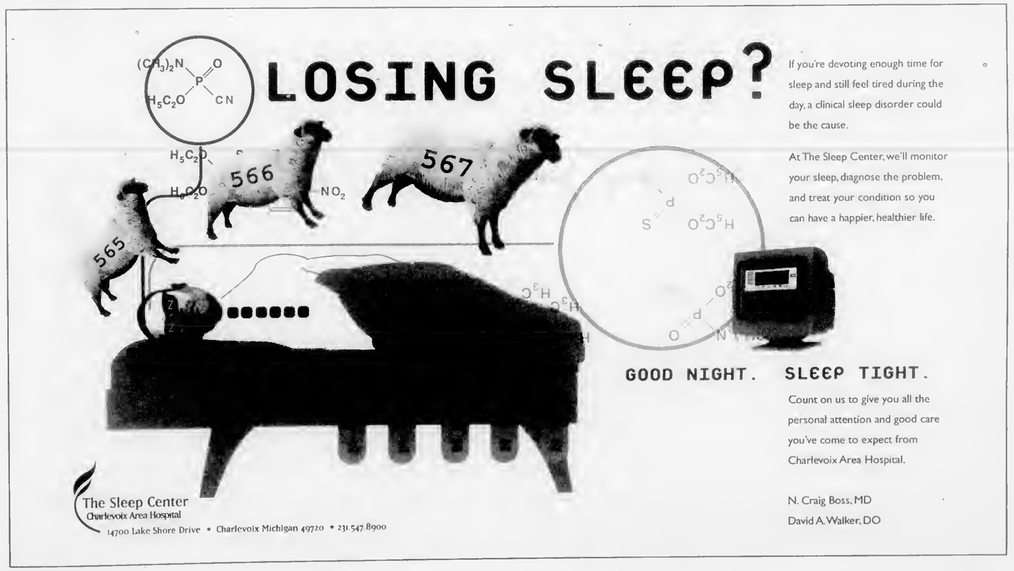
Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Learning about Jordan

Grace Whitley, a student in Sara Jonker's second grade class, presented her biography on Michael Jordan to her classmates. The project was to read about a famous African American and then write a biography on them in order to commemorate Black History Month.



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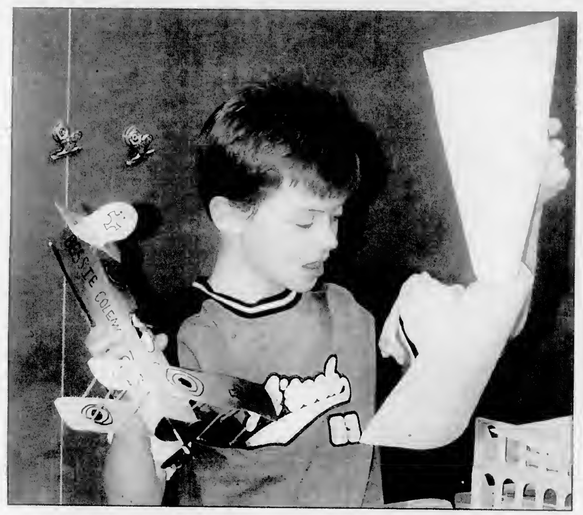

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First African American woman to fly

Parker Elowsky, a student in Sara Jonker's second-grade class at Charlevoix Elementary School, informed his classmates about Bessie Coleman, the first African American woman to fly a plane. In honor of Black History Month Jonker had her students write a biography of a famous African American after they read one about the person.

Hospital's Sleep Center to have open house March 9

If insomnia, snoring or restlessness are preventing you from getting a good nights sleep, Charlevoix Area Hospital's new Sleep Center might be just what the doctor ordered.

Operated under the direction of Board Certified Sleep Specialist David A. Walker, DO, and N. Craig Boss, MD, the Sleep Center is equipped to diagnose and treat a variety of common sleep disorders.

To introduce the new facility to the public and give area residents an opportunity to learn more about the importance of good sleep, the hospital will host a free open house, "Everything But the Pajama Party," from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9.

Those who attend will be given a tour of the center, see how sophisticated sleep monitors work, and meet the staff.

Representatives from various medical equipment companies will also be on hand to demonstrate breathing apparatus that can aide those with sleep disorders. Attendees who currently use a C-PAP or other sleep equipment are invited to bring it with them for a complimentary pressure check.

"As many as 10 percent of American adults are affected by sleep disorders," said Sharon Smorch, a registered sleep technologist and respiratory therapist who helps staff the center. "Yet most sleep problems are easily corrected."

Smorch says sleep is essential to good health, affecting learning, concentration, coordination, blood pressure — even appetite, mood and sexual function.

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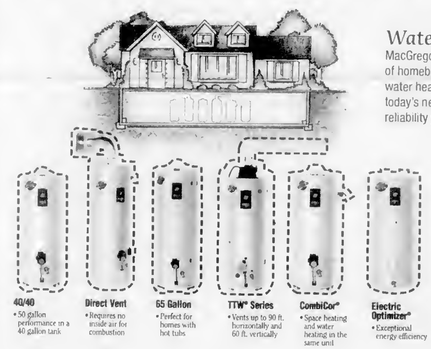

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Panelists include US Sailing Senior and International Judges: Allan A. Teske, Don Glasell, Robert Sargent, Ted Jones, Warwick Coppleson Dean Cady, Andrew J. Kiener, Nancy Glover.

The cost of the seminar is $25. A lunch is included in the cost of the seminar and will be provided by the host club. The starting time for all sessions will be 9 a.m. local time and end at 4 p.m. Bring your rule book.

Session dates and host clubs

• March 5, South Shore Yacht Club, Wis. Telephone — (414) 481-2331

•March 19, Charlevoix Yacht Club, 209 Ferry Ave., Charlevoix. Call John Taylor at (231) 547-7300 days or (231) 547-5656 evening

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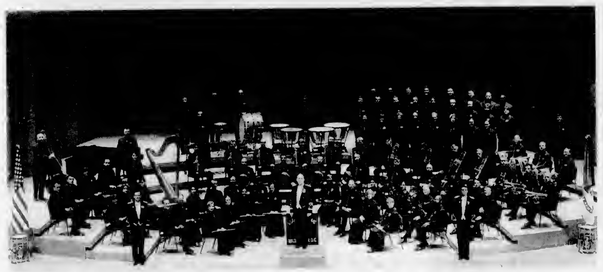

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Dale Hull to resign from arts center

Dale Hull, Executive Director of Crooked Tree Arts Center, Petoskey, announced to the Board of Directors of Crooked Tree Arts Center on Friday, Feb. 18, that he plans to resign his current position with the arts center within the next 12 months.

"I thought it important to let my board members know my relatively short-term plans now, to give the organization the time necessary to make a smooth transition in staff leadership. This is an exciting and healthy organization. The Arts Center's reputation is such that this opportunity will draw qualified candidates from all over the country. It will be an exciting process," he said.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center has become a strong and valuable community resource during Hull's tenure. Together, the Board of Directors and staff have tripled the number of memberships, more than doubled the operating budget, raised more than $4 million to restore and expand the facility that is now considered among the finer resources in our community, and have developed programming that is recognized across the State of Michigan (through its Anchor Organization designation) as among the highest quality programming offered by a non-profit arts center in Michigan.

> "The future looks very bright for the Crooked Tree Arts Center. I am proud of what we have accomplished together."
>
> **Dale Hull,**
> Executive Director of the Crooked Tree Arts Center

"I have an opportunity to leave my work here on a high note," said Hull. "And there is so much more to do. Before I leave this job, my personal goals for programming include having Crooked Tree Arts Center play a pivotal role in the creation of a new ballet based on the music of The Peterboro Suite by Michigan composer, Lynne Palmer Warren. In June we will produce a new play called No Problem by northern Michigan playwright, Bill Wheadon. We also have an opportunity to strengthen our relationships with Interlochen Public Radio, the Bay View Association, Blissfest, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, and a host of local arts and cultural organizations with whom we collaborate."

Within the following 13 months, the galleries at Crooked Tree Arts Center will have on display the most prestigious, juried watercolor exhibition in the State of Michigan. At least two nationally recognized art exhibitions are also currently on the schedule: one celebrating the work of Ansel Adams and the other brought to Crooked Tree by Art Train, USA.

"The future looks very bright for the Crooked Tree Arts Center. I am proud of what we have accomplished together," Hull said.

Steve Palmer, President of Crooked Tree Arts Center, said he would miss Hull's creative leadership and dedication.

"Dale is a master of programming," claims Palmer. "And has been a major force behind the significant growth of the organization. He will be missed. As we move forward from here, we will develop a candidate profile, put together a selection committee, and create a time-line for finding a replacement for Dale. These next few months will be a busy and exciting time for Crooked Tree Arts Center."

For more information, please contact Dale Hull at the Crooked Tree Arts Center 347-4337.

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Dale Hull will be resigning from the Crooked Tree Arts Center. He is shown here in a recent talk at the Charlevoix Public Library.

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Community foundation awards grants

Local drama, dance, and art projects; capital campaigns for community facilities; health, medical, and material needs programs; as well as environmental causes all recently got a boost from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The community foundation announces grant awards to support a host of projects benefiting area residents.

The new awards bring the Community Foundation's grant making total to almost $5.2 million in its thirteen year history. Programs chosen for Community Foundation support and the amounts of their grants are:

From the John and Laurene Adams Fund

• $700 for the Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre Christmas Variety Program and winter dance and drama classes on Beaver Island

From the Arlene C. Bardy Memorial Scholarship Fund

• $300 for scholarships to attend summer classes at Raven Hill Discovery Center

From the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund

• $1,080 for the Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre Christmas Variety Program and winter dance and drama classes on Beaver Island

From the Boyne City Enrichment Fund

• $500 to construct a pavilion in Rotary Park in Boyne City

From the Charlevoix Fund

• $625 for consulting services to develop a strategic plan for the Charlevoix County Humane Society

• $1,375 to purchase commercial kitchen equipment for the Charlevoix County Senior Center

From the Charlevoix County Community Fund

• $1,250 for consulting services to develop a strategic plan for the Charlevoix County Humane Society

• $790 to purchase kitchen equipment for the Charlevoix County Senior Center

• $960 to construct a pavilion in Rotary Park in Boyne City

• $2,500 to purchase recording and broadcasting equipment for a sound system at Crooked Tree Arts Center

• $700 for advanced Thin Prep Pap and HPV testing for low income clients at Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan

From the Charlevoix Country Club Community Fund

• $802 from the Teddy Bears and Eggnog Children's Christmas Event for the Charlevoix-Emmet Family Independence Agency

From the Chicago Club Fund

• $701 for various medical and health needs of Charlevoix Public School students.

From the Ethel W. Coeling Fund

• $3,000 to support the parent/toddler swim program and to purchase swim meet equipment for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool

• $6,000 to support a technology center for the Charlevoix Public Library

• $3,000 to purchase a book collection emphasizing diversity, travel and adventurous women for the Ellsworth Community Schools library

From the Ethel W. Coeling Environmental Fund

• $1,260 for tables and chairs for the meeting room at the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed Center

• $6,250 to support the resource library and data archive for the Friends of the Jordan River

• $3,000 to upgrade the GIS computer mapping system for the Little Traverse Conservancy

• $5,000 towards the sustainable entrepreneurial farming program for the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance

From numerous Donor Advised Funds

• $1,000 to support the President's Circle Annual Giving Club at North Central Michigan College

• $575 to support the Beaver Island Youth Consortium for the Beaver Island Community School

• $14,900 for completion of the new entrance, parking lot, and drainage system at Raven Hill Discovery Center

• $80,500 to support the capital campaign for construction of the Charlevoix Public Library

• $25,000 to support the Community Foundation serving Boulder County, Colorado

• $11,000 to support building maintenance and capital improvements at the Women's Resource Center

• $15,000 to support the Beaver Island Rural Health Center endowment campaign

• $7,500 to support the Beaver Island Community Center capital campaign

• $1,000 to support local 4H youth programs in Charlevoix County

• $2,500 to support the Bridge Builders Club/Great Lakes Society at the Charlevoix Area Hospital

• $7,100 to support general operations at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool

• $100 to support the Friends of the Boyne River Effluent Fund

• $100 to support the Teddy Slough Memorial Music Scholarship Fund

• $100 to support the Max Novak Scholarship Fund

• $300 to support the John Slater III Music and Arts Initiative at the Carole Robertson Center for Learning

• $200 to support the Marquette University scholarship fund

• $200 to support the Lighthouse Restoration project for the Charlevoix Historical Society

• $5,000 to support educational opportunities for island students at the Pine Cay Project

• $500 for playground equipment for the Bright Beginnings Preschool

• $1,500 for general operations at Trout Unlimited

• $1,000 for general operations at Camp Daggett

• $1,000 for general operations at Camp Quality

• $1,000 towards building a home in East Jordan for the NW Michigan Habitat for Humanity

• $500 for general operations to the Heroes Foundation, Inc.

• $1,000 for general operations to Hospice of Northwest Michigan

• $500 for general operations to the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis

• $2,000 to support a bookstore field trip for East Jordan Middle School students

• $1,379 to purchase dictionaries for the third grade class at East Jordan Elementary School

• $1,000 to support a variety of camperships for students in the East Jordan Public Schools

• $2,000 to support a theater trip for East Jordan High School students

• $2,500 to support the landscaping project at the East Jordan Elementary School

• $500 for general operations to the HANDS organization

• $50 in memory of Catherine Hunt to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay

From the East Jordan Enrichment Fund

• $5,000 towards completion of the addition to the East Jordan Senior Center

• $625 for consulting services to develop a strategic plan for the Charlevoix County Humane Society

• $3,500 to purchase equipment to scan, catalog and reproduce historical photos for the East Jordan Historical Society

• $2,500 to install an irrigation system in the courtyard at the East Jordan Elementary School

• $900 to upgrade the schools marketing video/DVD for the East Jordan Public Schools

• $800 for a washer and dryer at the East Jordan High School auditorium

• $1,000 to provide a property appraisal for the City of East Jordan

• $1,394 for consulting fees for a community forum information session for the Jordan Valley District Library

From the Fuller Road Fund

• $2,300 for general operations at Raven Hill Discovery Center

From the Alice Lesser Memorial Fund

• $335 for kitchen equipment at the renovated Charlevoix Seniors Center

From the Phyllis Malpass Medical Needs Fund

• $954 to fund miscellaneous medical, dental, and clothing needs as well as a portion of the reading tutorial program for East Jordan youth

From the Pass-through Fund

• $31,000 to pave the driveway at Brookside Cemetery for the City of Charlevoix

From the Sherman Family Fund

• $900 to renovate the information/event sign for the City of East Jordan

From the Joan and Charles Taylor II Fund

• $4,300 to support the Christian Education Program at the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix

From the Towsley Fund

• $1,300 for advanced Thin Prep Pap and HPV testing for low income clients at Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan

From the Tunison-Garlock Fund

• $2,350 to provide an archeological display and youth experience at the Charlevoix County Historical Society

Since it was founded by a group of local citizens in 1992, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's net assets have grown to almost $15.4 million.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and organizations and manages them as permanent endowments. Every year, a portion of the endowment's investment income is used to support programs in education, the environment, the arts, human services, health and wellness, youth activities, community development and various civic projects. The principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing charitable capital to perpetually benefit Charlevoix County residents and nonprofit organizations.

The Community Foundation will review grant requests again this spring. The deadline for applications is April 1. For more information about grant opportunities or the community foundation, call (231) 536-2440.

Courtesy photo

Band gets superior rating

Charlevoix High School Band earned Superior Ratings at the District Band and Solo/Ensemble Festivals. Bands from all over the district traveled to Petoskey Middle School Saturday to participate in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Festival. Each band is to perform three pieces of music for three judges who will rate their performance. All are required to play a march, a required piece and a selected piece for three judges. After this performance, they move into the band room to sight read two new pieces of music and receive another rating. Charlevoix High School Band performed and received a first division rating which qualifies them to move on to the State level of competition. In addition to this victory, individual students performed in the MSBOA Solo and Ensemble Festival on Feb. 12. All of the students listed earned a medal for their performance: Michelle Fritsch - flute solo, Zandra Gardner - flute solo, Geoff Baier - snare drum solo, Devon Toton - trumpet solo, Lauren Dupris - piano solo, Gary Toton - saxophone solo and Peter Londgren - saxophone solo. The first five students will also advance on to the state finals on March 19.

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Attendees enjoy refreshments and conversation Saturday at Castle Farms during the fund-raiser for the Women's Ski Tour.

Castle hosts fund-raiser for Women's Ski Tour

An wonderful evening awaited guests who visited Castle Farms in Charlevoix on Saturday, Feb. 26.

A Winter's Night at The Castle featured winter wine tastings, fine cuisine and strolling musicians. The event was from 2 until 11 p.m. Northern Michigan vintners presented tastings of the grape from the Leelanau Peninsula.

Cuisine was crafted by Grey Gables of Charlevoix with an eclectic mix of food, wine and musicians. The sounds of Luther Gravy & The Soul Biscuits got underway at 6p.m. for a evening of music and daneing. Admission was just $10, which included a commemorative glass and two tastings — wine and/or food.

Hundreds took part in the complimentary Castle Tours that were given on the hour by owner Linda Mueller. There were even those who were hungry for a "taste" of the outdoors — snowshoe and cross-country ski tours were available at no charge to explore the Castle grounds all afternoon and evening. The event benefited the chosen charities of the Charlevoix Ladies' Tour, which was given the following day.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 8, 9 and 10, 2004, to review the Assessment Roll in Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday, March 14, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 am. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 15, 2004, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 16, 2004, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR MARCH 14TH, 15TH AND 16TH BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 547-3250. PER RESOLUTION #93-02-01, LOCAL RESIDENTS MAY PETITION THE BOARD OF REVIEW BY LETTER.

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INDUSTRIAL	1.02817	48.63
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Note: These multipliers replace those of 2004 and are not an addition to or subtraction from them.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk, 02/08/05

Pre-school sign up planned

Northwest Michigan Human Services Head Start, Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Early Education Be-Four Programs, East Jordan PREP Program, Little Traverse Bay Bands Head Start, Women's Resource Center Project Free, and the Central Lake Early Education Programs will be holding joint recruitment activities for the free preschool programs in the Char-Em ISD service area.

This region includes Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties. Recruitment activities will take place during the months of March and April.

Children ages 3 and 4 are eligible to apply, including children with special needs.

The basic goal of these programs is to encourage well-rounded development. The development goal is accomplished through teaching health, language, self-help and socialization skills, large and small muscle movement, and cognitive skills.

Teachers, community professionals, family service staff, and parents (whose insight is extremely important) work together to meet this goal through center and home-based activities.

Preschool programs are available to families residing in Charlevoix, Emmet, and northern Antrim counties. Those interested in applying must call to make an appointment through the Stepping Stones to School Network, locally at 547-6217 or toll free at (877) 866-3714.

Recruitment times and dates for Charlevoix students are 1 to 7 p.m., March 8 and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 9 in the Charlevoix Elementary School computer room.

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Ragamuffins move into open Bridge Street space

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Ragamuffins Theatre & Company has found a home on Bridge Street where the public can come and get a taste of the arts.

Kathleen Whittaker, creator of Ragamuffin Theatre & Company, said she has always had a passion to see people discover their gifts.

"I was so saddened by the loss of the arts in our culture by mindless TV and endless hours on computers," she said.

This sadness caused Whittaker to create the Ragamuffins, a children's theater group, and to open an art haven where anyone can come to get a taste of the arts.

"One thing Charlevoix lacks is a strong cultural presence," she said.

Prior to the new location, Whittaker had used several area churches for space where the Ragamuffins could rehearse and perform.

But now with more space, she can keep the Ragamuffins going and open up options for members of the community and those who visit during the summer.

"I see this as a place the community can use," Whittaker said.

Aside from the Ragamuffins, Whittaker said she wants to host events such as family improv night where families can come and have fun and also an event called Aged to Perfection that focuses on the creative arts in senior citizens.

Other planned activities include a mystery theater night, book club events, art symposiums and weekend seminars on subjects such as marriage.

There will also be a poetry night, dance classes, art classes and much more.

No matter what the event, everything is possible since the Ragamuffin Theatre & Company now has a building to host events in.

The building was donated for the use by the Ragamuffin Theatre & Company, but is open for rent once summer comes.

However, Whittaker said fund-raising ideas are forming in order to raise money to keep the building.

The idea to use the empty space came from Ragamuffin member Meagan Sell.

Sell, 15, said she saw the place after driving by with her mother and envisioned the Ragamuffins using it. She said her mother then called Whittaker and a lot of prayer was given over the idea.

"It's been a really exciting journey for us," Sell said of the move.

The new location, 511 Bridge Street, has housed the Ragamuffin Theatre & Company for a couple of weeks now.

The open house for the new location was on Feb. 26 and the Ragamuffins were there to entertain and showcase what the new building will be used for while they inhabit it.

Whittaker said several area people and businesses have donated items such as mirrors, furniture and even the building itself.

For more information on the Ragamuffin Theatre & Company go to www.ragamuffintheatre.com.

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The Ragamuffin Theatre & Company has found a new home on Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

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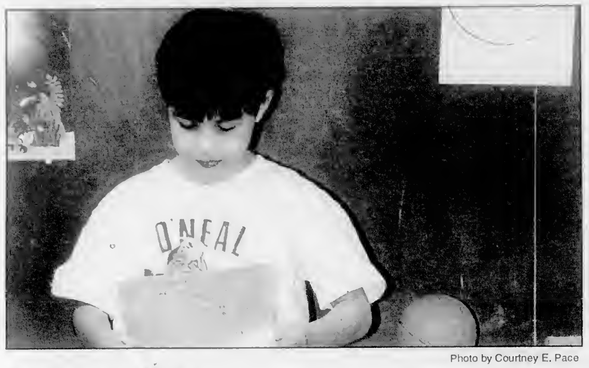

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Shaq's story

Jamey Eakes presented his biography on Shaquille O'Neal to his classmates in Sara Jonker's second grade class. The project was to read about a famous African American and then write a biography on them in order to honor Black History Month.

Crooked Tree to host culinary art series

Back by popular demand, after the great success of last year's culinary classes, Crooked Tree Arts Center will host a Culinary Arts Series with Chef Vincent De Paulis.

Classes are scheduled for every Tuesday evening in March. You are invited to register for any number of classes as each evening is booked individually. Students will explore cooking techniques, learn trade secrets, participate in hands-on learning and enjoy a five-course dinner.

Students are encouraged to bring a French knife, Boning Knife, Paring Knife, Apron and two hand towels and a beverage of choice.

The fee for the class is $40 per student and includes dinner. Class size is limited to 12 people. The class will meet in the Bob Forman Kitchen of the Crooked Tree Arts Center. The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey. For more information and to enroll, call the arts center at (231) 347-4337.

Elementary school to have dental screening for students Friday

Local dentists Dave Strawbridge, John Merrill and Jeff Porter will provide the annual free dental screening for children despite not having a district school nurse.

The free screening is in observance of National Children's Dental Health Month and was in jeopardy as the school board had made the decision to let go of the district nurse, Sue Dixon, and several aides due to budget concerns.

Strawbridge said the Charlevoix Lions Club will be donating Spongebob Squarepants toothbrushes to the children during the screening.

The screening will take place at 9:30 a.m. on March 4 at Charlevoix Elementary School.

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Winter retreat

This Snowy Owl has set up winter residence at the Charlevoix airport. Commonly called the "Arctic Owl," it is strictly a bird of the open country. Rarely seen in a tree it prefers to sit on the ground, a rooftop, or other exposed resting place to sit and wait for food. Snowy Owls summer as far north as the Arctic Circle where they breed on the tundra and feed primarily on lemmings and other ground animals. They are opportunistic feeders who use their sharp talons and beak to subdue their prey. Employees at the airport state that this is the second winter that the owl has called the airport its home.

Center to host marketing program for non-profits

Crooked Tree Arts Center is partnering with the Michigan Association for Community Arts Agencies to present MasterMinds: Strengthening and Sharing Arts and Cultural Knowledge, a series of workshops for arts and culture administrators.

MasterMind Ellen Rosewall will present a workshop on marketing and audience development from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

The last few years have seen an increase in the number of nonprofit and service organizations making the role of marketing and audience development vital in the sustainability of arts and cultural organizations.

This workshop will provide participants with the latest research results on audience participation and highlight best practices used in applying these findings to gain future audiences and partnerships.

Ellen Rosewall is a nationally recognized expert on the issues of arts and cultural participation and community development.

Using practical, hands-on activities, Rosewall will help organizations of all sizes understand why people participate in the arts and highlight effective strategies to:

- Develop compelling messages and take advantage of current trends
- Work with community partners to foster new audiences and enhance existing ones
- Create an effective, measurable marketing plan
- Put this training and new ideas into action

Rosewall is assistant professor of arts management at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

As a consultant and speaker, she has worked with arts and cultural organizations throughout the nation.

Rosewall was a featured clinician at the 2004 National Arts Marketing Conference and also presented at the 2003 National Convention for Americans for the Arts. She is owner of Art for Pete's Sake!, a business that provides marketing, fund-raising and strategic planning services to arts and cultural organizations and performing artists.

You may register on line at www.macaa.com. Save by registering by March 31 for the marketing session. The fee includes all materials, refreshments and lunch.

Locally you may contact Charlevoix and Emmet County Cultural Coordinator Mary Wiklanski at (231) 347-4337 or mary@crookedtree.org.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norm L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members except Councilmember Bellows were present.

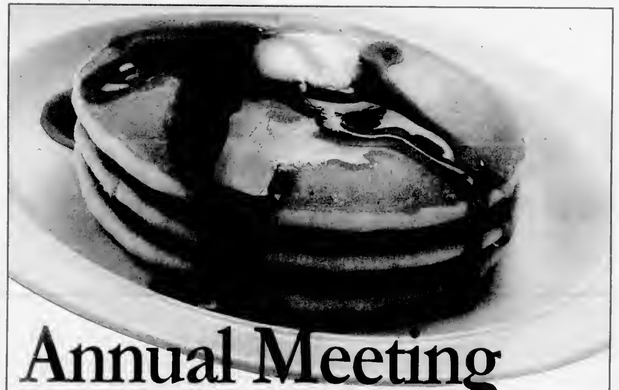
The following proceedings took place:

- A Public Hearing was held on the 2004-2005 Budget Amendment.
- A Public Hearing was held on the 2005-2006 proposed Budget.
- Police Chief Dennis Halverson reported to Council that Officer Earl Crandall, who died in the line of duty in 1966, would have his name added to the Nation Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C. Officer Crandall's name will be read at the annual candlelight vigil in Washington, D.C. on May 13th, 2005.
- City Manager Michael Wiosner reported that he had signed an offer of a permit from the DEQ for the marina facility on behalf of the City.
- Motion adopted to grant the request for a major development plan amendment for 702 Bridge Street to allow a small change in the overhang.
- The Mayor called a City Council Work Session for Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.
- Ordinance 698 of 2005 adopted approving the 2004-2005 Budget Amendment.

Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carson, Jr., Mayor



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Academy gets high rating at festival

The Northwest Academy Junior-Senior Band received a first division rating at the District 11 Band and Orchestra Festival in Petoskey on Saturday, Feb. 26,.

This is the sixth year in the nine year history of the school that Northwest Academy has qualified for the State High School Festival.

The band will be striving to attain a first division rating for the fifth time in the short time that the school has been in existence.

Gary Stutzman, director of the band, said, "What really makes this performance so special is that half of the band is made up seventh and eighth grade students. Every other band in class C and D, at the festival were made up of students from grades nine through 12, and that is a huge difference in age groups".

The band will be making plans for a trip to the state festival. You can hear the group perform on , at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 3, at the Congregational Church.

A special concert will be performed so the public can witness this group.

Michigan alumni trying to organize

A group of alumni is attempting to organize a club for the Little Traverse Area. Alumni from the University of Michigan will be meeting at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, in the lower level classroom room, of the new Petoskey Public Library.

Those attending will help organize the local group, volunteer for a variety of interim leadership roles and assist in formulating its goals and objectives.

Future gatherings might be for a number of purposes: Educational, social, charitable, recruitment or networking.

Interested alumni may RSVP by e-mail to Littletraversegroup@umich.edu. or by telephone to Jil at 348-8408.

Children's House having fund-raiser

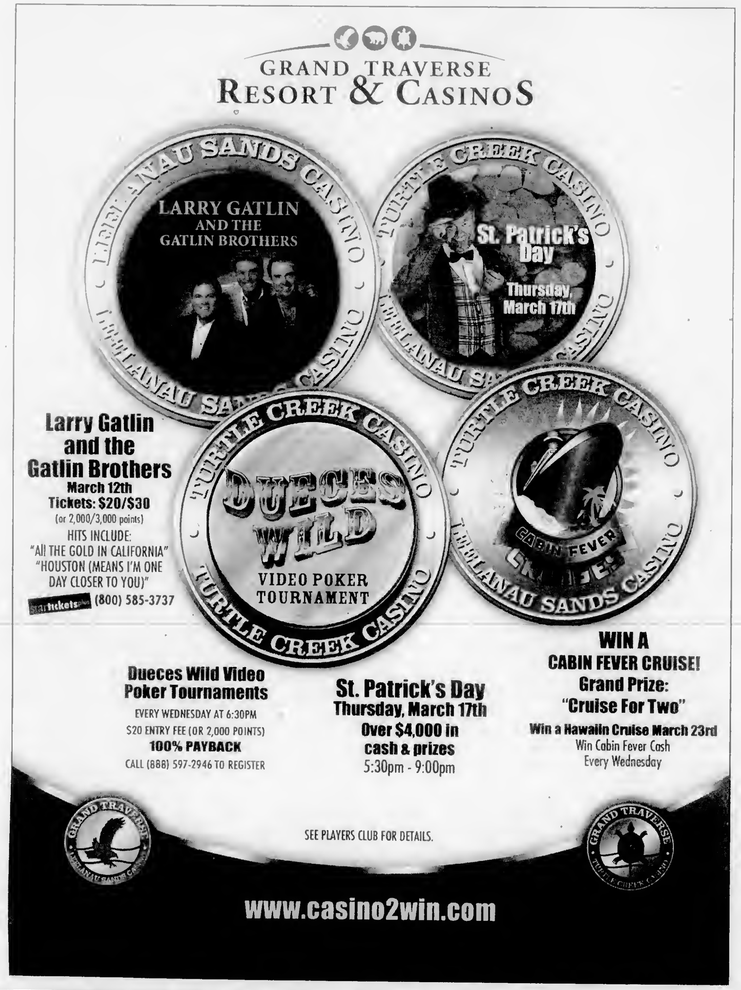
Charlevoix Children's House will have a Little Caesars, fundraiser to raise money for School Supplies from Feb. 17 through March 22.

Little Caesars, Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough Tubs contain all the ingredients to bake pizza, bread and cookies at home in minutes. Items range in price from $12.75 to $18 and Charlevoix Children's House will earn $5 for each item sold.

There are several pizza kit varieties to choose from: pepperoni, personal pepperoni, personal cheese, deep dish, cheese, whole wheat, thin crust, taco thin crust, Italian sausage, Italian cheese bread, crazy bread and cinnamon crazy bread. Each pizza kit contains all the ingredients needed to make three pizzas or three bread products.

In addition, there are eight varieties of Little Caesars, cookie dough to choose from: chocolate chunk, white chocolate macadamia nut, chocolate mint chip and double chocolate. Make-N-Bake Colorful Sugar Cookie, peanut butter chocolate chunk, oatmeal raisin and peanut butter.

Charlevoix Children's House delivery is scheduled for March 25. To order your items from Charlevoix Children's House, please contact John Taylor at (231) 547-5656 eve or (231) 547-7300 days.



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SPORTS

Island volleyball beaten in district final

By FRANK SOLLE
Special to the Courier

ALANSON—The Beaver Island Islanders volleyball team defeated the host Alanson Vikings in straight games, 25-15, 25-11, 25-12, in semifinal action at the district tournament last Saturday before falling to Harbor Springs Harbor Light Christian team, 25-10, 25-10, 25-8, in the final.

The performance marks the Islanders second straight district runner-up finish.

"I am very proud of how our girls played against Harbor Light," coach Connie Boyle said of the Islanders' effort against the Swordsmen, who finished the regular season ranked fourth in Class D in Michigan.

The Vikings ran out to a quick 7-4 advantage in the opening game, but the Islanders fought back to grab a 13-10 lead before Danielle Cary keyed a big 5-0 run with a pair of aces. Emma Adams added one kill during that run, then three others in succession before delivering a trio of aces in another 5-0 run that took the Islanders to the 25-15 win.

Krystle Timsak took over at the service line in game two, putting the ball in play on nine straight offerings, including two aces. Adams did the rest of the damage with four big kills as the Islanders sprang to a 10-4 lead in game two. Melissa Bailey was at the line for another Island run and an 18-9 advantage. Leaha Cary added an ace during a three-point service run before big sister Danielle finished off the Vikings for a 25-11 game two win.

Game three saw two big service runs off the hits of Timsak and Adams as the Islanders sailed to a 14-4 lead. The teams then traded points until Timsak came back to the line with the Islanders leading 18-12 and the consistent-serving junior finished off the game with seven straight points to send the Islanders into the championship.

"I'm very happy," Boyle said following the semifinal win. "Alanson is much better than last year and we had to play our game in order to advance. And we did."

"To be the top of our league and to be the top of our district is apples and oranges," coach Boyle said of the distinction between the volleyball played among the smallest of the small schools and the elite level of the Swordsmen. But the coach added the challenge was one the Islanders were ready for.

"We were excited to play against a really, really good team. Harbor Light is ten times tougher than anyone we've played this year," Boyle said.

Harbor Light showed its strength by scoring the first 14 points of game one. Adams got the Islanders on the board with a nice block, one of several she had against the tall Swordsmen front line.

After giving up the early lead, the Islanders played the Swordsmen tight, getting outscored just 11-10 in the eventual 25-10 loss.

Game two was much closer in the early going as the Islanders led 3-2. Harbor Light grabbed a 5-3 lead, but the Islanders battled back to tie at 5-5 and trailed 7-6 before the Swordsmen launched an 8-0 run to take control. A 5-0 Harbor Light run made it 19-7. The Islanders netted the next three points, including an ace by Leaha Cary, but Harbor Light closed out game two on a six-point run for another 25-10 decision.

The Islanders again kept close in the early going of game three, but a pair of 7-0 runs by the Swordsmen stabbed the hopes of the Green and White. Adams made another terrific block for a point and served up an ace, but the Swordsmen proved their state ranking with a 25-8 win.

Adams summed up the Harbor Light advantage this way, "Everything was just too hard and too fast. We weren't used to that."

Coach Boyle acknowledged the recent success the Islanders have shown with back-to-back district championship appearances, "For years we never could win one of three games at districts. A few years ago we finally won one game in a match. Then we won a match. And now this."

The two district matches wrap up a successful Islanders season with an impressive 14-2 overall record.

Charlevoix Little League sign up to be this week

The Charlevoix Little League will be having registration for boys and girls, ages 7-16.

A child has to turn 7 before May 1. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate with you. Registration dates are from 6:30 to 8 p.m., March 2 and March 3, at the Charlevoix Middle School cafeteria.

The fee is $45 per player. Family discounts are available. The fee includes jersey and cap to keep. Cutoff date for Minor and Major League registration is March 12. Cutoff date for Junior and Senior League is April 1. There will be a late charge of $15 for late registrants.

Also at registration, there will be a used baseball equipment turn in. Please bring any used baseball equipment that is in good condition that can be donated.

On Draft Day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., March 19, there will be an Equipment Day. Participants will be able to buy good used equipment at "garage sale" prices. Proceeds will go to the Charlevoix Little League for immediate and future needs.

If you are unable to attend any of these registration dates, please call Kirk Heckendorn at 547-2683 or e-mail kheckendorn@charter.net.

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Two heading to state swim meet

From 3:30-5 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Alex Gooch and Evan McCormick can be found at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool training as members of the Charlevoix Stingrays Swim Team. McCormick has been a swimmer in the Stingray program for almost a year, while Gooch has been competing for five years. Both Gooch and McCormick are 10 years old, both stand about 4 feet tall and both are among the fastest breaststrokers in their age group, in the state of Michigan. Gooch and McCormick have both qualified, in the 50-yard breaststroke, for the Michigan Team Swim League State Championships, which will be on Sunday, March 6 at Alma College. This will be the first time that two Stingrays swimmers have qualified for the state meet in the same event. This will be Gooch's second time at the state championships — he qualified two years ago. (Above) Alex Gooch and Evan McCormick.

Volleyball season ends for Rayders

By B. JON GOHS
Sports writer

The Rayders netted their second varsity volleyball conference win in two years and despite early elimination from districts, Charlevoix is pleased to end the season on a high note.

On Thursday evening the lady Rayders secured their 13-1 conference winning record against Kalkaska with scores of 21-25, 26-24, 25-15 and 26-24.

"It was a nice accomplishment for our program and our senior girls, who worked so hard all season long. They definitely deserved the win," said coach Liz Grunch.

The Rayders started out slow, but came on strong in close competition.

"I think the whole team played really well," she said. "They pushed to the end on every point."

Players of mention were Zita Anderson with 26 assists, Betsey Dennis with 15 of 16 serve-receives, five blocks and 23 digs, Teresa Martin with 22 digs, 11 kills and Kari Way had 16 kills, 16 digs and three blocks.

"I think the whole team played really well. They pushed to the end on every point."

Liz Grunch, Volleyball coach

On Saturday, still fired up from their conference win, Charlevoix met East Jordan in the first round of district play.

"We came out strong," Grunch said. "It was a good team win."

Charlevoix advanced to the second round with scores of 25-19, 25-9 and 25-16.

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SPORTS

Rayders knocked out in districts

VOLLEYBALL

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Leaders were Sally Haselschwardt with six kills, Martin with nine kills, four blocks and 11 digs. Way had six kills and Dennis had 16 digs and seven aces.

Defeating East Jordan boosted the Rayders already high confidence, but it wouldn't be enough to best Suttons Bay.

The first two games ended with scores of 20-25 and 24-26.

"We had some errors early in the game and it changed the momentum for us," Grunch said.

The Rayders came back to win matches three and four with scores of 25-16 and 25-23.

"Coming back and winning those two games shows how the girls buckled down and played harder," she said.

The final match of the day ended with a 4-15 loss for the Rayders.

"We played some good ball," Grunch said. "But we really fell short during this game."

Players of mention included Haselschwardt with a game and season high 13 kills, Martin had five blocks, 23 digs and 12 kills.

Dennis had 10 kills, 100 percent serving at the line, Sonja Plude had 10 digs and Anderson had 45 assists.

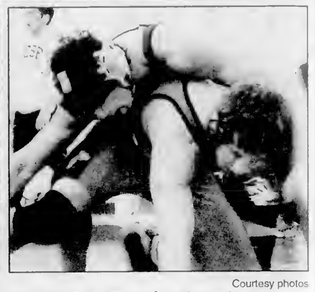
According to Grunch, Suttons Bay was Charlevoix's toughest game.

But, she said, "The girls played really hard and they have nothing to be ashamed about. It just wasn't our day."

The girls end the season with an overall record of 29-9-6.

Charlevoix now takes a break to contemplate next season.

"We're going to lose four seniors, three of them were our top offensive players. We have a rebuilding year definitely," Grunch said.



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Jed Damon, left, and Jeff Golovich both competed at the regional meet.

Golovich going to state meet

Charlevoix had two wrestlers move on to individual regionals, after both placed third at districts, Jeff Golovich and Jed Daman.

Regionals was in Manton for division four. For Charlevoix, in Daman's first match he wrestled Mark Ackerburg a sophomore from Hesperia. Daman defeated Ackerburg in the second period with a pin at 3:59.

In his second match Daman went up against Josh Burtch a Junior from Whittemore-Prescott. He defeated Daman 14-0.

In Daman's third match he wrestled Donovan Cantu a senior from Farwell. Daman was pinned in the third period at 4:50. Daman finishes a great season at 46 wins, 5 losses.

Golovich, placing third in districts, advanced to regionals where he placed second. In his first match he wrestled against Conrad Bovee, a freshman from Ithaca. Golovich went into overtime with a score of 6 and 6 wining the match by 8-6.

Golovich's second match against Mark Grulke, a junior from Rogers City, whom earlier in the season he had lost to twice before, pinning Grulke in 3:10. In the third and final match Golovich lost to Jameson Laime by 12-9, a senior with a record of 50-1 from Hart.

Golovich advances to state finals with a record of 40-12. The finals are at the Palace in Auburn Hills on March 10, 11 and 12.

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SPORTS

Basketball team knocked out in first game

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

"We played a day too early."

Keith Haske,
Basketball coach

For the last six years, March Madness in northern Michigan has belonged to the Charlevoix Rayders' basketball squad.

On Monday night, however, on the last day of February, Charlevoix's string of six consecutive basketball district titles came to an end at the hands of Harbor Springs, 83-70.

"We played a day too early," coach Keith Haske joked. "Harbor played a great game. They deserved to win. They shot the ball very well. In the tournament, so many times the team that shoots the ball well ends up winning the game."

The game started out with a technical foul against Harbor Springs for rough play. The Rayders' Cody Crain made one of two foul shots for a 1-0 Charlevoix lead. It would prove to be the only Charlevoix lead of the night.

The Rams answered with a 9-0 run as the Rayders went scoreless for four-and-a-half minutes. Harbor was red-hot in the first quarter, hitting on three three-pointers and leading by as many as eleven at 21-10.

A three-pointer by Jared Hunt closed the first quarter with the Rayders trailing by eight, 21-13. Crain opened the second quarter with a steal and layup to cut the lead to six, but the Rams responded with back-to-back three-point shots from the corner.

Another Harbor bucket pushed the advantage to 29-15 before Haske called timeout.

Eddie Waldron scored to momentarily stop the bleeding, but the Rams reeled off six straight points to up the advantage to 37-18 with 4:08 left in the half. Harbor Springs led by as many as 20 in the second quarter, at 48-28 and led 48-31 at the half.

Charlevoix cut into the Ram lead by scoring the first six points of the second half, including four by Phil Steen. Harbor answered with a three-pointer and two missed free throws and a missed layup caused the Rayders to again lose momentum.

The Rams scored nine straight to push the lead back to twenty, 57-37. Back-to-back three-pointers minutes later gave Harbor their biggest lead to date, 63-39.

Hunt and Crain sank three-pointers for Charlevoix in the waning moments of the third quarter to cut the margin to 65-45.

The Rayders reached down for some of their tournament magic again as Waldron scored seven points in the first minute of the final period to cut the lead to 65-52. Following a Harbor Springs timeout, Matt Kautz drilled a three-pointer to slice the lead to 10, 65-55 with 6:39 left in the game.

Charlevoix could draw no closer, however, as the lead hovered between 10 and 14 until there were 3 minutes to play.

The Rayders were then forced to foul and Harbor Springs made 12 of 16 down the stretch, including 10 in a row at one point, to put the game out of reach.

Waldron led Charlevoix with 15 points and nine rebounds. Crain scored 14 points. Kautz had eight points, four rebounds and five assists.

Ben Bergmann and Dustin Dibble each scored eight.

"I was proud of our kids and the effort they made getting back into the game on a couple of occasions," Haske said. "They kept fighting and gave it everything they had."

In the last week of the regular season, the Rayders split, losing to Petoskey, 66-59 and defeating Elk Rapids, 63-49.

Against Petoskey, Crain led the Rayders in scoring with 13 points. Bergmann had 10 points, a season-high 14 rebounds and five assists.

Kautz had 18 points, four rebounds, five assists and four steals against the Elks. Waldron scored 13 points. Jake Teuscher grabbed nine rebounds.

Charlevoix finished the season with a 15-6 overall record and a 10-4 mark in the Lake Michigan Conference, good for third place.

"You look at a team that won 15 games and probably in a lot of places, you'd celebrate that and think that's quite a year," Haske said. "I don't think we can lose sight of that. We had a lot of success."

He added, "The kids played some great, great games. It was a lot of fun early on with those close games and we kept finding ways to pull them out."

The Rayders began the season 13-0, but ended with a 2-6 slide when Hunt's ankle was injured, causing him to miss seven games and left him hobbled for the last two.

"We were very dependent on Jared. As a coach, you don't want to be so dependent on one person, but the person that got us going was Jared," Haske said. "He was so good that he just kept us going. He tried everything he could (against Harbor) but he just couldn't move sideways."

Charlevoix started five seniors who closed out their Rayder careers in the district game: Hunt, Crain, Bergmann, Teuscher and Steen.

But they also have a strong nucleus returning including youngsters such as sophomores Kautz and Ty Haske and freshman Dibble.

"We paid some dues this year playing some young kids," Haske said. "You hope that experience will help them a bunch next year."

Photo courtesy of the *Petoskey News-Review*

Charlevoix basketball player Jared Hunt comes off the floor of his final basketball game in the district tournament Monday. He is being comforted by coach Keith Haske.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League - Feb. 23, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	297	183
Ferguson & Chamberlain	282	188
The Inner Circle	239	211
Paul Bunyan Lanes	227	223
Mark White Paint & Stain	215	235
St. Mary's	195	255
Lutherans	191	259
R & C Roofing	174	276

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chuck Stein	617	245
Darrell VanLoo	571	225
Roger Crain	610	224

Men's Senior League - Feb. 21, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	21	7
J Arnold Painting "A"	17	11
Kerr's Racing	15.5	12.5
Central Drug Store	14.5	13.5
Weebowl Wobowls	12	16
J Arnold Painting "2"	11.5	16.5
Cemex Cement	11	17
Serpin Trucking	9.5	18.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bryan VanLoo		221
Darrell VanLoo	613	220
Jeff Smith		
John Fredorek	585	
Chris Putman		212
Jon Kiernan	570	

Young at Hearts League
February 24, 2005

	W	L
Sparetime	26	6
Half 'n Half	21	11
Twilighters	21	11
Misfits	19	13
Irish Rollers	15.5	16.5
Alley Cats	11	21
Plaid Timers	9.5	22.5
Has Beens	5	27

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ralph Kitson	512	180
Ray Brower	461	177
Mo Dixon	402	
Dick Wells		174
Theola Eldridge	476	152
Nancy Barnbach	426	150
Zethe Kitson	430	151

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Crackpots	146	44
Vegabounds	122	68
4 Fun	110	80
At Least a 6 Pack	88	102
T.K. & The Boozers	88	102
Brooklyn Rats	20	170

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Joel Stradling	410	207
Tony Kasman	369	153
James Steen		184
Nathan Jones	320	
Rita Oliver	474	254
Lynette Webb		224
Carolyn Blanchard	441	238
Deb Towsley	392	

Tuesday Night Ladies - Feb. 22, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables	22.5	13.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	22	14
Twn Lakes Enterprise	17.5	18.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	16	20
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	15.5	20.5
Central Drug Store	15	21
Mark White Paint & Stain	12	24
Dom's IGA	7.5	28.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Marlene Evans	543	213
Leanna Masovsky	557	
Cathy Sullivan		207
Carol Kerr	545	191

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
February 13, 2005

	W	L
Herbolsheimer	40	8
Golovich	36	12
Hill/Marcinchek	32	16
Griffin/Novotny	30	18
Bradley	28	20
O Leary	27	21
Novotny	25	23
Lasky	23	25
Hart	18	30
Titus	18	30
Cunningham/Mikulski	11	37
Team 12	0	48

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

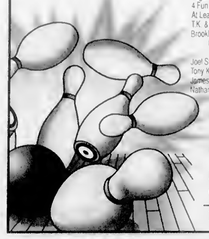
	Series	Game
Dan Lasky	472	197
Jeff Novotny	481	
Butch Hart	177	
Dave Marcinchek	439	174
Kathy Bradley	379	142
Colleen Griffin	388	138
Kathy Hill	349	137

Double Deckers Mixed League
February 20, 2005

	W	L
Blanchard/Crain	28	12
Spencer	27.5	12.5
Bradley	27	13
Russell A & J	26	14
Wittnich	23.5	16.5
Russell C & R	23	17
Ferguson	23	17
Novotny	21	19
Stein	21	19
Sladek	19	21
Blanchard	18	22
Webb	16.5	23.5
Koffman	16	24
Patton	15	25
Nordman	11.5	28.5
Hart	4	36

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Gary Spencer	501	188
Mike Webb		188
Jim Potter	496	
Joe Sladek		187
Roger Crain	470	
Carolyn Blanchard	495	180
Lynette Webb	496	178
Deb Blanchard		167
Kris Blanchard	429	



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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

THIS IS to inform Mike Kurburski, last known address: 108 E. Lincoln St., Apt. #1, Charlevoix, MI of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #163. A brief description would be--dryer, record player, dresser, couch and tent. You have until April 2, 2005, to re-claim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.

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ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a recitation of the Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's Church, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND 83/100 DOLLARS ($105,671.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Friday, March 25, 2005** at **11:00 o'clock** in the forenoon at the Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Evangeline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line of said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29"East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33..•3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said _ line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale.

Dated: February 8, 2005

Northwestern Mortgage Company
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Area events

Worship

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Trout Unlimited meeting

There is a Trout Unlimited meeting at 7 p.m., March 2, at the Dilworth Hotel, Boyne City. The guest speaker is Alex Wolfe who will demonstrate bamboo rod building. Non-members welcome.

St. Patrick dinner

A St. Patrick's Day Dinner is being served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, March 13, at St. Mary's Family Center located at 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix. The menu includes corned beef and cabbage, ham, red skinned potatoes, steamed vegetables, salad bar, breads and homemade pies. Take-outs and delivery are available. Call 547-9441 and leave your name and phone number. The cost is adults $7.50, seniors $6, students $3.50 and family $25. Everyone is welcome.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office at 547-6430 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Area meetings

Editor's note: We are attempting to update this section. If you would like to see your organization in this section or would like to change your organization's information in this section please call (231) 547-6558 for more information.

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital.

For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix.

Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House. For more information call 547-0373.

Community activities —

There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is an additional open swim from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Charlevoix Senior Center lunches served at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

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Residents: Other cultures should be taught

HISTORY

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cultural characteristics.

"Up here, it's just vacant," Dixon said.

Black History Month isn't about African Americans only, Dixon said, it's about honoring all races that helped shape America.

"I feel we should have more, but if we get just one month then lets make it a good month," he said.

Mike Dixon

Dixon said he is not about going out and fighting the white culture, but is only asking for respect. He is also concerned about his daughter knowing who she is while growing up in a predominately white world.

Harvey Coates

Dixon has had three encounters with direct racism while living in Charlevoix. In three separate incidents while in area restaurants and bars Dixon faced fights due to his skin color.

Suzanne Curtis

As a young man in Saginaw, Dixon grew up learning that everyone should be treated how he wanted to be treated. Dixon carried this to heart and doesn't see color when he meets people.

"I don't see color, I see human beings," he said.

Larry Denemy, 30, is half Native American and half Caucasian and said Black History Month is important and should be commemorated more.

"You've got to have a reminder," he said. "You got to have something to serve as a reminder."

Denemy said he hasn't seen a lot to remind him of Black History Month in northern Michigan. There aren't signs or posters, but Denemy said there was a little recognition on CNN.

Personally, Denemy tries to keep up to date with what is going on with other cultures and their stories.

In Charlevoix, Denemy said there definitely wasn't much recognition, if any at all, of Black History Month. However, he said the popular decision making process doesn't see a need for it because of the demographics of the city.

"It seems like the smaller towns are more accepting," he said.

Denemy grew up with a mother who taught him about other cultures and went to South Haven High School were different cultures were accepted. But, in northern Michigan white people haven't been that open to learning about cultures different from their own.

Larry Denemy

Denemy and his cousin were thought to be robbers when walking into a motel lobby when they only wanted to rent a room. In another incident, Denemy and his cousins were stopped by a police officer because they had medium-length hair and were walking around in East Jordan.

Meghan Vogel

However, the police gave them a ride home after a group of white men wanted to pick a fight because they were talking to some girls.

Joshua Crumbaugh

"I definitely identify with black people first before anyone else," he said. "They've struggled more than most white Americans. I'm a sucker for the underdog, I am the underdog."

Suzanne Curtis, 17, is half Spanish and Mexican and half caucasian and said nothing is really done in Charlevoix to promote Black History Month or any other culture for that matter.

Curtis grew up in Las Vegas and was surrounded by people of varying walks of life, but when she moved to Charlevoix in the middle of sixth grade she realized not everyone was open to others.

A junior at Charlevoix High School, Curtis said not much is done to commemorate Black History Month or Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"Martin Luther King Jr. Day is just another day at Charlevoix High School," she said.

As a child, Curtis remembers always getting Martin Luther King Jr. Day off from school, but also learning why she had the day off.

"Even though you grow older you still need to learn," she said.

Charlevoix High School puts up posters for Black History Month, but doesn't really do much else.

"None of the teachers take the time to make sure people understand," she said.

Educating others is very important, Curtis said, as most of the racial problems she's seen in Charlevoix stem from people not understanding a culture different from their own.

The older generations, who lived through the Civil Rights Movement, aren't passing on new knowledge to the younger generations. Curtis said many of them don't necessarily hate people of other cultures, but are passing on a limited view to their children and grandchildren.

As a child, Curtis grew up with a mother who accepted everyone and taught her daughter to do the same.

"I think I have a lot of different opinions than other people," she said. "I feel more mature about other cultures."

Curtis has faced racism for her father's cultural heritage being Spanish and Mexican and said people don't realize the contributions other cultures have made to the country.

"We wouldn't have anything without other cultures," she said.

Meghan Vogel, 21, is caucasian, grew up in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School. She said she can't believe Black History Month isn't honored more in the area since it is very important.

"We have to avoid ignorance with all that we've got," she said.

As a white society, Vogel said it is even more important to commemorate Black History Month.

"I don't want my children to think a black hero is a rap star," she said. "He hasn't done something for humankind."

Martin Luther King Jr. and other figures have done much more for human strength and should be honored and admired, Vogel said, and not rap or sports stars.

Vogel said more should be done to honor Black History Month in Charlevoix, but she doesn't care how someone goes about educating themselves. Reading a book or watching a film are two ways to self-educate, but Vogel said the importance is doing it.

"As intelligent people we need to do something," she said.

Vogel grew up learning to be open-minded. She knew from the beginning that if she was to get along with others and get ahead in life she would have to be open to people from all walks of life.

"I hate racism," she said. "I hate racists."

Charlevoix is all white, Vogel said, and so many people are more closed-minded when it comes to people of other cultural backgrounds compared to someone from a larger city like Chicago.

As a white woman, Vogel has experienced racism. While down in St. Thomas, Vogel said the native people were angry because she and other white people came there to work for a season. Vogel said they felt their jobs were being taken away by white people.

"It was interesting," she said. "It didn't feel good, but I was able to deal with it."

Harvey Coates, 28, is half Korean and half caucasian and said Black History Month is important.

"Because Charlevoix is predominately white, I feel that the attention would naturally be a lot less than populations with more African Americans," he said.

However, Coates said that just because there aren't that many African Americans in the area doesn't mean that Black History Month shouldn't be promoted and commemorated. Coates said more should be done to honor African Americans and that can start in the schools. School closures occur all the time in schools downstate, but not in northern Michigan.

When at Boyne City High School, Coates tried to get the school to close for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but met with defeat and a counter-argument stating that the only African American student was half African American so there was no need to close the school in recognition.

Coates said closing a school in northern Michigan might defeat the purpose as most students would view it as just another day off. However, Coates said instead of closing, schools should host events, all history teachers could teach Black History during the month of February and speakers could be brought in.

Coates was raised in Georgia amongst a very diverse culture, especially being on an Army base.

"I had friends of every race and background," he said.

The first day he and his sister attended school in northern Michigan, however, classmates gathered around and stared at them. Then, Coates said, one asked in a slow voice if they were the new foreign exchange students.

Coates and his sister then responded in Southern accents that they were American.

This racism turned out for the better as Coates said many of those students became good friends.

However, a situation like that could be stopped with education and school participation.

"There are still prejudices, biases that still exists that hopefully with more education and more understanding will be rid of," he said.

Joshua Crumbaugh, 23, is caucasian but has Native American in his ethnic makeup. He said Black History Month has become too much of a media event from what it originally was.

"Black History Month is to honor those who sacrificed their lives and not make money off it," he said.

Crumbaugh said more should be done in the community regardless of whether or not any African Americans attend.

"It's pathetic schools won't close because they have four black kids, but they'll close for hunting season," he said.

For Crumbaugh, Black History Month isn't about honoring African Americans, but rather celebrates the fact that the country is more well-rounded now.

"It's more about our particular country and where we've come from and not about one particular race," he said.

Black History Month is important, Crumbaugh said, but some things need looking into first.

"I personally feel that before we start doing more things to celebrate Black History Month and other holidays like that, we need to focus on cleaning up the corruption in our local county government," he said.

Crumbaugh was raised to be very open-minded and has faced different environments going to two different high schools. He started at Gladwin High School, but graduated from Boyne City High School.

"We had some racism, but not nearly as bad as what I've seen since living up north," he said.

Crumbaugh said that doesn't necessarily apply to the city of Charlevoix, but the surrounding areas.

Something more needs to be done to promote education in order to combat the racism existing in areas surrounding Charlevoix, Crumbaugh said.

"I think a majority of Charlevoix is open to other cultures, but I would not say that Charlevoix in general is open to other cultures," he said.

As a white man, Crumbaugh said he dealt with racism from African Americans who were racist against white people.

"Racism exists in all races just as equally," he said.

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Amendments could be petitioned

DDA

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demolition of the current band shell and construction of a new one.

The city designed these two separate ordinances due to rumors of a possible referendum based on plans to tear down the current band shell. The city feared this would impact its funding from the Waterways Commission, so it designed to amendments with the hopes that if a referendum is brought to the people it will be on the "fifth" amendment only.

But, because Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner added plans for an ice rink in the "fourth" amendment, if the city council does not take out the rink, there may be two petitions seeking a referendum.

The city council can make changes to the amendments before passing them.

Picha said she has no problem with fixing the sea wall at the marina and no problem with floating docks.

But, she said she thinks by cutting back the East Park project the community would be better off financially.

"I think the DDA could pay for that with less money than what they are going to pay to turn this into the East Park Yacht Club," she said.

Picha said the feedback on possible petitions has been very positive.

"I think that is what made me continue to pursue this," she said.

Another resident behind the possible petition drive is former mayor Gabe Campbell. Campbell said a petition drive is not set in stone.

"If they pull out the rink and leave the band shell alone, I don't think they will have a problem," he said.

Campbell may get half of his wish as many council members have expressed concern over the fourth amendment's inclusion of an ice rink.

Councilmember Bob Timms said, "I want to cut that ice rink out before it even gets that far."

Council member Sherman Chamberlain and mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson agreed and both said the current ice rink by the Charlevoix Middle School works just fine.

All three said the plans for a new band shell will probably stay, amendment five will probably pass and there will probably be a referendum on it. But, all three did say the band shell is not their biggest concern.

Timms said, "The band shell probably would be better by Antrim Street, but if enough people are upset about moving it, I don't really care if it stays in the middle of the park."

Chamberlain said the current band shell has bad acoustics, but said maybe it should go to public vote.

"If a majority of the people don't want us to touch the band shell, that is fine by me," he said.

Carlson said personally he would like both amendments to go before the public, but said council must be the ones to make a decision on this.

As for the band shell, if the fifth amendment does pass and it does go to a referendum, he said, "Whatever way the people vote I would be in full support. I see both sides to the band shell argument."

The public is invited to speak about these two amendments to the DDA plan at 7 p.m., Monday, March 7 at Charlevoix City Hall.

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Under a planned reconstruction of the Charlevoix Marina, these docks will be replaced with floating docks.

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Council mulls park, marina

Decision on amendments to be decided on March 14

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Council has pushed back its decision on two amendments to the Downtown Development Authority plan dealing with a new marina and changes to East Park to a March 14 meeting.

The decision to wait until that meeting came in light of the lateness of the Monday meeting — which did not adjourn until around 11:30 p.m. — and many public comments given at it.

"After getting all the public input, they (council) wanted some time to come to a decision," said Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson.

About 70 people attended the Monday night meeting, many to give their opinion on the two amendments to the DDA plan. Most of the opinions revolved around amendment four's inclusion of an ice rink and moving of a submarine memorial and amendment five's plan to tear down the current band shell and replace it with a new one near Mason Street.

Carlson stressed to the audience that individual designs in the park, such as the size of the harbor master's building and various items in the park, like park benches, are only conceptual. Those items will be examined more in the design stage of the park and marina planning.

Charlevoix veteran Charlie Butcher spoke to the council about the submarine veteran's memorial located in East Park possibly being moved to a new location in Veteran's Park.

"The submariners under no circumstance want that memorial moved. The Veteran's of Foreign Wars would support the submariners if they do not want that memorial moved," he said.

Bill Henne; vice president of WATCH, spoke out about the storm water controls in the plan. He said the plan shows storm sewers draining into Round Lake with no treatment.

"Round Lake has always been a target of all storm sewers in Charlevoix. As a consequence it is polluted," he said.

Henne said he would like to see the plan address storm water treatment, which he said is relatively easy to do and there are several

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Will city get a new ship?

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to Coast Guard Acacia Captain Keith Bills, Charlevoix has a chance to get a new ship in the coming years.

Bills said this during a discussion on the city's marina plans Monday night. The Acacia is slated to be decommissioned or transferred from Charlevoix in May 2006. Officially there is no ship that is slated to replace the Acacia, but Bills said a request has been made to bring the 140-foot Morro Bay to the Great Lakes. He added other ports on the Great Lakes will be vying for it.

"In order to make Charlevoix more appealing, I think some modifications have to be made. Then again, there is no official word that it is coming," he said.

Bills added, "The decision for a home port will be based on a lot of factors, such as the existing infrastructure and the proximity of where it will be needed. Charlevoix is certainly one of the potential home ports, but Cheboygan and others are also in the running."

The Morro Bay is currently located in New York harbor, where it has been stationed since around Sept. 11, 2001, and is suited for ice breaking.

Bill said a request for the ship in the Great Lakes was made sometime last summer by Admiral Ron Silva. He is since retired. He added he believes a second request has been made.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

A replacement may be in the works for the Acacia.

Bills is not sure when a decision will be made on the Morro Bay. He said the Coast Guard is undergoing some restructuring and "the whole plane is contingent on New York receiving additional patrol boats."

"There are a lot of things that have to happen before a final decision can be made," he said.

Under the proposed marina plans for Charlevoix, the Morro Bay could dock in Round Lake, but it would have some difficulty in heavy ice conditions.

Lexalite to sell US-31 property

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The property of Lexalite in Charlevoix on US-31 north, near the Big Rock nuclear power plant, is planned to be put up for sale by Summa Industries.

Summa Industries announced on March 3 that it plans to sell the Michigan parcel of its property. That parcel is Lexalite in Charlevoix and is approximately 13.6 acres, including about 1,700 linear feet of shoreline on Lake Michigan.

Jim Swartwout, of Summa Industries, said Lexalite will not be leaving. He said Summa Industries owns several other facilities and the Charlevoix site is merely one of them.

As stated in a press release by Summa Industries, the Charlevoix property is expected to generate a lot of interest because of the tourist town attraction. The statement said that the tourist town atmosphere has potential to attract those inter-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Richard Alan Coors, 41, Petoskey. Check-non-sufficient funds over $100 and under $500. On probation for six months.

Richard Alan Coors, 41, Petoskey. Two counts of check-non-sufficient funds over $100 and under $500. Six months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 80 days held in abeyance; $521.94 in fines and costs.

Craig Allen Iverson, 19, East Jordan. Lareeny-under $200. Sentenced to 61 days in jail with credit for 61 days; $550 in fines and costs.

Allen Scott Mitchell, 41, Southgate. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Sentenced to 20 days in jail with credit for 20 days; $400 in fines and costs.

Erie Robert Force, 34, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Six months prohation; 34 days in jail with eredit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyanee, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Sean Lee Dutcher, 21, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Shonda Elaine Scott, 23, East Jordan. Allowing someone under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to operate a motor vehicle. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Michael Scott Bradley, 26, Petoskey. Check-non-sufficient funds under $100. Fines and costs totaling $200. Set for plea before judge.

Michael Scott Bradley, 26, Petoskey. Larceny-under $200. Six months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve six days, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 81 days held in abeyanee; $570 in fines and costs. Set for plea before judge.

Barhara Ann Vela, 46, Boyne Falls. Welfare fraud less than $500. Six months prohation; 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 79 days held in abeyance; $1,740 in fines and costs.

Kerry Robert Wilson, 43, Walloon Lake. Police scanner. Fines and costs totaling $700.

Mark Steven Battista, 47, Plano, Texas. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $850 in fines and costs.

Amberose Louise Radle, 21, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 59 days.,

Circuit Court

The followlng cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Craig Allen Iverson, 19, East Jordan. Attempted motor vehicle-unlawful use. Twenty-four months probation; sentenced to 90 days in jail with eredit for 87 days, serve 90 days; $589.74 in fines and costs.

Craig Allen Iverson, 19, East Jordan. Larceny in a building. Twenty-four months prohation; sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 58 days, serve 90 days; $3,518.78 in fines and costs.

Ernest Ceeil Higbee Sr., 53, East Jordan. Probation violation-check-no account. Defendant shall continue on probation.

Mario Michael Hill, 34, East Jordan. Maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for five days, serve 60 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Allan Grutsch, 28, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated with an occupant less than 16 years old and attempted larceny in a building. Sentenced to 10 months in jail with credit for three days, serve 10 months; $365 in fines and costs.

Rollie Clifford Royse, 20, East Jordan. Attempted motor vehicle-unlawful use. Sentenced to 10 months in jail with credit for three days, serve 10 months; $594.74 in fines and costs.

Rollie Clifford Royse, 20, East Jordan. Probation violation-attempted child sexually abuse activity. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of 60 months in jail with credit for 188 days.

Rollie Clifford Royse, 20, East Jordan. Police officer-fleeing, third degree, vehicle code and police officer-assaulting, resisting, obstructing. For the first charge sentenced to a minimum of 28 months to a maximum of 60 months in jail with eredit for 74 days and for the second charge sentenced to a minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 24 months in jail with credit for 74 days; $180 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charlevoix Wireless, 423 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Desmond Joseph Milligan and Jacob Dennis Jensen.

Garrett Roofing, 03944 Washington Street, Charlevoix, by Travis Garrett.

Brown Building, 803 Josephine Street, East Jordan, by Ron Brown.

Beaver Island Beads, 2800 Laurel Hill Road, Ann Arbor, by Nancy M. Peterson.

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Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Nicholas Gordan Buekus, 22, East Jordan and Elizabeth Rose Bavers, 20, East Jordan

Timothy Steven Pheils, 23, Boyne City and Linda Mae Wise, 20, Boyne City

Leif Leroy Wynkoop, 25, East Jordan and Dawn Nicole Loviska, 24, Eat Jordan

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Weather

	Hi	Lo	Snow	Rain
Mar. 1	28	17	4	—
Mar. 2	21	14	2.5	—
Mar. 3	23	12	—	—
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On the record

RECORD

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Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Mary Ellen Chapdelaine vs. Robert Dominiek Chapdelaine Jr.

Ramon Roque Lopez vs. Cynthia Elaine Lopez

Susan E. Schmidt vs. Robert A. Schmidt

Diana Lynn Possert vs. Mitchell Kenneth Possert

Michelle N. Potter vs. Kevin Randall Potter

Holly Tanya Diesenroth vs. Jayson Diesenroth

Births

Griffin Scott Peters weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Jason and Emily Peters of Alanson on Feb. 25, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Pat Pflug of Alanson, Kathy Pflug of Larks Lake, Karen and Terry Young of Harbor Springs and George and Barb Peters of Port Huron.

Hope Elizabeth Cassio weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, was born to Chad and Megan Cassio of Central Lake on Mar. 1, 2005, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sihlings are Corbin, 10, Lilliana, 6, and Makenna, 4. Grandparents are Robin and Gail Shell of Wooster, Ohio and Marshall and Beeky Cassio of Wooster, Ohio.

Emily Dong weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, was horn to Yongsheng Dong and Yuzhen Chen of Charlevoix on Mar. 2, 2005, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The grandparents are in China.

Chamber, DDA spar over funding

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are at odds over the position of a Downtown Coordinator in Charlevoix and a request for $50,000.

The position, whose salary is shared by both the chamber and the Downtown Development Authority, was created in the early 1990s. The chamber is a private business group.

Authority chair Hugh Mason said, "We have heen funding the downtown coordinator since 1992, and we haven't heard back from the chamber on what the downtown coordinator has done."

According to the authority, it's purpose was to bring more businesses to the downtown area, but it has changed into one that concentrates more on bringing more tourists, groups and events to the downtown area. Because of this, the authority decided in December to not fund its portion of the position — $13,000.

"It is not getting accomplished what we want it to accomplish. So, we are sitting back and saying, 'Let's take another look at it,'" Mason said.

Charlevoix mayor and authority member Norman "Boogie" Carlson added it all comes down to the chamber communicating with the authority.

"I would like to know what the money is being used for," Carlson said. "I want to know what the downtown coordinator is going to do."

But, the chamber maintains that the downtown coordinator still works on bringing business to the downtown, but has added the duties of bringing more people to the downtown area through groups and events. Therefore, the chamber is protesting the removal of that funding.

"I believe and we believe the economy in Charlevoix needs additional promoting in the off season," said Jacqueline Merta, chamber director. "We would like to put in some events in the off season that would bring additional people in downtown."

Merta said the cut in funding for the downtown coordinator comes at a bad time for the chamber as it only has $4,000 in the bank. The chamber has an annual budget of around $300,000.

Merta said this is due to drops in membership, which she blames on a poor economy.

She said she will not start billing members until August, hut said the chamber does have various events until that time that generate revenue for it. Merta also added dues are volunteer payments and not all the members pay them.

"I have never had to horrow money to make payroll and I sure hope I don't now," Merta said.

But, to help them out, the chamber is asking the Downtown Development Authority not only to reinstate its funding for the downtown coordinator, but it is taking on an additional $10,000 to cover expenses to continue for the summer concert series — which has been discontinued by the Charlevoix Convention and Visitor's Bureau — and an additional $27,000 to "promote Charlevoix." This comes to a total of $50,000.

Carlson said he hopes the chamber and the authority will come to a compromise on the downtown coordinator positions, but he does not know if the authority will fund that additional amount of money.

And, Carlson said, he is hoping the chamber communicates more with the authority than it has in the past. Carlson added authority members did not even know who the current downtown coordinator was.

Merta said the downtown coordinator is Cindy Martin, who was employed with the chamber in a clerical position before. She said Martin was hired in September last year.

She said she asked the chamber board of directors and Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner before hiring Martin.

The Downtown Development Authority will have a special meeting on the chamber matter at 5:30 p.m., March 15 in Charlevoix City Hall.

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Stay safe on the ice this spring

EDITORIAL

While it seems nature is teasing us this March with warm and cold weather, sometimes in the same day, this changing of temperatures brings to light a safety issue on the ice.

Since the weather is warming — we hope — the ice on the lake around Charlevoix will be starting to diminish, thus making it very unsafe to venture out on the lakes. While one portion of the lake ice may be nice and thick, it could be only a half-an-inch thick just a few feet away.

Recently Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater suggested some safety tips for those who insist on going out on the frozen water.

"If you do break through the ice, there are some things you can do to avoid serious injury or death.

"First try not to panic and thrash about. The air in your clothes will help you float. Yell for help. Turn toward the direction that you came from. The ice is likely to be stronger there. Place your arms on the edge of the solid ice. Keys, a pocket knife, ice pick, or a belt buckle will help you grip the ice.

"Once you've got a grip on the ice, kick your legs hard and pull yourself up on the ice. If the ice breaks, move forward and try again. When you're out, do not stand up, but roll away from the break and stand only when you've reached solid ice.

"Go to a place of shelter and warm up immediately."

The United States Coast Guard adds people who venture out on the ice should go prepared.

The public can bring several items with them that can aid in survival including a life jacket, ice awls, signal mirror, whistle, strobe lights, boat pole, a 15 to 20 foot line and flares, according to the Coast Guard.

It should be added that you should under no circumstances be driving vehicles of any type out on the ice. We see this very thing happening on area lakes every winter and it makes us shudder each time.

For more information on keeping yourself safe on the ice, contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department at 547-4461 or the Charlevoix Coast Guard Station at 547-2565.

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Writer sings praises of natural feel-good drug

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

It is probably not a good idea to publicly announce that I use a powerful, addictive drug, but I have a reasonable explanation.

My drug of choice is an outstanding pain reliever and has very pleasant effects on mood and satisfaction. More importantly, it doesn't cost anything. I have used this drug since late childhood and I make it myself. This drug is really a group of drugs called endorphins and they are made in the pituitary gland of my brain. Endorphins are made in the brain of everyone and are freely available with only a little effort. They are at least part of the reason that work is something like its own reward.

I grew up in an agricultural community where the word "work" meant physical labor. Most often moving something heavy from one place to another or building something or splitting wood and piling it up. I can still recall my confusion when faced with an image in my second-grade reader of a father picking up a brief case and going to "work." I knew by that time what work was and going to an "office" did not count.

Much of the work I knew about involved things that had to be done, such as caring for animals or harvesting crops. The animals, plants and weather determined just when and how much work needed to be done. The worker had few individual choices and certainly had no set working hours.

I was surrounded in those early years by people who had spent lifetimes doing difficult, often exhausting physical work and who were not worn down by that effort. Many of them enjoyed their work and seemed to derive pleasure from being able to do it. It is only in the last couple of decades that research caught up with the reasons for their satisfaction. They were feeling the effects of their self-made, pleasure-producing, pain-dulling drugs: their endorphins.

Most of us have heard of a "runner's high," that feeling of pleasure that comes after you have jogged more than a couple of miles. I am pretty sure that all those people around me during my childhood years were familiar with the feeling. We could call it a worker's high, although no one in the 1940s or 50s would have used that language. Prolonged aerobic exercise causes the brain to increase production of endorphins and those endorphins cause us to feel good about ourselves and the world.

Now, that is a drug we can all use with safety and at no cost. Endorphin is described as a natural opiate and has many of the same effects as artificially supplied opium or its derivatives, morphine and heroin. And since endorphin is almost as addictive as other opiates, once you have felt its effects you will want to feel them again.

I am reminded of the power of endorphins every time there is a significant snowfall. I am the proud possessor of 180 linear feet of driveway and parking area and 50 feet of front sidewalk.

If it has 6 inches of new snow on it I walk nearly a mile in the 40 minutes it takes to clear it all with a snow scoop. About halfway through that activity, I begin to feel really good about what I am doing and finish the work on that mental high. My endorphins have kicked in and are not only shutting off any small pain I might feel, but are encouraging my brain to feel pleasure.

Having spent nearly my whole adult life carrying a briefcase and sitting in an office, I am pleased to be periodically reminded that physical work can be its own reward.

There is an additional positive aspect to physical labor. What could be called mindless work carries the possibility of freeing the mind for great thoughts. While it is true that I have as yet had no great thoughts while scooping snow, such thoughts are at least possible during those times — I await the revelations.

It is only fair to point out that the same pleasure-inducing drugs are made by our brains when we meditate or pray. Prayer and meditation are also, it seems, their own reward. Psychologists commonly prescribe physical activity of some sort as partial treatment for depression, at least partly because it can increase the production of endorphins. And finally, endorphins can enhance the activity of the immune system and help us to resist disease and infection.

The rewards for work can be far more than economic. Networking does not increase endorphins.

Stress does not increase them, nor do extra hours at the computer station, no matter how much those may be related to economic success. What we might be tempted to call drudgery can make us feel good about ourselves and the world. Work on.

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Letters to the editor

Respect McSauba

Editor:

As parents of three avid snowboarders, Mt. McSauba is an affordable way to enjoy this sport frequently.

We want to acknowledge and thank Bo Boss and his entire staff for all their hard work in providing this opportunity. With the ever-increasing discovery of this sport, he and his staff are working diligently to build a much needed snowboard park. It is the future of this ski hill to remain vibrant in this community and this snowboard park will help maintain that. It is breathing new life into Mt. McSauba.

Recently I had the opportunity to spend the day on the back hill. I watched these kids — and some adults — do what they love best — catch air! It was a great time to watch all the snowboarders and skiers enjoy the jumps. The snowboard park is a good addition to the ski hill; it should be respected by all who enjoy it and use it.

Most of the time that is true but sadly enough there are a few who have chosen to abuse this privilege. Parents of snowboarders please take time to stress the importance of respecting the rules and those in authority at the ski hill.

Many hours of hard work go into Mt. McSauba to make it a safe place to ski and snowboard. Please tell your kids to be respectful and to set an example of being a responsible snowboarder and skier. The rules are in place for the safety of everyone.

Enjoy Mt. McSauba, respect it and it will be here a long time!

Scott and Laura Stebe
Charlevoix

Budget decision tabled to March 14

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix residents have a little more time to give their opinion on the city's proposed 2005-2006 budget before the city council makes a decision on it.

Instead of deciding on the budget Monday night, council voted to table the matter to a meeting on March 14. Council will be accepting written comments from residents on the budget until 5 p.m., Wednesday.

However, council will not be taking any more public comment at its meetings on the matter. According to the city attorney, the council has already had a public hearing on the budget and cannot reopen the hearing.

The proposed city budget for 2005-2006 shows a total of $29.9 million in it, but 57 percent of that is money for capital improvement projects such as the marina and East Park and much of that money is from federal and state grants. Because of this, the budget shows large increases in both revenues and expenditures as compared to the 2004-2005 budget.

In 2004-2005, the city budgeted $16,994,531 in revenues and $16,989,288 in expenditures. However, the 2005-2006 proposed budget shows $30,101,033 in revenues and $29,822,470 in expenditures because of construction projects the city will tackle this year and the grant money it has received for them.

The marina and East Park project is at the top of this list with a cost of $10,570,200. While this debt sits in the city budget, the state Waterways Commission will be paying for 74 percent of it and the Downtown Development Authority will cover the rest.

The second largest capital project is the airport snow removal building slated to cost $1,954,000. Grants are paying for a large portion of that project too.

Also included in the proposed budget are increases in the electric, water and sewer rates.

According to the proposed budget, residents who use city water, sewer and electric services will see an average increase of about $3.76 per month with the addition of a $1.40 per month "ready to serve" charge for sewer users and a 40 cent user charge for electric and water users.

City officials say these increases are needed to help the funds break even over the next few years. Without them, the funds will exhaust their fund balances quickly.

Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, March 14 to decide the fate of the budget.

Skate park to have McSauba fund-raiser

In a year's time the fund-raising group known as Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. has helped raise almost $32,000 toward their goal of a local custom built skatepark for area kids.

They are partnered with the City of Charlevoix to provide a safe and challenging skate area for the area's enthusiast's of skateboarding, inline skating and BMX cycling. The city is providing the land and the liability insurance but no other financial support. The skatepark design chosen by the students is on display at the Mt. McSauba Ski Hill.

It is a unique park designed only for Charlevoix by skatepark designer and builder Surburbanrails of Ohio. It will be located by the Carpenter St. ball fields. Hopefully groundbreaking will take place in the spring.

At this time the fund-raising group is applying for grants at local and national levels. As recently as last week they received a $500 grant from the Grand Traverse Bay Bands of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for their endeavor. Previously they have been awarded a grant of $10,000 by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Locally the Charlevoix Lions Club purchased a skate table for the park.

Recently a fund-raising letter went out to area businesses to solicit funds and according to the group the response has been encouraging thus far as to donations from this mailing.

The next big fund-raiser will be Sunday, March 13, at Mt. McSauba. Registration will start at 11 a.m. with the first event starting at 1 p.m.

It is the "Charlevoix Skatepark Snow Challenge" and will feature two competitive events: boarder-cross and snowboard scramble and a freestyle snowboard exhibition on the front hill for parents and spectators to enjoy.

Currently the snowboard park is on the back hill and cannot be seen unless you walk to the base of the back hill via the cross-country trails.

Mt. McSauba Manager Bo Boss has agreed to build a jump for that day on the front for them.

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The Kiteleys have lived in the Charlevoix area for 43 years. Charles is a retired farmer and Carmen is a homemaker.

They have four children: Cindy (Ron) Shapton of Franklin, Tenn.; Chuck (Gay) Kiteley, Mike (Sue) Kiteley and Dan (Carrie) Kiteley all of Charlevoix. They also have 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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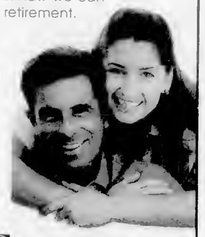

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Ann Marie is the daughter of Dale and Mary Terryberry of Charlevoix.

Laurence is the son of Elaine Milward of Grandville and Anthony Milward of New York.

A wedding is being planned for June 18, 2005 at Crystal Mountain Resort.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University. She has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and is employed by Kenowa Hills school district.

The groom-to-be is a 1995 graduate of Northview High School and he attended Grand Valley State University. He is employed at Stiles Machinery of Grand Rapids.

Courtesy photo

Locks of love

Victoria Wallick shows the ponytail her mom cut the year Victoria was born. She is donating it to Locks of Love. They accept 10 inch minimum hair length. You may pull curly hair straight to measure it. Blond and red are in the greatest demand. Her mom's is red. Hair cut years ago is usable if it has been stored in a ponytail or braid. All the guidelines are available at www.locksoflove.org/donate hair.php. Anyone can cut your hair as long as the guidelines are followed.

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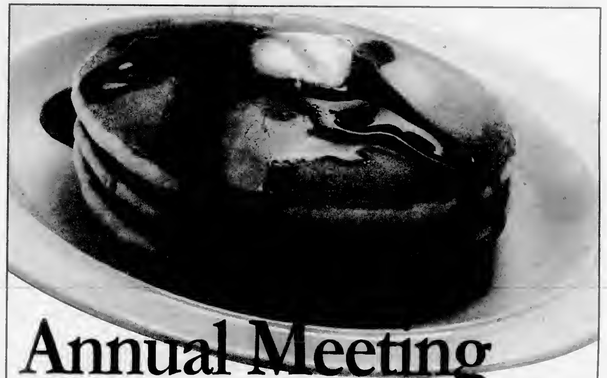
Oct. 20, 4:30 p.m. - One MacDonald Dr., 1st floor conference room, Petoskey
Nov. 17, 4:30 p.m. - 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire
Dec. 15, 4:30 p.m. - One MacDonald Dr., 1st floor conference room, Petoskey

Please check your local newspaper the week prior to the meeting for any changes.



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Obituaries

Lyla Pearl McMillan Arvilla: Oct. 9, 1914 - March 6, 2005

On Oct. 9, 1914, in Indian River, Lyla Pearl came into this world she grew to love so very much, the second daughter of Dr. F. F. and Hazel McMillan. She left it, March 6, 2005, at 6:30 a.m., with the sun dawning the new day. She left it much better than she found it.

Lyla Arvilla

Lyla Pearl was preceded in her now elevated position duly warranted, by her sister Freda, brother Albert, mother and father, Hazel and Fray, son Albert named after her brother, and grandson Erik, all of whom she joins with our Lord.

During Lyla's journey of the Earth, she graduated Charlevoix High School as valedictorian and Albion College, Summa Cum Laude as Phi Beta Kappa in Alpha Chi Omega.

During her marriage, she delivered into her community three sons, Joel, Erik and Albert and identical twin daughters, Erin and Ellen.

Lyla continued her move forward joining Eastern Star traveling the chairs more than once to become Worthy Matron. She was prominent in the Mary Jean Tenet Circle, UMC of Charlevoix and UMW of Petoskey. She was President of the WSCS, the Shakespeare Study Club and numerous community boards and church groups. Within this, as an accomplished pianist, violinist and cellist, she concerted and taught many students the joys and wonders of great, good music.

In the mid 1950s, St. Francis schools in Petoskey solicited her immense talents to substitute teach music and history and soon thereafter, English. This temporary position became a 25-year commitment to excellence, witnessed by the hundreds of past students who have continued to communicate with her in their own lives.

Lyla's tremendous hold on life and her faith guided and stayed the course all these precious years. Her participation in and financial support of the First United Methodist Church in Charlevoix is visible everywhere you look in and out of the building.

Lyla's fiduciary responsibilities extended to physical and financial support of the Charlevoix Area Hospital which her Father Dr. F. F. McMillan, M.D., Co-founded.

Lyla's enjoyment of life was absolutely boundless and she was involved in her community at all levels for nearly 91 years, including softball, selling popcorn and hotdogs, also traveling, bird-watching and reading full moons and sunsets.

Lyla Pearl McMillan Arvilla was loved by generations and loved generations. We all will miss her.

Charitable contributions can be made to Lyla Arvilla Trust For Mitral Valve Research, P.O. Box 201, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

A funeral service will be at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 12 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. The family of Lyla McMillan Arvilla — Joel and Erik, Erin and Mel, Dana Ellen and Mary Rose, Andy and Stacey, Dave and Sharon — hopes you will come to share memories and love.

A special thank you to Compassionate Care and Hospice Angels.

A full memorial service, with all the music Lyla loved so much, will be given in May.

Daphnia Luella Dennis: June 14, 1915 - March 3, 2005

Daphnia "Dee" Luella Dennis, 89, of Ellsworth, formerly of Charlevoix, passed away March 3, 2005, at Grandvue, in the company of her loving family.

Dee was born June 14, 1915, in Gladwin County, to William and Mary Baumgardner.

The family moved to Charlevoix, where she grew up and raised a family of her own.

In 1933, she married William Brodin.

They had four children, three sons and a daughter. They divorced in 1950.

On Oct. 25, 1955, she married Jules Gordon Dennis. They made their home in Ellsworth, where they attended the Wesleyan Church.

They enjoyed spending winters in Florida.

Dee's favorite pastime was spending time with family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Being grandma was a special role to her. She was a wonderful and loving grandmother.

Dee enjoyed gardening, cooking for family and friends and baking her famous pies.

Survivors include three children, Bill (Ginny) Brodin of Charlevoix, Nancy Higbee of Ellsworth, Gary (Rita) Brodin of Charlevoix; two stepsons, James Dennis of Wisconsin, Robert Dennis of East Jordan; two sisters, Sylvia Krchak of Charlevoix and Bonnie Cabana of the Detroit area; 12 grandchildren, Ernie and Vincent Brodin, Scott (Celeste) Muma, Holly Higbee, James (Julie) Higbee, Jeff and Bill Brodin, Debra Erickson, Gary and Steve Brodin, Teresa (Ronald) Baker, Tonya (Sean) Russell; 31 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Violet Boyd and Cassie McCash; brother, William Baumgardner; first husband, William Brodin; son, Larry Brodin; husband, Gordon Dennis; stepson, Charles Dennis; son-in-law, Richard (Nancy) Higbee; grandchild, Dawain Brodin; great-grandchild, Thomas Brodin.

Dee was a kind and loving person who will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Visitation was Sunday, March 6, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. A funeral service was Monday, March 7, at the funeral home.

Barbara J. Eckhold: Dec. 28, 1922 - March 6, 2005

Barbara J. Eckhold of Charlevoix died Sunday March 6, 2005 in Midland at the home of her son with her family in attendance.

The only child of Frank R. and Elizabeth H. Jackson, she was born Dec. 28, 1922 in Detroit.

After graduation from Eastern Michigan University in 1943, with a degree in Special Education, Barbara taught in Detroit.

She married John (Jack) C. Eckhold Jan. 11, 1947 in Bowling Green, Ohio and stayed home to raise her two sons, John and Scott.

The family lived in the Detroit area and Cologne, Germany until Jack's retirement from Ford Motor Company in 1982.

Barb and Jack made their retirement home in Charlevoix, wintering in Bradenton, Fla.

Barbara leaves behind her sons John (Peggy) of Midland and Scott (Carrie) of Petoskey and grandchildren Erin, Patrick, Reed and Duncan.

She was predeceased by her parents, her husband Jack in 1989 and grandson, John III in 2003.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix with Elder Cliff Denay of The First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey presiding. The family will greet friends from noon until the time of the service.

Burial will be at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Those wishing to make a donation in memory of Barb are asked to consider The John C. Eckhold, III Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Midland Area Community Foundation, 109 East Main St., PO Box 289, Midland, MI 48640.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:10 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry (Ryp) Hankins
Church 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson..... 547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Father Jim Gunn..... 547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.

President Michael Robbins..... 588-2112
or Missionaries..... 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Morning Services	9 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
Sunday Evening Prayer Opportunity	6:00 p.m.

Church Office 547-9482

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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221
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Worship & Children's Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

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101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.

Reverend Mary Willis..... 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen..... 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith..... 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Krone 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer..... 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm

Pastor Greg Timmins 231-238-0052

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson..... 547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:30 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Father Thomas A. Neis..... 547-6652

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Friske Orchards names winners of recipe contest

Friske's Second Annual Cherry Recipe Contest was the culmination of a month long celebration of National Cherry Month.

Family, friends and passersbys looked on as the judges tasted and selected the winners. Twelve finalists in two categories, entrees and side dishes, brought their prepared dishes for judging. This year's judges were Chef Pet Peterson (Tapawingo-Ellsworth), Food Editor Babette Stenuis (*Petoskey News-Review*), Assistant Food Editor Emily Tyra (*Traverse Magazine*) and food connoisseur Jack Stolz (Petoskey).

In the entree category the finalists were Sandy Barnes, Eastport, Bethany Bowman, Boyne City, Diane Bowman, Boyne City, Katie Bowman, Boyne City, Betty Renner, Central Lake, and Virginia Rubingh, Ellsworth. First place was awarded to Virginia Rubingh with her cherry chicken salad using frozen red tart cherries. Katie Bowman took second place with her chicken with cherry sauce dish using frozen black sweet cherries. Third place went to Betty Renner for Betty's north country meatballs using red tart cherry juice concentrate and Friske's cherry mustard.

The finalists in the side dish category were Sandra Biagini, Northport, Shawn Biddle, Eastport, Anne Chaffee, Petoskey, Gayle Gennett, Charlevoix, Janice Harvey, Charlevoix, and Helen Heitman, Bellaire. First place was captured by Anne Chaffee for her dried cherry couscous using dried red tart cherries. Gayle Gennett took second place with her cherry cheese pierogi using frozen red tart cherries. Third place was awarded to Shawn Biddle for her cherry pecan pilaf using dried red tart cherries.

Culinary art series offered

Back by popular demand, after the great success of last year's culinary classes, Crooked Tree Arts Center will host a Culinary Arts Series with Chef Vincent De Paulis.

Classes are scheduled for every Tuesday evening in March. You are invited to register for any number of classes as each evening is booked individually. Students will explore cooking techniques, learn trade secrets, participate in hands-on learning and enjoy a five-course dinner. Students are encouraged to bring a French knife, boning knife, paring knife, apron and two hand towels and a beverage of choice. The fee for the class is $40 per student and includes dinner. Class size is limited to 12 people. The class will meet in the Boh Forman Kitchen of the Crooked Tree Arts Center. The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey. For more information and to enroll, call the arts center at (231) 347-4337.

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Obituaries

Geraldine L. Goss: June 2, 1921 - March 7, 2005

Geraldine L. Goss, 83, of Charlevoix, died March 7, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Private family services will be given at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Gerry was born June 2, 1921, in Detroit, the daughter of Charles J. and Mary (Gregory) Spare. In 1943, she graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor of science in education.

Gerry taught school in Detroit for three years and married Robert Goss there on May 30, 1947. They moved to Charlevoix in 1949, where she continued to teach, retiring in 1980.

Gerry is survived by two daughters, Toni (Vance) Wood, and Mari (J. C.) Bascom, all of Charlevoix; three grandchildren, Travis (Kelly) Wood, and Corey Bascom of Charlevoix, and Jess Wood of Chicago. Her husband Bob preceded her in death in 1969.

Her family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Charlevoix Public Library or the Charlevoix Area Hospital. A graveside service is planned for spring at the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Milford L. Hayward: Feb. 18, 1925 - March 4, 2005

Milford L. Hayward, 80, of East Jordan, died at his home on March 4, 2005.

A funeral was Tuesday, March 8, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene officiated, and interment will be in Marlette Cemetery in Marlette.

Milford was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Brown City, the son of Floyd L. and Ula E. (Smith) Hayward. He married the former Marjorie A. Harris on July 27, 1946, in Pontiac.

They lived in Pontiac where Milford was employed at the General Motors Pontiac Plant for over 38 years. He was a member of UAW Local 653.

They moved to northern Michigan eight years ago. Milford attended the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, and was a member of the Charlevoix Senior Citizens.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie A. of East Jordan; daughter, Ellen "Ellie" Hisey of Charlevoix; sons, Rodney (Ruby) Hayward of Charlevoix and Gary (Marti) Hayward of Auburn Hills; grandchildren, Wayne (Aimee) Eubanks, Mike (Lisa) Annes, Debra (Chad) Minton; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Jaimee, Bradley, Laurel, Kyra, Elaina and Andrew; sisters, Joyce A. Reichard of Pontiac, Eunice (Julian) Baker and Shirley (Robert) Jimerson all of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Milford was preceded in death by a sister, Alice Shue, and a brother, Leonard.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene.

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Grace Boyle Matela: Sept. 9, 1937 - March 1, 2005

Grace Boyle Matela, 67, of Beaver Island, died unexpectedly in Grand Rapids on March 1, 2005.

A Mass of the Resurrection was Saturday, March 5, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island where she was a member, with the Rev. Patrick Cawley officiating.

Cremation will follow the service and interment will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Grace was born Sept. 9, 1937, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Jack and Beatrice (O'Donnell) Boyle. She moved to Chicago as a young girl where she graduated from Mercy High School.

On Oct. 13, 1956, she married Raymond A. Matela in Chicago.

Grace was a selfless community volunteer, and always put others' interests before her own. She will be greatly missed by her wonderful family and friends.

Grace is survived by her husband, Raymond A.; sons, Raymond M. (Nancy Jo) Matela of Hemet, Calif., Thomas E. and John D. of Beaver Island; daughters, Vicki Lynn (Dana) Smith of Puyallup, Wash., Elizabeth A. (Mark) Davis and Joan T. (Ashley) Gilpin all of Hemet, Calif.; grandchildren, Jamie, Theresa and Tommy, Hunter and Parker Matela; Amanda and Adam Smith, Zachary and Tory Davis and Shay; mother Beatrice Boyle of Beaver Island; brothers and sisters, Daniel Morris (Sally) Boyle of Crete, Ill., John (Marge) Boyle of Bloomington, Minn., Jean (Gary) McDonough of North Fort Meyers, Fla., Bernie (Kathy) Boyle of Reno, Nev., Donald (Chris) Boyle of Tinley Park, Ill., Theresa Gacek of Scottsdale, Ariz., Steve Boyle of Beaver Island, Timothy Boyle of Chicago, Susan (Doug) Heynig of Grand Rapids, Neal (Connie) Boyle, and Patrick Boyle of Beaver Island; sister-in-law, Romaine (Bob) McCarthy of Marco Island, Fla.

A daughter, Christine, and sister, Sharon Simpson, preceded Grace in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island or to the Beaver Island Preservation Society.

Marguerite O. Makel: May 4, 1910 - Feb. 28, 2005

Marguerite O. (Goodrich) Makel, of Okemos, and formerly of Charlevoix, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and educator passed from this life at Burcham Hills Health Center in East Lansing on Feb. 28, 2005.

She was born 94 years ago in Gaylord on May 4, 1910, the eldest of six children to Dan and Daisy Goodrich. She graduated from Gaylord High School in 1926 and borrowed $100 from the Gaylord State Bank to attend Central Michigan College, where she earned her teacher's certificate.

She began her lifelong career in the field of education at the Red School in Gaylord. It was at this time that she met and married John Makel, her loving husband of 44 years, during his tenure as high school athletic coach in Gaylord.

She subsequently earned her bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in elementary education at CMU. She taught elementary and junior high students at several Michigan schools including Gaylord, Elmira, Lansing, Haslett, Boyne City and Charlevoix.

Marguerite and her family resided in Charlevoix from 1959 to 1970 where she was actively involved in many community activities. She also resided for many years at Grange Acres in Haslett and recently moved to Burcham Hills Retirement Community.

She was a member of the Burcham Hills Choir and was honored as Resident of the Month in December 2004. Marguerite was also a life member and past Worthy Matron of the Chrysanthemum Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in Gaylord. She loved to knit, crochet and do other handiwork and made many lovely gifts for friends throughout her life.

She took great joy in music, had a wonderful smile and witty sense of humor that kept her young at heart. She touched many lives and will be greatly missed.

Marguerite was preceded in death by her husband, Judge John Makel (Charlevoix County Probate and Juvenile Court Judge 1959-1970), her sisters, Dorothy Nemec and Marian Moffett, and her brothers Jack, Roberts, and Alan Goodrich.

She is survived by one daughter, Marianne Hruska-Linton (Robert III) of Okemos and Charlevoix; one granddaughter, Sandra Lynn Rabideau (Robert) of Okemos; and her two great-grandchildren, Tara and Jacob Rabideau, the loves of her life — whose "Grammy Day" visits each Sunday for games and treats brought her such joy. She is also survived by her beloved niece Judith Arnold of Saginaw.

Due to her lifetime commitment to education and research, Marguerite has chosen to donate her remains to Michigan State University for anatomical study and as such a memorial service will be given at a later date. Any memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Marguerite's name.

Richard Olshove: Aug. 17, 1936 - Feb. 20, 2005

Richard D. Olshove, 68, of Ironton and formerly of Detroit, died Feb. 20, 2005, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Richard was born Aug. 17, 1936, in Detroit, the son of Vincent S. and Frances C. (DeChamps) Olshove.

He retired from Detroit Public Schools as an elementary school teacher. He held a master's degree in education from the University of Detroit.

Mr. Olshove was an avid golfer and gardener.

He is survived by his sister, Helen Gribble, of Golden Colo.; and by 19 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by brothers, Jerry, Joseph and Vincent, and sister, Frances Bidigare.

A memorial service was given Saturday, March 5, at the Ironton Congregational Church with Michael Smith officiating.

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Local man grows furniture as a business

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Chuck Leazier followed his heart and is now living his dream.

Leazier, owner of White Cedar Rustics near Bayshore, started out with generic tools and some knowledge of wood and has created a business with an artistic flare and style.

"The greatest outcome can be taking chances," he said.

Leazier didn't know anything about logs and is completely self taught. His only knowledge stems from his background in carpentry and the time he worked for Town and Country.

However, Leazier has surpassed his own expectations starting out and can create log furniture without having to sketch what it will look like.

"It really isn't just me anymore," he said. "It's what the wood does to me."

What the wood does is inspire creative log designs such as an outdoor swing and an ornate dresser that Leazier created for his family.

No matter what the creation may be, Leazier has come a long way to get to this point.

Leazier grew up in the Boyne City area and always loved the nature he found himself surrounded by when venturing into the cedar swamps. His interest in using wood as his artistic medium stems from those adventures during childhood.

During his adult life, Leazier found himself going through a divorce and living in a small room in his father's house with his daughter. In that room, Leazier envisioned the log home that he had always wanted and decided that it was time to live that dream.

It took four years to remodel a modular home into a log house, but the cold nights, loss of money and frustration have paid off.

"I dream high," he said. "I just refused to not pull it off."

Leazier pulled it off and lives with his family in a home they all worked together on to complete.

No longer afraid to take a chance, Leazier has seen his business grow and also his talent as an artist.

"I will always thank God for that gift but he only gives you the tool," he said. "You have to do something with it."

And so he did.

Coming from nothing, Leazier has created everything for himself and has more dreams he wishes to accomplish.

"What separates living it or wanting to live it is the dedication and passion," he said. "It took years of my life."

Leazier said his focus now is on creating more unique furniture to fill his log home and satisfy his creative passion. However, art won't support his family alone.

He creates artistic pieces, but also has standard beds and dressers that he sells at a more affordable rate.

Leazier said he enjoys seeing a single mom finally have the log bed she's always wanted, but also enjoys seeing people who want an elaborate piece of furniture get what they've always wanted.

Some of the items Leazier has created include a console table, television stand with built-in shelves, coffee table with magazine holder, canopy bed, dining room table and chairs and much more.

"I'm strictly a guy that wouldn't be here if he let reality and tough times get to him," he said.

Leazier is proud of his accomplishments and has even started a new project unique to this time and era: growing furniture.

During the 1800s people grew furniture and Leazier decided to try his hand at it after looking over a book he was given about the subject. Never one to borrow a design, Leazier took off into the woods to create his own grown furniture.

Grown furniture consists of bending and cutting so the trees actually grow in the design the artist creates. Then, when the trees get the appropriate thickness, the artist cuts out his piece of furniture that is connected without any glue, twine or nails.

"I don't know anyone in modern day growing furniture, but I am," he said.

Leazier knows he hasn't reached his peak of artistic talent and will only continue to experiment and take chances on his art.

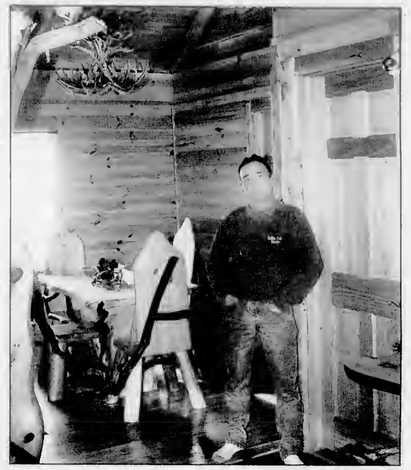
"I want to be the best I can possibly be," he said. "To push log creations to the highest level I possibly can."

Leazier said he is a totally different person than who he was nine years ago. Now, he's a man who has accomplished a dream and gained more confidence because of it.

"I accomplished higher than my expectations," he said.

Leazier is his own competitor as there's nothing he's not willing to try and no leap too large for him to take.

"When I take a jump, I take a big one," he said.



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Chuck Leazier shows off some of the furniture he has created.

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City gets MDEQ permit for new marina

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix has passed one of the main hurdles in its efforts to construct a new marina in Round Lake.

On Feb. 24, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issues a permit to the city to "reconstruct the existing marina with a floating dock system consisting of four main piers, 31 finger piers and two shopper's docks. Reinstall 845 linear feet of bulkhead. Dredge 490 cubic yards of sediment and place no greater than 2,750 cubic yards of fill between the existing and the new bulkhead."

The city still must get a permit from the United States Army Corp of Engineers and get funding for the project in order.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said, "This is a critical step. Now you can focus on what the MDEQ and Core of Engineers will allow you to do. It defines what you are allowed to do."

The proposed reconstruction to the marina that was approved by the MDEQ does differ slightly from the city's original plans.

In the original plan, the four piers extending into Round Lake were to all be 12 feet in width. Now only the north pier will be 12 feet in width, while the other three will be 8 feet in width.

At the end of the piers, the plan shows each with a "T" section. The northern pier will be 16 feet in width on the "T" and the three other piers have a 12 foot section of the "T."

The plan also shows 68 slips that can support various sizes of watercraft, from 30 feet to 100 feet.

The marina project is part of a bigger plan to renovate both the marina and East Park.

The total projected cost of the project is estimated around $11 million. Of that, 75 percent is being paid for with funding from the State Waterway's Commission. The remaining 25 percent of it will be paid for by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority using existing funds.

Under this plan, the City of Charlevoix will not have to pay for the project using its taxpayer funds.

In a previous story, John Winn, Charlevoix resident and member of the Waterway's Commission, said he is hoping the bulkhead will be replaced next fall and new docks put in over the winter and spring of 2006, with a completion date of that following summer. After the summer, he said, work on the park portion could begin that fall.

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Gas prices climb in Charlevoix, around state

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Gas prices have reached astronomical heights and they aren't predicted to lower anytime soon.

Jim Rink, spokesperson for AAA Michigan, said the high gas prices are a reaction to the high oil prices.

The average price per barrel is $53.89, Rink said, which is 52 percent higher than what it was a year ago.

Rink stated in a press release that the statewide average price for regular gas in Michigan is up 2.4 cents per gallon from last week. However, that is a total increase of 27.5 cents since January 2005.

In Traverse City the average gas price is $2.107 per gallon compared to $2.059 a week ago. Rink also stated in the information that this time last year the average gas price in Traverse City was $1.749 per gallon.

Rink said it's always tricky to tell whether the gas prices will keep increasing. But with the summer driving season coming up Rink said prices can be expected to rise.

However, Rink said AAA Michigan can't predict how much they will rise because that depends on several factors.

The next few months may show a decrease in the price per gallon for gas.

"We see some price moderation in the next couple of months," he said.

Ed Hoffman, director of petroleum marketing with Holiday Stores, said there are several factors that cause gas prices to increase.

For one, the price per barrel of oil is now $53 and this is the time of year when refineries convert from high vapor pressure fuel to low vapor pressure fuel.

Hoffman said the refineries have to do this to prepare for the gasoline needed in the summertime, but the transition from selling the old product and preparing the new can have an affect on prices.

Also, Hoffman said China and India are consuming large portions of petroleum products creating an increase in the world demand.

Hoffman said another factor affecting prices is that during February and March many refiners undergo a turn-around or a partial shut-down in order to get required maintenance done.

These shut-downs impact the availability of supply, which can affect the cost per gallon.

The cycles of gas prices tend to go in a cycle and not stay consistently up or down.

Hoffman said the funds in the bull market also affect gas prices just as much as other factors.

When those with funds buy and sell, they usually do so in a group, which causes the gas prices to go up or down.

"They tend to buy and sell in groups, which has a major impact on pricing," Hoffman said.

Robert Simpson, owner of Quickie Cab Company in Charlevoix, said the high gas prices have affected his business a little.

"I haven't really worried about it," he said.

So far, Simpson said his rates haven't changed and he doesn't plan on raising them yet.

However, if the prices of gas keep rising things may change.

"If it goes up another dime I'll have to do something," he said.

Ron Hayward, owner of All Star Taxi & Shuttle in Charlevoix, said the gas prices haven't affected his business.

Hayward said he hasn't raised his rates and hasn't planned to.

Charlevoix is a small area and Hayward said he mostly shuttles people a short distance. However, there are times when he makes a trip to Traverse City for clients.

Hayward said he isn't worried since the mini van he drives as a taxi gets very good gas mileage.

However, it has affected Hayward's paper route. Hayward is a delivery person for the *Petoskey News-Review* and the *Charlevoix Courier*.

The increase in gas prices has caused Hayward to let go of his *Petoskey News-Review* route.

Hayward said he grossed $160 per week on his route for the *Petoskey News-Review*, but would pay over $60 for gas that week.

"I'm down to below minimum wage due to gas prices," he said.

When he started his paper delivery route, Hayward said the gas price was $1.17 per gallon.

Despite the increase in gas prices, his *Charlevoix Courier* paper delivery route is not affected due to the short distances he's required to drive.

John Martin, street superintendent for Charlevoix, said the department is paying the gas prices just like everyone else and will continue plowing snow.

He said there hasn't been a cut back in the amount of trucks sent out and there won't be since the department has to do what they need to do no matter what.

If the gas prices should continue to rise, Martin said not much would change.

"I'll have to take a look at what happens, but I don't see a change in the city services," he said.

Pat Harmon, road commission manager for Charlevoix County, said the gas prices haven't affected service.

"The fuel prices have affected us drastically," he said in regard to the cost.

Harmon said the commission is currently paying three times more for gas compared to what they paid three to four years ago.

The road commission pays for gas without tax and Harmon said it used to cost .52 cents to .55 cents per gallon compared to the current rate of about $1.72 per gallon.

Harmon said the service will remain the same for now and the job will have to be done despite the prices.

"I'm sure somewhere along the line it will affect some part of the budget for sure," he said.

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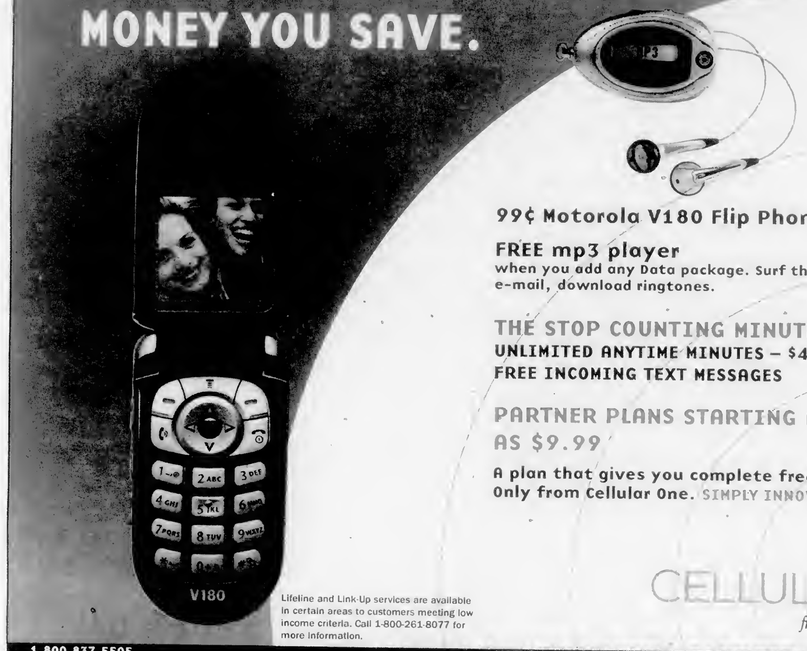

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Charlevoix Zonta names Fritsch as award winner

Michelle K. Fritsch, a senior at Charlevoix High School, was named the winner of this year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world. The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Fritsch was chosen as the Charlevoix Area Zonta winner because of her involvement with her community, her focus on her career goals and her understanding of and involvement with global issues and cultures. Fritsch has a 4.0 grade point average and plans on attending St. Mary's of Notre Dame Women's College.

Fritsch demonstrates her commitment to the community through her volunteer work with the community food pantry, canned food drives, playing the flute and caroling for the senior citizens and working on roadside clean-up projects. She is also very involved in school activities, including National Honor Society, marching and pep band, French club and the ski team.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. The Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of the many programs for young women sponsored by Charlevoix Area Zonta.

Applications for next year's award will be available from Charlevoix Area Zonta in late fall of 2005.

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Public health officials recently received an unannounced visit from the Community Health Accreditation Program, which certifies home health and hospice agencies for Medicare. Community Health Accreditation Programs report to the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties, notes "no deficiencies," their highest level of quality of home health and hospice care.

"We're delighted with the results of our survey," said Nancy Bottomley, who directs home health and hospice services for the health department. "Our home care and hospice teams work hard to provide the highest quality of care and it feels great for all of us to continue our CHAP accreditation — their survey is like a big test and we passed with flying colors."

Community Health Accreditation Program has been the accreditation and certification agency for Northwest Michigan community Health Agency's home health services since 1993. Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, established in 1930 as District Health Department No. 3, has been a Medicare certified home health agency since 1967. "Certification" means that the skilled home care services provided in conjunction with physicians' orders will be paid by insurers such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, according to individual's policies.

Unlike other Medicare health care providers, surveys for certification of home care agencies are unannounced and usually take place every one to three years. The surveys are an intensive process involving review and scrutiny of all aspects of a home care agency, including organizational structure, management ability, policies and procedures, long-term viability, quality control measures, and joint home visits with agency staff.

According to Bottomley, accreditation and certification site visits are only one way of measuring the quality of the health department's home health and hospice programs. For example, surveys completed by clients and family members consistently indicate 95% are "very satisfied" or "satisfied."

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A good home health agency will always provide: Evaluation of the patient's needs by a registered nurse or therapist; development of a plan of care by the nurse or therapist; care provided by qualified health care personnel; and assurance that care is treated confidentially.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego Counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For additional information about home health and hospice services, call (800) 551-4140 or (231) 547-6092.

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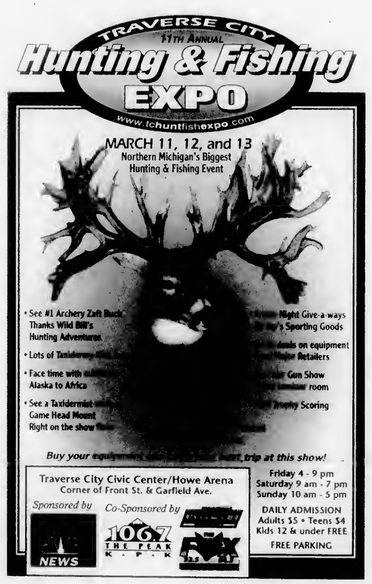

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Student to spread word on real Americans

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix High School senior is enjoying her time in the United States before heading back to Pakistan.

Anam Minhas, 16, is a foreign exchange student from Pakistan who has been in the United States since Aug. 3. Minhas will be staying until June 7, but will graduate with the Charlevoix High School class of 2005.

"I've enjoyed my high school and I've enjoyed the experience of a new culture," she said.

When she came to the United States, Minhas said John Prescott, counselor at Charlevoix High School, placed her as a senior so she could experience everything an American high school provides.

However, upon returning to Pakistan she will be a junior and then a senior. Minhas said the education systems in both countries are similar, but Pakistan doesn't accept other degrees, which is why she will return to junior status.

Since August, Minhas has been submersed in American culture and has found that almost everything was new to her.

"I like the people here," she said. "They're really nice."

Minhas said she came to the United States with the stereotypes of how Americans are in the back of her mind. But, after a short while, she learned that those stereotypes aren't true.

"I've found they're really loving people," she said of Americans.

This misconception is something that Minhas wants to change when she goes back to Pakistan.

The cultural differences between the United States and Pakistan have placed Minhas in a unique position of teacher for both sides.

Minhas has gotten to share her culture with American students and plans on sharing American culture with friends and family in Pakistan.

While attending Charlevoix High School, Minhas said she has noticed several differences between here and her school back home.

Minhas said in Pakistan high school students are expected to study hard and are treated like adults. Here in American, Minhas said she noticed that there are a lot more extra curricular activities available to students since the studying isn't so demanding.

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Anam Minhas (back row, far right), an exchange student from Pakistan, poses with some of the students on the high school dance team.

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Pakistani student enjoying stay in America

STUDENT

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"Here, a freshman is considered a kid," she said. "In Pakistan you're considered a grown up."

She has also noticed that seniors in American high schools feel independent and start to pull away from their families and live their own lives.

In Pakistan, Minhas said people in their 20s are considered adults since they are no longer teenagers.

Minhas said the age someone has to be to do things like driving are lower in America than in Pakistan.

"Other than that, Americans are just like we are," she said.

In Pakistan, young adults get their learner's driving license when they are 19 years old and their official license when they turn 21 and head off to college.

In the United States, Minhas said she learned about a Sweet 16 party and that students can drive when they are 16. This isn't something Minhas likes since the age difference between a 16-year-old and someone who is 19 years old is a lot in terms of experience.

Minhas said several students she's talked with agree that 16 is too young to be handling a car.

One of the biggest surprises to Minhas was finding out that public education didn't cost anything. She said this is one benefit American students get that students in Pakistan don't.

"Some kids don't go to school in Pakistan because they don't have any money," she said.

Minhas said she has also noticed that Americans can easily get done what they want such as putting in a new roof. Also, disposable items are not readily available in Pakistan.

"Even a sandwich bag inspires me," she said.

Since being in Charlevoix, Minhas said she hasn't experienced a lot of discrimination.

Minhas said students asked her a lot of questions while she was fasting during Ramadan. Most of them, she said, were interested in learning about her culture.

However, she has gotten silent moments and strange looks especially when students find out she's Muslim.

With the war in Iraq underway, many Americans have stereotyped all Middle Eastern people under the same category as terrorists.

Minhas said many people ask her if she is from Afghanistan or Iraq, which she isn't.

"People talk to me here then won't talk to me if I say I'm a Muslim," she said.

Minhas said all religions have hypocrites and those people shouldn't be thought as the norm.

"I think it's really sad what people are doing," she said of Muslim radicals. "They're spoiling our religion, causing the misconceptions."

Minhas said people like Osama Bin Laden are teaching young children to hate Americans, which is something Minhas said she'd probably believe if she was raised that way.

"God is not happy," she said. "God is really, really angry because they're misinterpreting the religion."

To Minhas, misinterpreting the religion is the biggest sin.

However, when she returns to Pakistan, Minhas said she wants to tell everyone how she was treated well by Americans.

Minhas said her family views everyone as human beings and doesn't see them according to their religion or culture.

"If Sept. 11 hadn't happened, people would be living in peace," she said.

Minhas said she has enjoyed her time in the United States and will take back with her the knowledge to help break stereotypes of America and the people who live there.

"Most people like Americans," she said of Pakistan.

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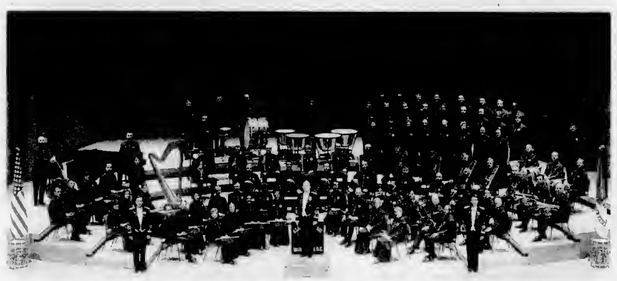

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Divers don't stop just because of ice

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

On March 6, several members of Scuba North in Traverse City braved the icy waters for a view of a shipwreck in Lake Charlevoix.

Jack Spencer, owner of Scuba North, has his team out on the ice cutting holes in the ice to dive from, but also doing various safety techniques.

The group cut another hole in the ice as a safety precaution and also shoveled the snow so the ice appeared in the shape of two large arrows.

This is to ensure that should a diver come loose from their safety rope, they can look up and follow the arrow back to the hole they dove through.

Spencer said Scuba North came to the *Keuka* to dive just because it's there.

"It's like Mt. Everest....it's there," he said.

The shipwreck is located about a mile out in Lake Charlevoix from the Irish Boat Shop docks. Spencer said the ship was originally named the *A.J. Stewart* after being built in 1889. Then in 1917 the name changed to *H.J. Macavoy* and then around 1928 became known as the *Keuka*.

When the *Keuka* became too old to be seaworthy anymore, it became the transporter of produce between Boyne City and Charlevoix.

However, in 1931 and 1932 the *Keuka* underwent a transformation. Her deck was constructed into a maple wood dance floor that was completely enclosed. Spencer said lights were added and then the *Keuka* became a party boat.

Spencer said the *Keuka* was run by the Belvedere Club during the prohibition era. However, the weight of so many people would sink the ship enough to allow water to rush in.

The water was dumped out and the *Keuka* was prepared for the next evening. However, soon the manpower couldn't keep up with the water.

In August 1932, the *Keuka* sank quietly in Lake Charlevoix.

Spencer and Scuba North members take part in ice diving because the water is very clear and doesn't have the level of algae blooms that are found in the summer season.

"It's more fun this time of year because you can see the entire wreck," he said.

Since 1976, Spencer said divers with Scuba North have made the annual visit to the *Keuka*. But, only if the ice is six inches thick or more.

Tracy VeltKamp, a member of Scuba North, had just became certified on the weekend of the trip to

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Members of Scuba North of Traverse City gather around owner Jack Spencer as he cuts a safety hole in the ice in preparation for the dive. Members stood on the cut piece, adding enough weight to dislodge the piece of ice.

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Divers experience quiet, cold world under the ice

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the *Keuka*.

VeltKamp said she likes to scuba dive because of the shipwrecks, as it's the only way to see them.

"I have a list of things in life to do and that was on it," she said of scuba diving.

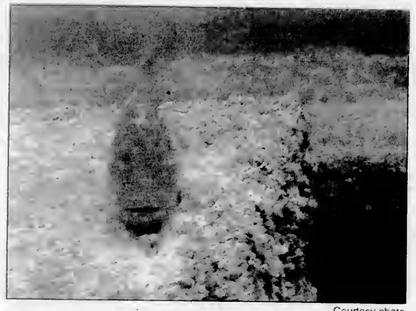
VeltKamp was the only woman to dive this past weekend. She enjoys the ice diving aspect because it's unique.

Bob Thorpe, a dive master, said 1 percent of the world's population dives and less than 1 percent of that does ice diving.

VeltKamp said she enjoys the outdoors and the more extreme sports. She said the water was very clear and tons of fish were swimming about.

Despite preferring to dive alone in the water, VeltKamp enjoyed another person with her. The community atmosphere of Scuba North is one thing VeltKamp enjoys.

"You really rely on each other," she said.



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Fish dart in and out of the wreck Keuka in Lake Charlevoix.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

(Above) Divers rest from a dive and prepare for another on March 6 in order to see the Keuka in Lake Charlevoix. The ship sank in August 1932. (Right) A view of one of the divers from below the ice of Lake Charlevoix

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Owners of boats, including personal watercraft, may renew online at www.Michigan.gov/sos beginning March 1. Registration decals are mailed within 10 days.

The web-based program allows residents to renew from their homes or offices anytime of the day or night. Watercraft registrations may also be renewed by touch-tone telephone, mail or at a branch office. Internet and touch-tone renewal options are available through Aug. 31.

"It's easy to save time by renewing online," said Land, who oversees the registration and titling of more than a million watercraft. "That way you can spend time on your boat, not in line. Watercraft renewal is just one of many convenient online customer services provided by the Department of State."

All watercraft on Michigan waters, including privately owned lakes and waterways, must be registered except: Watercraft 18 feet or less, propelled by oars or paddles and not used for rental or commercial purposes. Nonmotorized canoes and kayaks not used for rental or commercial purposes. Rafts, surfboards, sailboards and swim floats, regardless of length. Watercraft registered in another state and used only temporarily in Michigan.

The notices include instructions for renewing online, along with a personal identification number needed to use the system. Payment can be made by VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit cards. Nearly 300,000 renewal notices will be mailed this year.

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Annual egg hunt in East Park

The Easter Bunny is coming to Charlevoix!

The Fourteenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 in East Park in downtown Charlevoix. Prior to the Egg Hunt, Stafford's Weathervane restaurant will be hosting the annual Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Children may have a "free photo" taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Charlevoix Camera and then the whole family can stay for a special lunch. Call 547-4311 for reservations.

Following the luncheon and photographs, the Easter bunny will be in East Park for the Easter Egg Hunt, which begins promptly at 2 p.m. There will be three different age categories: 3 years and under, 4-6 years and 7-10 years.

There will be 6,000 eggs with special prizes inside. The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Charlevoix Retail Promotions Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office at 547-2101.

Eighth grade band gets great rating at festival

The Charlevoix eighth grade band received a second division rating at their district festival last Saturday.

The band was entered in the class C division based on school size, but performed music from the class A list.

Middle school and high school bands from all over the district performed Friday night and all day Saturday in the Petoskey Middle School Auditorium.

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SPORTS

Season ends for area indoor soccer league

Courtesy photo

Students who took part in the Charlevoix Indoor Soccer League.

The Charlevoix Indoor Soccer League concluded its winter season with a season ending tournament Tuesday night at the middle school.

The Orange Team won the regular season with a 5-1 record. Orange Team members were: Jake Pace, Bini Choi, Dan Branson, Rick Branson Taylor Witthoeft, Katy Conlan, Andrew Tillotson and Nick Wimmer.

The season ending tournament was won by Green in a tough final against Maroon, which made the final despite finishing in the cellar during the regular season.

Green team members are: Andrew Mailloux, Matt Mailloux, Mike DiMartino, Mick Papp, James Conlan, Adam Ulrich, Sarah Cross and Ezra Bakker.

All 32 players had a great season and join together to thank Marvin Witthoeft for organizing the league.

Boyne area hockey team beats Saint Ignace squad

On Saturday, March 5, the Boyne Area Hockey Paul Bunyan Lanes Midgets hosted the St. Ignace team.

The game was a defensive battle as it remained scoreless until the last minute of the second period when Russell Williams scored two consecutive power play goals on blasts from just inside the blue line.

Ryan Hennessy assisted on both, and Darren Looze the latter. Troy Scarbrough, assisted by Matt Kopke, found the net just 14 seconds into the third period and later Eli Barsy rippled the twine with a pass from Gabe Korthase.

At the buzzer the scoreboard read 4-0.

Outstanding defense gave shutout goalie Nick Ferree 9 shots to save, while Boyne put 28 on St. Ignace's net.

Charlevoix Yacht Club to host racing rules seminar

This seminar is designed around the concept that knowing the racing rules of sailing, makes racing an enjoyable and safe contest when using one's skill, seamanship and applying the principles of sportsmanship and fair play.

The conversation will include all elements of a race and the 2005-2008 rule or rules that apply. Semigar handout material will be given to each participant. The event is open to all sailors, including those racing under one-design and handicap rating systems. The seminars are hosted by yacht clubs around the shore of Lake Michigan.

Panelists include US Sailing Senior and International Judges: Allan A. Teske, Don Glasell, Robert Sargent, Ted Jones, Warwick Coppleson, Dean Cady, Andrew J. Kiener and Nancy Glover.

The cost of the seminar is $25. A lunch is included in the cost of the seminar and will be provided by the host club. The starting time for all sessions will be 9 a.m. local time and end at 4 p.m. Bring your rule book.

Session dates and host clubs

• March 19, Charlevoix Yacht Club, 209 Ferry Ave., Charlevoix. Call John Taylor at (231) 547-7300 days or (231) 547-5656 evening

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Public debates ice rink, band shell and memorial

PLANS

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grants available for it.

Carlson said he has gotten a few calls on this matter and it is being looked into.

Charlevoix business owner Don Ward, of Ward Brothers on Round Lake, said the marina plan could have significantly positive economic impact on Charlevoix. He said he learned at a recent conference that each boat — depending on its size — brings in several hundred dollars each day.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said the most recent figure on the economic impact shows $350 per boat per day or $25,000 per day will be added to the economy.

Former mayor Gabe Campbell also spoke, saying he supports the marina plan, but not the East Park plan.

"We have been messing with this marina for three years. I think these add on things in the park are unnecessary. Remove the ice skating rink, leave the sub memorial alone, then move ahead and get something going with the marina," he said. "Take anything that would cause the marina to be held up out."

Campbell said we should hold off on the East Park plans until after we have a better idea of what the marina is going to cost.

"The world is not going to stop if it's not done this year," he said.

Charlevoix resident and member of the planning commission John Hess agreed with Campbell. He also said the ice rink in the fourth amendment does not belong in the park, thinks the memorial should be left alone and he believes the band shell should be renovated, not removed.

Hess said the bandshell was built using private donations in the early 1990s. He said a lot of engineering went into its design and its acoustics were worked out with an acoustical engineer.

But, many people also spoke out in favor of an ice rink in East Park and the band shell.

Eric Kammerman said he supports the plan with the ice rink and with the band shell.

Jacqueline Merta, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce director, said the chamber supports the marina plan and also supports an ice rink in East Park.

"Having activity down there in the winter is vital," she said.

John Yaroch, a Charlevoix resident and memher of the DDA, said the ice rink appeals to the second home owners in Charlevoix, who he believes are in the majority.

He said the voting public in this community makes up a minority of the tax payers in this community in comparison to second home owners who, he says, pay more in taxes.

"Represent the interest of those taxpayers as well as the smaller voting taxpayers," he said.

Yaroch said the second home owners expect certain amenities such as the ice rink plan.

As for the band shell, Yaroch said leaving it in the middle of the park with no road up to it does not make sense.

The city must decide on these two amendments before they can be added to the DDA's plan. The DDA must hage the marina and East Park added to its development plan in order to pay for it. However, it will extend the life of the DDA by about 10 years.

The city created two amendments, four and five, due to rumors of a petition seeking a referendum on plans to tear down the East Park band shell. Amendment four deals mostly with the marina side of the project, while amendment five deals with the marina and East Park.

It is hoped, if both petitions pass, that any petition drive will be started on amendment five, thus allowing the marina portion of the plan to proceed.

Charlevoix City Council will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, March 14 to decide the fate of these amendments.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

The Lexalite building on US-31 North.

Official: Lexalite to stay in Charlevoix, but sell land

LEXALITE

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ested in residential or commercial redevelopment of the property.

This site is also considered the most valuable parcel up for sale, as stated in the press release.

Swartwout said the property will become something else and not remain Lexalite.

Summa Industries expects to received preliminary proposals from bidders in April.

The Michigan parcel is one of several up for sale by Summa Industries because they are or will become excess due to several consolidation and restructuring initiatives, as stated in the information provided by Summa Industries.

The sales of all the parcels is estimated to result in a book gain of $5 million to $9 million and generate cash, net of taxes, between $9 million to $14 million.

Swartwout said there is plenty of space in other manufacturing facilities near the US-31 site where the current employees can go.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League - March 2, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	330	170
Ferguson & Chamberlain	259	205
Paul Bunyan Lanes	257	243
The Inner Circle	256	244
Mark White Paint & Stain	235	265
St. Mary's	213	287
Lutherans	208	292
R & C Roofing	206	294

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	631	215
Bill Gengle	551	215
Jim Potter	575	
John Fredorek		213

Men's Senior League - Feb. 28, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	24	8
Kerr's Rabing	19	13
J Arnold Painting "A"	18	14
Woodowl Wobowls	15	17
Central Drug Store	15	17
Cemex Cement	13	19
J Arnold Painting "2"	12.5	19.5
Selph Trucking	11.5	20.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kiernan	637	248
Greg Stadtler	580	234
Chris Putman	569	
John Fredorek		224

Young at Hearts League - March 3, 2005

	W	L
Sparetime	29	7
Twilighters	25	11
Half & Half	24	12
Misfits	22	14
Irish Rollers	16.5	19.5
Alley Cats	12	24
Past Timers	9.5	26.5
Has Beens	6	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenherr	581	208
Ralph Kisonn	538	201
Eldon Potter		184
Mo Dixon	459	
Nancy Zimmerman		158
Judy Potter	446	157
Theoda Elonga	411	
Zelda Kisonn	411	
Nancy Bambach		155

Tuesday Night Ladies - March 1, 2005

	W	L
Gray Gables Inn	26.5	13.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	24	16
Paul Bunyan Lanes	20	20
Twin Lakes Enterprise	17.5	22.5
Central Drug Store	17	23
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	15.5	24.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	12	28
Doris IGA	11.5	28.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

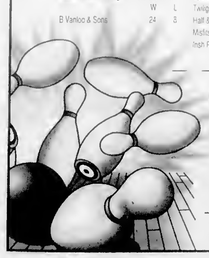
	Series	Game
Linda Lake	549	215
Mary O'Brien	527	156
Cindy Mansen		184
Lisa Nicola		184
Leanna Masonjon	510	

Gutter Gals League - Feb. 24, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	100	60
Argonne Scout Club	80	74
Burger King Charlevoix	70	84
Express Yourself	50	100

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	504	188
Krista Fowler	446	164
Mary Keem	400	142



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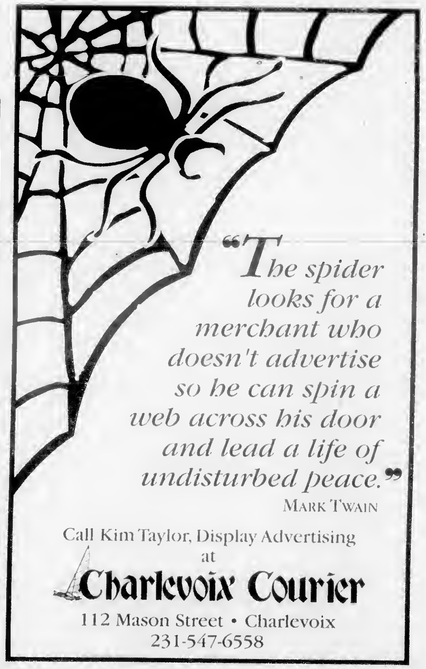
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of September, 2003, by Russell Burton Eggers, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 1, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 575, page 362, and re-recorded January 27, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 595, page 397, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE AND 83/100 DOLLARS ($105,671.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

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PARCEL 1: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 36, South 85°54'10" West 774.08 feet to a 1/2 Inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 269.38 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 112.31 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southerly line of a 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Northerly line ol said easement; thence continuing North 1°35'35" East 511.79 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 39°54'29"East 405.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence South 1°35'35" West 296.84 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the North line of said easement; thence continuing South 1°35'35" West 33.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 36.

PARCEL 2: (Easement Parcel): A 33 foot wide easement for ingress, egress and utilities described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section South 85°54'10" West 33., 3 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of Addis Road being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing along said 1/4 line South 85°54'10" West 740.95 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 79°43'47" West 134.53 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 62°36'15" West 150.02 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 1°35'35" East 36.65 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 62°36'15" East 161.01 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 79°43'47" East 125.40 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence parallel with said _ line North 85°54'10" East 739.69 feet to a 1/2" rod on said road line; thence along said road line South 0°54'57" West 33.13 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 6 West.

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MAR 2005

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Jazz band to perform

The Charlevoix Rayder Jazz Band will perform this Saturday at the St. Ignace High School Jazz Night. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. at the La Salle High School gym, 850 Portage Road, St. Ignace. There will be a blues club atmosphere with a dance floor open and hors d'oeuvres being served to guests. The Rayder Jazz Band will be the first performers followed by the St. Ignace Jazz Band, and ending with the Alma Percussion/Steel Drum Ensemble. Cost is $10 per person or $25 per family. Tickets are available by calling the middle school band office at 547-3234.

St.. Patrick's Dinner

A St. Patrick's Day Dinner is being served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Mar. 13, at St. Mary's Family Center located at 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix. The menu includes corned beef and cabbage, ham, red skinned potatoes, steamed vegetables, salad bar, breads and homemade pies. Take-outs and delivery are available. Call 547-9441 and leave your name and phone number. The cost is adults $7.50, seniors $6, students $3.50 and family $25. Everyone is welcome.

Donate blood

Please donate to the American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, Mar. 17, at the Charlevoix High School. Donor appointments may be arranged through any student council member or by calling advisor Gail Cherry at 547-3222 ext. 2032.

Singles for Christ

A new group called Singles for Christ will meet at 6 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 19, at Zion Lutheran Church located at 500 W. Mitchell in Petoskey. After the meeting they will have dinner at Big Boy's. Their events are planned at 7 p.m. for each first and third Saturday throughout the year with a few exceptions. For more information call Frieda Lewitt at (231) 347-5747 or call (231) 632-1095.

Help Goodrich

Please come and join Sarah "Brussie" Goodrich for a Tip Night Fund-raiser at Charlevoix Pizza Hut from 5 to 8 p.m., Sunday, Mar. 20. Sarah was recently diagnosed with an advanced stage of cancer. She is the mother of four and grandmother to seven, with one child living at home. Many know Sarah through her work at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To help Sarah with her expenses and responsibilities the Pizza Hut staff will be donating their tips to the Sarah "Brussie" Goodrich Trust Fund.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office at 547-6430 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down.

He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Area meetings

Editor's note: We are attempting to update this section. If you would like to see your organization in this section or would like to change your organization's infomration in this section please call (231) 547-6558 for more information.

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the mouth at the Harsha House.

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Writer continues to reminisce about 1940s

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

In continuing my articles on the people who lived here in the 1940s, I find I enjoy reminiscing about their lives as I put the words to paper. To those of us who knew them, we know every person was valuable in making Charlevoix what it is today.

Lloyd and Geneva Hulett lived at 112 Palmer Street. He was in the Coast Guard and Geneva was a receptionist for Dr. Fraley McMillan. Their children were Virginia Mae, Eugene L., who was in my class at school for the years they lived here and Ester Elaine. Emerson and Lillian Hull lived at 204 W. Upright. Their daughters Edna and Imogene and son, Richard also lived there. Floyd Hull and his wife, Margaret, lived at 1224 State Street. He was a caretaker. Charles and Grace Hyers lived on Robinson Ave. With their daughter, Patricia, a student.

Carlton Ikens was my uncle, and he and his wife, Marguerite, lived at 207 1/2 West Hurlbut with their daughter, Donna, who is now Mrs. Mark White, Sr. Another daughter, Judy, was born later. My grandfather, Floyd W. Ikens and his wife, Matilda, lived at 203 Antrim, which was the county jailhouse. They had nice living quarters there. He was the sheriff for 22 years, and my grandmother was the matron. She did all the cooking and wash for the prisoners. When I was born, my mother was considering naming me for my two grandmothers, but decided against it, because my maternal grandmother's name was Jessie Matilda, and it would look like I was named only for her. (I'm so glad they decided against it). Their daughter, Helen, also lived there. My dad and mother, Glenroy and Dorothy Ikens lived at 207 W. Hurlbut. I was the oldest child, and my sister Beverly Kay and my brother, Glenroy Jr. My younger sister Sally, was born later. My dad operated Ikens' Standard Service on the corner of State and Antrim, where he sold gasoline, oil, tires and also lubricated and washed cars and trucks.

Henry Isaksen and his wife, Anna, lived at 204 Mason. Their son, Harold, and wife, Lucille, also lived there. Henry was a marine engineer and Harold was a sailor. Their daughters, Helena and Signa, also lived with them. Henry and Florence Jacobs owned the Birch Lodge Rooms, located at 902 Bridge Street. They lived there and rented out rooms. George and Anna Mac Jardine lived at 316 Mason. Della Jeffery owned the Moonlight Gardens, which is where Giuseppes is now located.

Della was a widow (Allan). Theo Jeffery was Della's son, and he and his wife, Anna, also lived at 807 State Street with Della. Theo was a painter. The Moonlight Gardens was a dance hall. It had a large mirrored ball in the center of the ceiling.

When Dale and I were dating, they had roller skating there once a week. The town kids were able to enjoy it. You had to skate in a round circle, because the floor wasn't very big. It was lots of fun, and a very popular place. Later on, in the 60's when Dale was on the school board, roller skating was revived again, and it was in the Mason Street gymnasium. The late Dell Terrill was instrumental in promoting it, and Dale helped getting it started. Del always had a saying that Charlevoix was the easiest place in the world to raise money for a good cause. This still holds true today.

Guy John and wife Susie lived on W. Carpenter, two houses west of State Street with children Arlene, Betty Lou and Angeline. Alvin John and wife Dorothy, and son, Alvin Jr. also lived there. The reason for stating the number of houses from State that the residences were, is because there were no other houses on Carpenter at that time. Thus, no numbers. Paul Jonecheck and wife Anna lived at 202 E. Lincoln. He was a light-house keeper.

I was in the middle of writing this column, when I received a letter from Anne and Franklin Olmstead who live in La Cresenta, California. They are both Charlevoix natives, and wrote to thank me for writing this series about the people they knew in the 1940s.

Anne worked at the *Charlevoix Courier*, and remembers the funny old man who did the directory. He really did a great job cataloging all the residents. I have only found a few errors in all the work he did. Anne and Franklin are still very much interested in Charlevoix, and are subscribers to the paper. Anne is a sister of LaRue Gill, whose husband, Bud, worked with my dad at Ikens' Standard Service in the forties. Anne's niece, Ann Gill Puffpaff was in my class at school, and is still a good friend.

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Chamber Action

Chamber Board attended the February 28 DDA meeting and requested continued funding of the Downtown Coordinator activities and promotions. Chamber also requested funds for summer concert series due to CVB discontinuing concerts.

On February 24, the Chamber and City of Charlevoix unveiled the 2005 Community Profile and Industrial Guide, a new project of the Industrial Development Committee. The publication highlights the strengths of Charlevoix from an industry perspective and will be used to promote the retention and expansion of Charlevoix industries.

Chamber is hosting two fishing tournaments: the Michigan Bass Chapter Federation June 4-5 and the National Bass Anglers Association on September 24.

Chamber is re-establishing the Dinner Dance June 18 at Belvedere Club.

The Chamber is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Taste of Charlevoix June 18.

Chamber is sponsoring Charlevoix Summer Solstice Art Show June 25-26.

Easter Egg Hunt is March 26

The 14th Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 26th promptly at 2:00 p.m. in downtown East Park. Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant is hosting a Bunny Luncheon from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children may have a "free photo" taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Charlevoix Camera, and then the family can stay for a special lunch with the Easter Bunny. Call 547-4311 for reservations. Age categories: 3 years and under, 4-6 years and 7-10 years. The Chamber's Retail Committee sponsors this event.

Hair Qtrs. Welcomes Sally Keie Ososki

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Oma's Breakfast Club Under New Ownership

Dale and Elizabeth Rich with partners Del and Lori Hart are the new owners of Oma's. Join them for their Grand Reopening Celebration March 11, 12, and 13. Oma's is open daily 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Watch for their new expanded lunch menu.

How's Your Credit?

Attend this workshop and take charge of your credit today! Consumers and professionals needing to understand their own or their clients' credit reports should attend this workshop on March 22 at 8:30 a.m., 12 noon and 5:00 p.m. at the Edgewater Inn. This workshop is sponsored by the Charlevoix Chamber and Great Lakes Mortgage. Workshop facilitators are Greg White, local mortgage and credit specialist and Raeann Dunlop, local underwriting and processing specialist from Great Lakes Mortgage. Call 800-804-0924 Ext. 11 or 19 by March 16 to register.

Preschool Reading Time

The Bridge Street Book Shop and The Coffee Shop are sponsoring preschool reading time at 11 a.m. starting March 11 at the coffee shop, March 18 at the book shop and March 25 at the coffee shop. Relax with a cup of coffee and browse the book shop while your child enjoys story time.

Charter Digital Special Offers

Steve Bennett has joined forces with Charter Communications and is offering free first month of charter digital, charter high-speed cable modem service and/or charter high definition service. He is also offering free installation or upgrade to any new service. To get these special offers you must contact Steve personally at 231/463-6686.

Customer Appreciation Week at Friske's

Friske's Market is celebrating their customer appreciation week Monday, March 14 thru Saturday, March 19th. They are setting aside one week to honor their loyal customers. Stop in, choose a shamrock and receive a prize. Kids choose too! It's a bushel of family fun at Friske's!

Charlevoix Children's House Fundraiser

Charlevoix Children's House is selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits and/or Cookie Dough to raise money for school supplies through March 22. Delivery is scheduled for March 25. To order your items please contact John Taylor at 547-5656 evenings or 547-7300 days.

K of C 28th Annual Raffle Party

The raffle is held on April 2 at the Knights of Columbus building with music by The Beaver Island Band. Prizes range from 50/50 drawings to the grand prize of $10,000 with other prizes in between.

Business-After-Hours

The next Business-After-Hours is March 24 at Charlys from 5-7pm.

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting is March 21 at 8:45am at Stafford's Weathervane.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Mar 11	Preschool Reading Time The Coffee Shop. 547-9663
Mar 12-13	The Wallaan Lake Inn Cooking School. 535-2999
Mar 17-18	Hospital Books Unlimited Book-fair. 547-8651
Mar 18	Alsatian Dinner Esperance/Wallaan Lake Inn. 535-2999
Mar 18	Preschool Reading Time Bridge Street Book Shop. 547-7323
Mar 14-19	Friske's Customer Appreciation Week. 599-2604
Mar 24	Night Before the Opera Lecture at Library. 547-2651.
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Mar 25	Carmen the Opera at the Library. 547-2651
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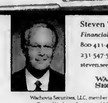
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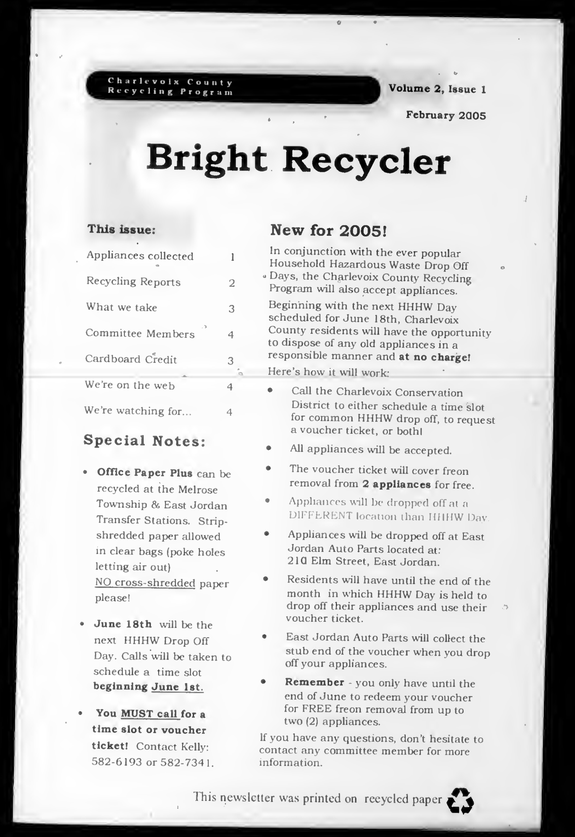

Charlevoix County Recycling Program

Volume 2, Issue 1

February 2005

Bright Recycler

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Special Notes:

- **Office Paper Plus** can be recycled at the Melrose Township & East Jordan Transfer Stations. Strip-shredded paper allowed in clear bags (poke holes letting air out) NO cross-shredded paper please!
- **June 18th** will be the next HHHW Drop Off Day. Calls will be taken to schedule a time slot **beginning June 1st.**
- **You MUST call for a time slot or voucher ticket!** Contact Kelly: 582-6193 or 582-7341.

New for 2005!

In conjunction with the ever popular Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days, the Charlevoix County Recycling Program will also accept appliances.

Beginning with the next HHHW Day scheduled for June 18th, Charlevoix County residents will have the opportunity to dispose of any old appliances in a responsible manner and **at no charge!**

Here's how it will work:

- Call the Charlevoix Conservation District to either schedule a time slot for common HHHW drop off, to request a voucher ticket, or both!
- All appliances will be accepted.
- The voucher ticket will cover freon removal from **2 appliances** for free.
- Appliances will be dropped off at a DIFFERENT location than HHHW Day
- Appliances will be dropped off at East Jordan Auto Parts located at: 210 Elm Street, East Jordan.
- Residents will have until the end of the month in which HHHW Day is held to drop off their appliances and use their voucher ticket.
- East Jordan Auto Parts will collect the stub end of the voucher when you drop off your appliances.
- **Remember** - you only have until the end of June to redeem your voucher for FREE freon removal from up to two (2) appliances.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact any committee member for more information.

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2004 Recycling Report

Total Cubic Yards of Recyclable Materials in 2004: 7,447
Total estimated weight of materials in 2004: 1,359.35 tons

Material	Cu. Yards	Lbs./ C.Y.	Est. total lbs.	Est. total tons
Cardboard	1,559	500	779,500	389.75
Colored Glass	76	600	45,600	22.80
Clear Glass	337	600	202,200	101.10
Office paper	6	300	1,800	0.90
Newspaper	2,522	600	1,513,200	756.60
Plastic #1, #2	2,503	35	87,605	43.80
Tin, aluminum	444	200	88,800	44.40
Contaminated	50	N/A	N/A	N/A

Estimated Resource Savings: Based on average energy use figures from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, recycling by Charlevoix County saved over 12.3 billion BTUs of energy - enough to power 122 households for a year.

Recycling reduces pollution from extraction and manufacturing processes. In 2004, Charlevoix County recycling prevented an estimated 1,587 tons of emissions to the air and 6.3 tons of emissions to water resources. Also, Charlevoix County recycling caused an estimated reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions of just over 823 Metric Tons of Carbon Equivalent (MTCE).

From the 1,147.25 tons of newspaper, other paper products, and cardboard recycled by Charlevoix county in 2004, close to 13,800 trees were saved.

Educational Recycling Program

Education is the key. Learning about the benefits of recycling (protecting the environment, reducing landfill space), the merits of purchasing items made from recycled materials (completing the cycle), and just how EASY it is to recycle, are key components of recycling education.

Committee member Michelle Rick-Biddick is currently working on an educational program for the Charlevoix County Recycling Program. This PowerPoint presentation will be used in school classrooms as well as for service groups and organizations. She has put together a nice collection of items made from recycled materials which are incorporated into the presentation.

Michelle has visited the Mall of America Recycling Center in Minnesota. Did you know the carpeting in the Mall is made of recycled tire material?

If you are interested in such a presentation, please contact Michelle at 547-4369.

What we take - SPECIFICALLY

Newspaper Plus
magazines & catalogs

Accepted at all recycling sites.

- You can use brown paper bags to bundle the papers
- Flyers & inserts can also be included
- NO wet or yellowed paper

CLEAR glass bottles & jars

Accepted at all recycling sites.

- Please rinse & sort by color
- Not necessary to remove labels
- NO light bulbs, window glass, or glass dishes

#1 and #2 Plastic bottles, jugs & jars

1 PETE 2 HDPE

Accepted at all recycling sites.

- Look on the bottom for the number enclosed in a triangle formed by arrows
- Put the lids in the garbage
- Rinse and flatten
- NO #1 trays or clamshells
- NO brown #1 bottles
- NO #2 bags or tubs (yogurt, margarine)

Colored glass
Blue/green/brown
***ONLY** accepted at:*

- *Beaver Island*
- *East Jordan*

Cardboard Plus
Boxboard &
brown paper bags
Accepted at all recycling sites.

- Remove packing materials
- Flatten boxes!
- Boxboard ie: cereal boxes and paper towel tubes
- NO boxes meant for use in coolers or freezers (pop can cases, butter boxes)
- **NO styrofoam**

Cans Plus
metal lids, foil trays and aluminum foil
Accepted at all recycling sites

- Rinse, remove labels
- Flatten (best you can)
- Foil doesn't have to be perfectly clean, but shouldn't have pieces of food remaining on it.

Office Paper Plus
junk mail, file folders, envelopes

***ONLY** accepted at:*
East Jordan
Melrose Township

- Remove CDs, credit cards
- NO padded envelopes, kraft envelopes, or boldly colored paper

REMEMBER TO FLATTEN ITEMS!

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Recycling is the smart thing to do!

Return on cardboard

As a taxpayer you should appreciate the fact that recycling cardboard also generates a return based on the current market rate for recycled cardboard.
Credit received from cardboard Feb. - Dec. 2004 was $5,155.50.
Office Paper Plus was added to the recycling program this year and has the potential to generate a return as well.
You can help by recycling your junk mail, office paper, etc. at the Melrose or East Jordan sites.
Good participation will help support the program by generating additional credits.

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Committee members represent groups, agencies, and organizations throughout Charlevoix County.

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We are watching for

Recycler of the Year 2005!

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Band shell fails

Ice rink plans also out

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Changes to the band shell in East Park are out, as well as an ice rink, according to a vote by the Charlevoix City Council Monday night.

The council was voting on two amendments — amendment four and amendment five — to the Downtown Development Authorities development plan that would allow the authority to pay for 25 percent of the marina and East Park project and extend the life of the authority to 2026. However, council members took out a planned ice rink in East Park in amendment four and failed to pass amendment five that dealt with a new band shell, effectively killing the proposal.

Jill Picha, a Charlevoix resident who threatened to petition the amendments for referendum if they included an ice rink or changes to the band shell, said, "I don't see any need for petitions at this time. I will be watching them though."

The removal of an ice rink and any plans for changing the band shell does not affect plans for the marina. Amendment four, which dealt with the marina — but included an ice rink in it — was passed unanimously with the ice rink removed. Council member Sherman Chamberlain abstained from voting.

Council members also changed amendment four by adding a baffle to collect storm water runoff from the city before it drains into East Park through the sewer system under the marina and added language saying the submarine memorial in East Park will not be permanently moved without prior approval from the council.

As for amendment five, this will probably not be the last of the band shell issue. According to Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, a group of five citizens can circulate petitions to have an "initiative action" on the band shell.

What this would do would force the council to reconsider the amendment with the band shell—amendment five — or send the matter to a vote of the public.

To do this, a group of five citizens must submit petitions to the city, signed by 15 percent of the total registered voters in the city of Charlevoix from the last general election — 356. Once council re-

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Photo by Jeremy McBain

Afternoon flight

These ducks were seen at the mouth of Round Lake Monday basking in the sun. While the skies have been clear in northern Michigan for a few days, the temperatures have still been chilly, leaving Round Lake frozen over for the most part.

Rate hike passes council

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Residents who use the city's water, electric and sewer systems will see an increase in their bills in the newly passed 2005 city budget.

The city budget was passed unanimously Monday night after about an hour-and-a-half of negotiations between council members over increases in utility rates and the inclusion of about $400,000 for a fiber optic system. Council member Bob Timms was adamantly opposed to the idea of raising the utility rates and the fiber optic system, but council member Sherman Chamberlain insisted a utility increase is needed for the health

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Rachael Marie Crisman, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, first offense. Five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Daniel James Dixon, 31, East Jordan. Aggravated assault. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 344 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,732 in fines and costs.

Bradley James Alma, 18, Traverse City. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Must attend Impact Weekend. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Joseph Jerome Fulgenzi, 27, Rochester Hills. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,224 in fines and costs.

David Paul Pike, 50, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 52 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,110 in fines and costs.

David Paul Pike, 50, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Debra Ann May, 41, Boyne City. Attempted check-no account. One year probation; 180 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 149 days held in abeyance; $3,692.89 in fines and costs.

Delos Scott Lanterman, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, third or subsequent offense. Nine months probation. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Boyne Fly Caster's, 622 River Ridge Lane, Boyne City, by Scott Jeffery Hall.

Czerkies Builders LLC, 01739 Spring Brook Road, Boyne Falls, by Lawrence Czerkies.

Davis Auto, 2480 Grove Street, Boyne Falls, by William Davis and Shelly Davis.

Northwest Communications, 06395 US-31 North, Charlevoix, by Kimberley Vanmeter.

Computer Services of Boyne City, 829 South Park Street, # 17, Boyne City, by Robert Fleming.

Nicki's Cleaning Service, 637 Petoskey Avenue, Apt. C204, Charlevoix, by Nicole Partida.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Clinton Winfred Cowles, 25, East Jordan and Amy June Mathers, 23, East Jordan

Christopher David Thompson, 38, Ionia and Brenda Gail Miller, 46, Boyne City

William Randall Midgett, 42, East Jordan and Fay Valerie Midgett, 48, East Jordan

Ronald W. Cunningham Jr., 36, East Jordan and Cecilia Marie Hyrman, 42, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Laurie Lowery vs. John Lowery

Births

Zoe Alexandra Haney weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Paul and Kallie Haney of East Jordan on March 4, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Jill and Sam Washburn of Charlevoix and Joe and Judy Haney of East Jordan.

Caili Jean-Lorain Mueller weighing 10 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Mark and Jana Mueller of Charlevoix on Mar. 4, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Jason Clyde, 4, and Jacob Albert, 2. Grandparents are Jim and Cindy Mansen of Charlevoix and Jerry and Kristine Mueller of Royal Oak.

Juan Gabriel De La Fuente Gallardo weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Teresa D. L. F. Gallardo and Juan Gabriel Gallardo of East Jordan on March 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Hennan Reyes De La Fuente, Agustin Tadeo De La Fuente, Oscar Gabriel De La Fuente, Martina Jimenez De La Fuente.

Sophia Elizabeth Snyder weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, was born to Kris and Laura Snyder of East Jordan on March 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sister is Gabrielle. Grandparents are Steve and Vicki Garlitz of Clarkston and Linda Snyder of East Jordan.

Mailey Grace Hamilton weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, was born to Matthew and Stacey Hamilton of East Jordan on March 8, 2005 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Dennis and Darla Hamilton of Cadillac and Thomas and Cynthia Kenyon of Rochester.

Miles Michael Dimitrijevic weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Tomislav and Carol Dimitrijevic of Boyne Falls on March 9, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sister is Olivia Frances. Grandparents are Teresa and (Rolf) Bauermeister of Charlevoix and Patricia Jaremа of Boyne Falls and Zoran Dimitrijevic of Sterling Heights.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Bridge traffic

In contrast to the summer, when the Pine River Channel is clogged with boats waiting to get into Round Lake, the only traffic on Monday was a solitary iceberg.

Two injured in accident March 7

Two people were injured in a two-vehicle traffic crash around 4:30 p.m., March 7 on US-31, just north of Norwood Road in Norwood Township.

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Gary Smith, 49 from Charlevoix, was traveling north on US-31 when he lost control of his 1994 Pontiac Grand Prix on icy roads and crossed the centerline hitting a 1995 Ford Ranger Pick-up truck driven by Joseph Klida, 49 from Charlevoix, traveling south.

Smith was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix EMS and treated and released.

Klida was extricated from his vehicle by Charlevoix City Fire/Rescue Jaws of Life and was transported to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey by Charlevoix EMS for multiple fractures to both legs and was going into surgery.

The crash is still under investigation at this time.

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Beaver Island named top place for St. Patrick's Day

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

"Any publicity is good as long as they spell the name correctly."

Steve West,
Beaver Island Chamber Director

Beaver Island has been named the best place to be in the world to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by a British men's magazine.

The magazine, FHM, named Beaver Island in its March issue for the island's annual St. Patrick's festival that includes tossing frozen fish, shopping cart races and many other games. The festival also includes plenty of people celebrating their Irish heritage through music and other general merriment. Beaver Island gained the top spot in the list — above Chicago, Ill. and Dublin, Ireland.

Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce Director Steve West said the honor may bring more people to the festival but, he doesn't "imagine a plane load of Brits will be flying over here for St. Patrick's Day."

FHM publishes men's magazines throughout the world, but the one with Beaver Island is only in the publication's British edition. West warned the magazine is a little racy.

"Any publicity is good as long as they spell the name correctly," he said. "It is not the type of publication the chamber of commerce goes out of its way to solicit."

West said he tries to help any publication seeking information on the island. In the case of FHM, he said he received a call from the United Kingdom from someone working at the magazine saying they would like more information on the island's St. Patrick's Day festival and some pictures.

He said he thought it was a travel magazine, but found out otherwise when he received a copy of the issue in the mail.

"I opened it up and wondered why I was receiving this magazine. Then I found a card thanking me and telling me to go to page 213," he said.

Beaver Island was featured on that page. West said he has been showing the magazine to his board members, with a slightly censored cover.

Beaver Island's annual St. Patrick's Day festival starts at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 19 outside of the Shamrock Bar in downtown St. James.

For more information on the island's St. Patrick's Da celebration, call (231) 448-2505.

File photo

Just two of the many wacky people you will meet during St. Patrick's Day on Beaver Island. The festival will be Saturday.

Find out what is happening in Charlevoix For St. Pat's Day on page 5

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Irish vs. Scottish and green events

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

Some Celtic themed thoughts from your kilt-wearing, bagpipe-playing, caber-tossing, editor.

St. Patrick's Day

The beloved Irish holiday is upon us once again. And once again, I am writing a piece on Irish culture and its differences to the Scottish culture.

As many of my readers may recall, I am of Irish/Scottish lineage with a smattering of Mexican (for spice). I have been a bagpipe player for the past 11 years and have competed in the Scottish highland games (a strongman type of competition) for the past three years. I have studied Scottish history and customs for the past 20 years (yes, since I was 10) and was briefly a history major in college.

I love St. Patrick's Day. People are cheery and I get a kick out of all the green and the playing of bagpipe music.

In case you don't know, St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day is the Irish holiday that honors him. Traditionally it was a holy day in Ireland, but we Americans bastardized it to mean a day of fun, drinking and wearing green — sometimes to very gaudy measures.

But, there are some misconceptions in America on what is Irish and what is Scottish. I write about these misconceptions every year and every year, someone argues with me about them. I guess I enjoy the punishment, so here goes:

1) The bagpipes we commonly hear on St Patrick's Day in parades are a Scottish instrument of war. To play them, you stand up, blow into a blowstick, fill up a bag, and use your arm to control the pressure, thus making sounds out of three drones and a chanter. There is an Irish bagpipe, but to play it, you sit down, press in a bellows strapped to your side, fill up a bag and make sounds out of drones and a chanter. The sounds are different.

2) The kilt is of Scottish origin. Even so, the kilt we wear today is a cut-down version of the original kilt from about 12 yards of wool to about 8 yards. The modern kilt, by most accounts, was created in the mid-1700s, because the big kilt was too hard to fight in.

3) The tartan (plaid) on a kilt is generally Scottish. The different patterns stand for different SCOTTISH clans. Even so, the creation of patterns for individual Scottish clans is not ancient and was created by an English mill owner in Edinburgh, Scotland in the early 1800s as a way of selling more wool. Until that time, there were regional tartans, based on the dyes from plants common to that area. The creation of Irish tartans started in the twentieth century and is generally based on a regional basis — meaning there is a tartan for Ireland or Dublin, but not one for an individual Irish family. There may be a few newer family tartans out there that I have not seen yet, as the Irish are really just entering this area of trade.

4) Evidence shows that St. Patrick may have been born in Scotland. Therefore, both Irish and Scottish can enjoy the day to its fullest. Add a dislike of English and you see the two cultures are brothers at heart.

5) There are such things as leprechauns. I have seen them. Sure, it was at 11:30 p.m. on a Monday, after a particularly long council meeting that involved plenty of mind-numbing budget numbers. And, yes, I had been at work since 9 a.m. and was starting to go cross-eyed while looking at my computer screen. But, I saw a little green man in the corner of my office trying to hide a pot of gold. Almost caught the bugger, too.

6) Even with all these misconceptions I have pointed out, you will probably still find me wearing my kilt on St. Patrick's Day along with some sort of funky green shirt and playing my Scottish bagpipes. Why? Because I want to join in all the fun, too, and I am a hypocrite.

Beaver honors, pub crawls

Once again I will be making my trip across the water to "cover" the annual St. Patrick's festival on Beaver Island — my favorite. Beaver Island will celebrate the Great Day with its usual fun games — frozen fish toss, fish stop, shopping cart races and others — and plenty of song and merriment. It is a popular location for people with strong ties to the mother land.

In fact, the racy British men's magazine FHM, recently named Beaver Island top place in the world to be to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The island topped Chicago and even Dublin, Ireland.

In regard to a pub crawl, Charlevoix will have another pub crawl on St. Patrick's Day this year.

The event will start and be led by the Sault Ste. Marie Bagpipe Band at 5 p.m. at the Weathervane Restaurant. It will then go to the Townhouse Bar, then Whitneys Oyster Bar — both on Bridge Street — and end at the Grey Gables Inn on Belvedere Avenue.

Crawlers will spend an hour at each location, where they will enjoy specials provided by the restaurants and receive beads. It should be a fun time, but aren't beads a Mardi Gras thing?

At the same time, the Villager Pub will be having its own St. Patrick's Day party complete with an Irish band.

Have fun, but be safe!

Slainté!

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier he can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com

Letter to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

I would like to take a moment to thank Scott Blechel. I've been involved in recreational softball for 13 years now and recreational basketball for five years.

Within that time Scott has been involved as well. If not working for the recreational league, he was assistant coaching, umpiring, refereeing and others. The difference between Scott and myself is that I have been doing it not just for the love of the sport, but because my daughters were both involved. Scott on the other hand has been involved simply for the love of the game and the desire to help kids.

Any time I have been in need of a person to help he would always be the first one to offer and bring whatever knowledge he has and 100 percent of his energy to the field or court. When I was hired on as the junior varsity softball coach he was there to assist. When we needed someone to referee he was there not only to referee but run and schedule all the other referees that we were using.

When we set the recreation league up in clinics this year, Scott didn't miss a Saturday and was there for a five hour period every time. His efforts always go the extra mile and he gets involved second to none.

People like Scott are few and far in between, and I feel he should be recognized. Thank you Scott for your efforts; they are appreciated more than you know!

Dean and Patti Spencley
Charlevoix

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Keep the roads safe on March 17

Chief Dennis Halverson of the Charlevoix City Police Department announced recently that his department is joining with other federal, state and local highway safety and law enforcement officials in reminding all of those who plan on using alcohol during this year's St. Patrick's Day festivities to act responsibly by designating their sober drivers before the parties begin.

"St. Patrick's Day has become a big night out for many Americans, particularly young adults, but it is also a very dangerous night out due to impaired drivers. That is why we are reminding all of those seeking a little luck of the Irish this year to be sure and designate their sober driver in advance before the festivities begin," said Chief Halverson.

"Whether you are just meeting a few friends after work at the corner pub or attending a local party, if you plan on using alcohol, don't drive impaired; and never let your friends drive if you think that they are impaired," he said.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 32 percent of all traffic fatalities on the nation's highways around St. Patrick's Day in 2003 were the result of impaired drivers with blood alcohol content levels of 0.08 percent and above.

Chief Halverson said, "Designating a sober driver before the local celebration begins and making sure friends don't drive drunk are just two of several, simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving."

If you are attending a St. Patrick's Day celebration and plan on using alcohol:

• Designate your sober driver before the party begins and give that person your car keys.

• Don't starve yourself before or during the party. Enjoy the food as well as the drink.

• Avoid drinking too much alcohol too fast. Pace yourself, eat, take breaks, alternate with non-alcoholic drinks.

• If impaired, don't even think about getting behind the wheel. Ask a sober friend for a ride home; call a cab, friend or family member to come and get you; call your local sober rides program; use mass transit; or stay where you are and sleep it off until you are sober.

• Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk. Take the keys and never let a friend leave your sight if you think that they are about to drive while impaired.

If you are hosting a St. Patrick's Day party:

• Serve lots of food — particularly high-protein dishes — and be sure to include lots of non-alcoholic beverages, desserts and coffee.

• Be sure all of your guests designate their drivers in advance, or help arrange ride-sharing with sober drivers.

• Keep the number for local cab companies handy and take the keys away from anyone who is thinking of driving while impaired.

Impaired driving is one of America's deadliest problems. Nationally, more than 17,000 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes during 2003. Every 30 minutes, nearly 50 times a day, someone in America dies in an alcohol-related crash. Hundreds of thousands more are injured each year. According to NHTSA, about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point in their lives.

"Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is simply not worth the risk because the consequences are serious and real," said Halverson. "Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be really significant.

"Don't test your luck this St. Patrick's Day. Designate your sober driver in advance, before the festivities begin."

File photo

Bagpipers lead a parade of St. Patrick's Day revelers in last year's pub crawl.

Pub crawl returns

Charlevoix restaurants will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day, March 17, with their own pub crawl this year.

At 5 p.m., the Sault Ste. Marie Bagpipe Band will perform at the Weathervane Restaurant to start off the Charlevoix pub crawl for the Irish holiday.

Around 6 p.m., the bagpipe band will then march to the Townhouse Bar on Bridge Street, then leave around 7 p.m. for Whitney's Oyster Bar on Bridge Street, leaving again around 8 p.m. for the final stop at Grey Gables.

Each restaurant will have their own specials for the holiday. Beads will be given to the participants of the pub crawl.

St. Patrick's Day is the Irish holiday celebrating St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, for bringing Christianity to the nation.

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Locks of love

Here, Erica Moses of Charlevoix can be seen giving the gift of love for Valentine's Day to Locks of Love. She gave 12 inches of her hair to the organization.

Festival of Tables to help Child and Family Services

If you have a taste for fresh entertaining ideas and exciting table designs to help spring come just a little bit sooner, mark your calendar for the fourth annual Festival of Tables, an event benefiting Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan.

The event is set for 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday, May 7, at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

More than 200 northwestern Michigan businesses and civic organizations are participating in this year's Festival. 40 of them are designing displays guaranteed to help you plan the perfect table for any occasion, and to share entertaining tips and ideas. Table themes include: "Blossoms and Butterflies; "Wildflowers and Wine on Old Mission Peninsula; and "Springtime in a Northern Forest".

Samplings include the Great Wolf Lodge, Ethnic Garden Catering, American Spoon Foods and Chateau Chantal (wine tasting). Demonstrations include Nawbin Bead designs for the table and hand-painted glassware by Lindalee Foresman.

You'll have the opportunity to select your favorite table, as several of those you'll see will be part of an exciting raffle. For the price of a $10 ticket, you may be the winner of a table with all the trimmings worth a minimum of $350 and as much as $2,000. Tickets for additional "dream" raffle packages are available now and at the event through Festival of Tables committee members.

Tickets for the Festival of Tables are $45 each. Proceeds will benefit Child and Family Services, a nonprofit organization specializing in foster care, adoption, counseling and prevention services in northwestern Michigan since 1937.

Tickets are available now at Elements in Charlevoix, Details of Traverse City and Petoskey, Wildflowers of Glen Arbor and Traverse City and Betsie Bay in Frankfort or by calling Child and Family Services at (231) 946-8975.

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Wyniawskyj — Umulis

Tanya Donna Wyniawskyj and Matthew Thomas Umulis, both of Charlevoix, are engaged to be married.

Tanya is the daughter of Richard and Donna Wyniawskyj of Charlevoix. Matthew is the son of Ralph and Sheryl Umulis of Lake Ann.

A wedding is being planned for spring 2006 at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is a 2001 graduate of Charlevoix High School and attended Central Michigan University. An English major, she is working on her teaching degree through Spring Arbor University at the North Central Michigan College campus.

The groom-to-be graduated from Benzie Central High School in 2000 and received an associate of science degree in law enforcement from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. He is currently employed by the city of Charlevoix as a police officer.

Seminar to help you with estate

With longer life expectancy and typically lower lifetime earnings, money management can present a greater challenge to women.

A free Estate Planning and Money Management Seminar, specifically designed for women and discussing money management, emergency funding, employer-sponsored benefits and other financial topics, will be given starting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23. This free program will be held in the large conference room on the lower level of Charlevoix Area Hospital and is open to women of all ages.

Some of the topics in the seminar will include planning for a child's or grandchild's education, savings, insurance, a review of monthly spending, savings accounts, CDs, taxes, planning for retirement, money management and steps to an effective estate plan.

Katrina Martin, attorney with Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof & Snyder; John Doskoch, certified financial planner practitioner; and Craig Leppien, financial advisor with Waddell & Reed will present the program.

This estate planning seminar is provided free of charge to the community by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Planned Gifts Committee and is the first in a series of estate and financial planning seminars that will be held this year.

For reservations or for additional information on the program, call the foundation office at (231) 547-8502.

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Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified.

If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Christian faiths to worship at annual Good Friday service

By THE REV. TOM NEIS
St. Mary's Church

Beacons of Blessing

Thanks to our Christian calendar, the Charlevoix School Board, its administration, teachers' Union and the Michigan High School Basketball Tournaments, there is no conflict this year — for the first time in seven or eight years — between the "March Madness" of basketball, the annual Spring vacation, and the holiest week in our Christian calendar!

Sunday, March 20, is called "Palm Sunday," a celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We join in singing our Hosannas in the highest in praise of Christ, our redeemer king. Our prayer is that we be among those who honor our triumphant King as we lift high the branches of palm trees that we carry. These words of blessing are found in Matthew's Gospel, 21:1-11. May all who claim to be his followers shout Hosanna to the Son of David!

Thursday, March 24, calls Christians to celebrate the Day of the Lord's Supper. As Christ blessed the bread, he told his disciples to "Take and eat," and of the cup of wine, "Drink all of this." ... "Do this in remembrance of me."

But even before we are called to eat and drink in the name of the Lord, Jesus invites his followers to allow him to wash their feet! The Lord has set an example for all who claim to be his followers to serve one another indeed, to serve others. Reflecting on John's Gospel, 13:1-15 may help us to take up the pitcher and towel to serve others.

Friday, March 25, is called "Good" because it is good for us to be redeemed by the blood of Jesus' sacrifice. You're invited to share in an Ecumenical service of Worship of Christ, our redeemer, beginning at 12 p.m. with a procession of carrying a cross, of assembling at the local Congregational Church to hear the accounting of John's recollection of Jesus' passion and death 18:1 - 19:42. This brief service will conclude at one o'clock so that many will be able to return to their own church to complete the tre'ore of liturgies.

March 27, Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord "Alleluia! Alleluia!" A day to be celebrated even more so than Christmas because it announces the completion of Christ's journey here on earth — the day of our Redemption! Some churches make certain that we don't miss out on the thoroughness of the celebration by beginning after dark on Saturday, just as some of the early Christians did.

The scripture of this glorious day tells the whole story: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, I Corinthians 5:6-8, Matthew 28:1-10, John 20:1-9 and Luke 24:13-35.

All of the Christian churches in our town cordially invite you to join in the retelling of the story of our Redemption and in the praising of our God whose love had the Father send his Son to show us how to live forever!

Obituaries

Mary L. Cook: Aug. 28, 1915 - March 12, 2005

Mary L. Cook, 89, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, March 12, 2005, at the Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Visitation was Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at the Winchester Funeral Home in. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Reverend Thomas Neis will officiate and burial will be at Holy Childhood Cemetery in Harbor Springs in the spring.

Mary was born Aug. 28, 1915, in Harbor Springs, the daughter of Arthur and Edna (Blackman) Ward. She graduated from Harbor Springs High School in 1935.

On Dec. 16, 1937, she married Robert J. Cook at St. Francis in Petoskey. They lived in Kalamazoo, Copemish, Pellston, Harbor Springs and made their home in Charlevoix in 1953, where Mary was a member of Saint Mary's Church.

She loved her family and adored the children. She especially enjoyed family gatherings. Mary appreciated nature, and reflected this in her craftwork and travels. She took great pleasure in bird watching, gardening, and camping.

Mary is survived by her husband Robert J. of Charlevoix; sons, Norman (Barbara) Cook of Charlevoix, Frank (Dayle) Cook of Mesa, Ariz.; daughters, Nancy (Tony) Giustra of Cross Village and Port Charlotte, Fla., Martha Skeel of Charlevoix and her former husband Phillip of Ellsworth; ten grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren; brother, Lewis (Izetta) Ward of Grand Rapids and Harbor Springs; sister, Ann Ellwanger of Harbor Springs; sister-in-law, Helen Ward of Harbor Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Mary Lou; sister Effie and her husband William Corey; brother Oren Ward; and nephews, Douglas Corey and John Ward.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix or Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

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Band honor

Charlevoix Middle School Band student had the distinction of performing in the MSBOA District Two Honors Band. The students were part of a 130-piece band. Participating students included Kimber Wager on flute, Shelbi Burtt and Rachel Melke on clarinet, Ellise Smolenyak on saxaphone, Sarah Stevenson on bassoon, Veronica Shull on trumpet, Alex Myers on trombone and Brennen Stebe on percussion.

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Resident wants mayor to change or abolish time limit

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Dave Scott believes he, and other citizens, need more than three minutes to speak at Charlevoix City Council meetings and he wants the mayor to fix this.

Scott, a former candidate for city council and a regular at the meetings, was recently cut off by Charlevoix Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson during a public hearing on the city's budget for going over the city's three minute speaking rule for public comments — Scott claims others at that hearing spoke longer then him and he was singled out. Scott asked to be on the agenda for the March 7 meeting to specifically ask the mayor to rethink the three minute rule.

"There is no demonstrated need for such a time limit. A time limit only discourages participation in city affairs," Scott said.

He pointed out very few people come to the meetings to speak and, on the night he was cut off, only six people had spoken on the budget.

As for his being cut off in midsentence by Carlson, Scott said, "That was the first time a member of the public was cut off."

He added, "What happened at the last council meeting was unfair and unjust. It was not because of the length of what I said, but because of the content."

When Scott was cut off, he had started to speak about the portion of the city's electric fund that will pay for a fiber optic network in Charlevoix. He claims this money — $428,300 — should not be in the electric fund, especially considering the budget proposes increases in the electric rate.

While he did compliment Carlson on his use of parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of Order to run a smooth meeting, Scott proposed an abolishment of the time limit.

However, he did understand that some time limits are necessary for speakers.

"Let's change the rules tonight. Put 5 or 6 minutes in place of abolishing it all together," he said.

Councilmember Sherman Chamberlain pointed out that other cities have time limits. In Traverse City, he said if someone goes over the 5 minute time limit, the chair of the commission immediately stops them.

"It's forcing you to get right to the point instead of bringing in other items," Chamberlain said.

Councilmember Bob Timms agreed with Scott's idea of extending the time, saying 5 or 6 minutes would be good.

Councilmember Shirley Gibson added to Carlson, "Just be a little more flexible with the time limit."

In response to all this, Carlson said, "I am more than happy to listen to everybody."

He said he wanted to think about the matter and discuss it further in the future.

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Winter ride

Above, Karen Klooster, of Charlevoix, peddles through the snow on her way to the library Monday afternoon.

Easter Blessings

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Sunday, March 20, 9 am & 11:15 am
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"Hosanna Medley", by the adult choir and the children's choir; "Untitled Hymn", by the children's choir; & the children's annual "Parade of the Palms"

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, March 24, 7 pm
"Jesus Serves", message by Pastor Chip Sauer from John 13:1 - 20 & John 19
"A Service of Shadows", Tenebrae service;
"The Body & the Blood," video by Kathy Mays

Community Good Friday Service
Friday, March 25, Noon at the First Congregational UCC (Carrying the cross from Oleson's to the church, beginning at 11:30 am)
Worship & music led by members of area churches (Sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Charlevoix)

Easter Celebration
Sunday, March 27, 10 am at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium
"Jesus Lives", message by Pastor Chip Sauer from John 20:1 - 18
"The Lord is Risen This Morning!", & "Celebrate the Life of Jesus!", by the choir; "Agnus Dei/Worthy", by the youth mime troupe,
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Thursday, 7 pm

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Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
Sunday 6 am at Depot Beach. Traditional Worship at 11 am

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104 State Street, Charlevoix

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, March 24, 7 pm

Good Friday Service
Friday, March 25, Noon
Held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ with the cross procession beginning at 11:30 am from Oleson's parking lot.

Easter Services
March 27, 6:30 am Sunrise Song & Word Service at Ferry Beach
10 am Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
11 am Easter Worship

MAR 2005

Commission votes for smoking ban

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix County Commission voted 4 to 2 in favor of a smoking ban proposed by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

The Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation has been passed by Charlevoix, Otsego and Emmet counties, but it will take the approval of Antrim county to go into effect.

The regulation aims to ban smoking from public and private places and businesses where harmful second-hand smoke could be inhaled by those who do not smoke.

It was a unanimous vote to adopt the regulation by Emmet and Otsego counties. Antrim county is scheduled to consider the regulation at their April meeting.

Charlevoix County Commissioner Shirley J. Roloff said she is in favor of having clean, smoke free environments, but didn't support the regulation.

"I don't want anybody to smoke and want everyone to have good, clean health, but I don't think it's my right to tell them how to run their business," she said.

Roloff said it bothers her that one more regulation is placed out there over the people.

"I don't believe in regulations you can't enforce," she said.

Roloff said there are other options that could have been taken such as more education.

To quit smoking, drinking or overeating are all hard, Roloff said, but education could be more effective than a regulation.

"I have really mixed feelings about the whole thing," she said. "I definitely want to make a clean environment."

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Academic honors

The Lake Michigan Academic All-Conference Team ate lunch with Charlevoix High School Principal Gary Grundman on March 9. The team includes (from left to right) front row are: Alex Heffling, Sonya Plude, Michelle Fritsch, Anna Taylor, Jacky Heckendorn and Michael Wojan. Second row are: Sierra Whisler, Amber Million, Chris Golski, Ezra Bakker, Mallory Mahoney, Tom Aepelbacher and Nate Turner.

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One more county needs to vote on ban

SMOKING

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Charlevoix County Commissioner Chairman Victor R. Patrick said he supported the regulation because of the good it could have in the workplace.

"I just think that with all the cancer we should," he said. "People who don't smoke should be entitled to a smoke free environment."

Commissioner Ronald L. Reinhardt said he voted against the regulation.

"The government is being too evasive on private businesses," he said. "Most businesses and industries are taking care of that problem themselves so why make a law?"

Reinhardt said when the commissioners were told that about 25 people die from second-hand smoke each year, he asked the health department if that total could be divided between someone's residence, business or restaurants and bars.

"They wouldn't or couldn't give me an answer," he said.

Reinhardt said he hasn't changed his mind on the matter.

Commissioner W. Randolph Frykberg voted in favor of the smoking regulation as the issue is about health.

"I think there's certainly ample evidence of smoke being a class A carcinogen and it's not fair for someone to infringe on the rights of others," he said.

Frykberg said people are still allowed to smoke, just not inside the work place or in company vehicles. When smokers go outside, they must now stand a good distance from the entrance to the building.

Frykberg said after the vote he received mail, probably from smokers, who stated they were angry their rights were being taken away.

However, Frykberg said it's not their rights that are being taken away as the right to breath smoke free air is the object of the regulation.

The regulation doesn't affect private residences or vehicles.

The purpose of banning smoking in public and private work places is to protect the public's health and welfare.

The regulation will ban smoking in several places including all enclosed areas of worksites and public places that are owned, rented, leased or otherwise under control of a participating county. This also includes motor vehicles.

Other places where a participating county will ban smoking is restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways and other common areas.

Public transportation, service lines, retail stores, public places used by the general public, galleries, libraries, museums, theaters, cinemas, sports arenas, convention halls, both public and private meeting facilities and school buildings also have to ban smoking on their facilities.

Hospitals, professional offices, motels, hotels and places where bingo is played will also have to comply.

Restaurants, bars, casinos and tobacco specialty stores will not have to adhere to the ban.

Any violations to the regulation once put in place will be a warning for the first violation.

However, there will be a $50 fine for a second violation, $100 fine for a third violation and a $500 fine for each additional violation within the one year from the first violation.

For more information and to read the entire regulation go the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's website at www.nwhealth.org.

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BUSINESS

Charlevoix man can keep your computer healthy

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Carlos Lopez can help keep you from tossing your computer through the window.

Lopez, of Charlevoix, opened his business Ideas Computer Services on March 6 with the plan of helping people in Charlevoix keep their computers running smoothly, free of glitches, viruses or other nasties that make us hate technology at times.

"I can help people with their problems. I can deal with any kind of computer trouble," Lopez said.

Lopez, who is also a staffing specialist at Northern Staffing, said he came up with the idea for the new business when he was helping out a friend with his computer troubles. He said at that moment he realized this was a service that is needed in this area, especially with the upgrades to the internet that are bringing this tool into more homes in Charlevoix.

"I see a lot of people who have problems with viruses or spam. To me the internet is not a toy anymore. You can be on the internet for only 5 minutes and can do serious stuff to your computer," Lopez said. "I like to help you get rid of all the viruses on your computer that I find."

In addition to cleaning your computer of viruses and helping to protected you from these little beasts of the internet, Lopez can also give your computer a tune-up, do repair on it, get your systems set up and create networking systems.

As background, Lopez has a associate of applied science degree in computer information systems from North Central Michigan College and a bachelor of arts degree in management from Spring Arbor University in Traverse City.

Lopez has been a resident of Charlevoix for the past seven years, when he came here from Honduras.

He said he came to Charlevoix, because his father, Carlos Lopez Sr., lived here and he did not know anyone else in the states.

"I liked the area and decided to stay," he said. "It is quite a nice community."

Ideas Computer Services, that Lopez has based out of his home for the time being, is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, but after-hours appointments are available.

Lopez can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6505 or e-mailing caralomi@hotmail.com.

Photo by Jeremy McBain
Carlos Lopez recently opened Ideas Computer Services in Charlevoix.

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Military news

(Editor's note: In an attempt to keep the community informed on Charlevoix citizens in the service, we have added this section to the Charlevoix Courier on a monthly basis. If you know of any Charlevoix residents that are currently serving in the military and are not listed in this section, please contact the Courier at (231) 547-6558.)

Several Charlevoix residents or relatives of area residents are currently serving in the military and are either overseas in Iraq or stateside. Their efforts are recognized here.

Currently Overseas:
ARMY

1st Lt. Anthony Doan, 26 — serving as a part of the 506th Combat Infantry; was stationed in Korea in 2003; could stay deployed in Iraq for 18 months to a year; been in the Army for three years; inspired Operation Beanie Baby after hearing a radio operator wish for something to give to the Iraqi children; currently stationed at Camp Habbaniyah in Iraq since August.

1st Lt. Waylon Gross, 24 — stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; is a platoon leader and featured in "Stars & Stripes Magazine" because his platoon has been fired upon more times than all the other platoons in his division combined; currently stationed in Baghdad.

Sgt. Country J. Middleton, 28 — recently called back for deployment to Iraq for 18 months; previously served in active duty for four years and was a part of Task Force Falcon, a multi-national peacekeeping mission in the Kosovo Campaign, which led him into Bosnia and Albania; stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; currently stationed in Kuwait.

Sgt. Sean Roberts, 25 — serving as a part of 1st Division, 41st Infantry, Charlie Company; stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; is serving on his third tour in Iraq; currently stationed at Camp Cuervo in Baghdad.

Pfc. Nicholas Strong, 20 — serving as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon; currently serving as grenadier for the 2nd Platoon; will be deployed for one year; stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; currently stationed at a camp near the International Green Zone in Baghdad.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Sgt. Todd Weaver, 41 — has served for 12 years; first time overseas for active duty; stationed out of Camp Grayling; sent to Fort Bliss, Texas and will be in Iraq in March.

MILITARY POLICE — ARMY

Spc. Benjamin Frederick, 20 —serving as a part of the 1st Calvary, 545th Military Police Company, 4th Platoon; stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; will be deployed for about one year; currently stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad.

AIR FORCE

Staff Sgt. Dane Crain, 25 — has served since 1998; stationed out of Moody Air Force Base, Ga.; was deployed to Saudi Arabia three times, once to Kuwait, once to Iraq and once to Qatar; was deployed to Qatar again in March 2005 for approximately six months making it his seventh tour in the Middle East.

Senior Airman Collin J. Keller, 22 — has served for over two and a half years as a member of the security forces; was first stationed in Cheyenne, Wyo.; recently completed a year tour in Kunsan Air Base in South Korea where he was selected to attend the Army's elite SWAT training program and completed it with high honors; is qualified to attend Military Dog Training School and is looking forward to advance his career in K-9; currently stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany.

Staff Sgt. Timothy McWatters, 26 — currently stationed at Aviano Air Force Base in Italy; has been in for several years.

Airman Elizabeth Powers, 20 — stationed out of Fort Pope in Fayetteville, N.C. and is currently stationed in Balad, Iraq.

Master Sgt. Troy Swegles, 37 — has served for 20 years; was in Baghdad at the beginning of the war in 2003 for 90 days; has been in the Middle East several times for tours of duty including Saudia Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Kuwait; was also stationed in Haiti, Cuba and the Philippines; currently stationed out of Molesworth Air Force Base in England for the second time; in January will be going to Montgomery, Ala. for training to become a Senior Master Sergeant.

Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Thompson, 41 — stationed out of Camp Darby in Italy; was stationed in Korea for about 18 months; stationed in Saudia Arabia this summer for about four months; could face possible deployment to Iraq.

MARINES

Staff Sgt. James Ciuk Jr., 36 — stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; did a six month tour in Okinawa; currently on his second tour in Iraq.

Joshua Popenhagen, 20 — stationed out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; presently deployed in Iraq.

NAVY

Petty Officer 3rd class Matthew J. Campbell, 24 — was in Iraq for five months at the start of the war; has been stationed aboard the USS Kitty Hawk out of Yokuska, Japan since 1999.

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Lignell, 43 — has served actively for two and a half years, but has been involved for eight years while educating himself; serves as the department head of anesthesiology at the naval base at Yokosuka, Japan.

Chief Petty Officer (EAC) Alvin Veenstra, 37 — will have served 18 years in February; serving as an Engineering Aide Chief (EAC) and with the SeaBees, a construction battalion and currently serving with the 7th Naval Construction Regiment out of Rhode Island; works hand-in-hand with the Marine Corps; last year was stationed in Rota, Spain for six months with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 out of Mount Clemens; is slated to be in Iraq for two years; currently stationed in Fallujah.

Currently Stateside:
ARMY

Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt, 21 — stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; serving as part of the Big Red One, First Infantry Division; was involved in Operation Generosity I, which supplied fun items to children; involved in Operation Generosity II, which will supply winter clothing for residents in the area; was stationed at Camp Anaconda in Balad, Iraq; is currently home.

Spc. Tara Gross, 23 — was stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; inactive status, but could face possible re-deployment.

Sgt. 1st Class Jimmie L. McWatters, 60 — has been in the Army for 23 years; currently stationed out of Camp Grayling.

Sgt. Kent Newland, 24 — stationed out of Fort Richardson, Alaska; was on tour with a regiment for nine months in Afghanistan; served as a part of the Army Airborne 501st Parachute Infantry; currently facing possible re-deployment to Iraq in spring.

Capt. Douglas E. Sloan, 38 — stationed out of Fort Drum, N.Y.; was deployed to Al Fallujah, Iraq; currently facing re-deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan in May 2005; took command of Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry on Sept. 29, which he served with in Iraq; has received numerous awards and decorations.

Spc. Curtis Theisen, 25 — currently home from serving in Tikrit, Iraq; was attached to an engineering corps out of Platteville, Wis.; inactive status, but could face possible re-deployment.

Pfc. James Wiklanski, 25 — has served for almost two years; a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, 1-3 Attack Aviation Brigade, Delta Company; will be deployed to Iraq on Jan. 21 for a year to 18 months; currently stationed out of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

Sgt. Scott A. Campbell, 29 — has served for 11 years; served stateside in Homeland Security for six months at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (formerly Selfridge Air Force Base); currently stationed out of Camp Grayling.

Spc. Jeffery Riley, 20 — stationed out of Camp Grayling; serving as a firefighter; was stationed in Mosul, Iraq; currently home in Charlevoix.

Sgt. Gerald Zeitler, 41 — stationed out of Chehoygan; will be retiring in April 2005, served overseas in Egypt for about six months.

AIR FORCE

Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell, 24 — stationed out of San Angelo, Texas; in 2001 served in Saudia Arabia for three months; in 2002 was sent to Oman for six months, but came home the day the war started; is a firefighter instructor.

Airman Robert Helm Jr., 20 — stationed out of Montana; part of the Space and Missile Technology Program.

Airman 1st Class Christopher Loper, 21 — has served for almost two years; could face possible deployment to Iraq; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Staff Sgt. Marcus McWatters, 25 — currently stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida; has been in for several years.

Airman 1st Class Hayley Torres, 21 — has served for almost two years; is currently a medical technician; not currently facing deployment to Iraq; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Airman 1st Class Jesus "Skip" Torres III, 20 — will have served two years in February; currently a medical technician; could face possible deployment to Iraq in May 2005; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Brett Vander Heide, 26 —was stationed in Turkey, Bahrain and Qatar; also served one year in Korea; is currently leaving the service after serving for six years; currently stationed at Pope Air Force Base at Fort Bragg, N.C.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Senior Airman Shannon L. Martin, 23 — graduated from basic training on March 12, 2004 from Lockland Air Force Base, Texas; graduated from munitions systems apprentice course on May, 19, 2004 from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and received the Ammo Warrior Award; unsure about possible deployment to Iraq; currently a member of the Air National Guard in Duluth, Minn.

MARINES

Cpl. Daniel Bennett, 23 — served in Iraq for eight months; been in the Marine Reserves for over four years; is currently home but could face re-deployment starting in January 2005.

Cpl. Dawson Matter, 23 — was deployed to Iraq for eight months and stationed in Fallujah; received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; is out of the Marine Corps, but is subject to being called back for the next four years.

Mary Selph, 22 — currently stationed in California.

NAVY

EOC Kyle A. Louiselle, 21 — has served as a SeaBee for two years; is an Equipment Operator Constructionman (EOC); received the Junior Sailor of the Quarter Award from the Master Chief at Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.; received a letter of commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon; a Top Honor Graduate in April 2003 from Construction Equipment Training School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; currently stationed in Monterey, Calif.

CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR

Jamey Spencley, 35 — previously served as an interrogation specialist from 1992 to 1996 with the Army; was deployed to Haiti as a part of Operation Uphold Democracy; has recently volunteered as a civilian contractor to do work as an interrogation specialist; will be deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan for one year; left on Jan. 8 for Fort Bliss, Texas and will be there for a week before shipping out.

Information is not known about the following individuals except for they are currently serving or did serve: **(AIR FORCE) Dustin Albaugh, Crystal Beach, Kevin Beach, Jeff Schlinger, Paul Walker, (MARINES) Blake Renshaw** and **(NAVY) Christopher Hawk, Garry Miller** and **Phillip Slocum.**

Information is not known about what branch of the military these individuals served with: **Sophie Bootz, Jacob Clark, Nathan Clark, Tiffany Matter, Markus McWatters, Timothy McWatters, Garry Miller, LeEtta Miller, Leonard Nemeth, Christian Pashingbauer, Gregory Starr, Cody Thompson, Billy Werner** and **Steve Woodbeck.**

Bradley Rykse is no longer in the Marine Corps and Kevin Ranum is home.

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Charlevoix PTO makes changes to spring carnival

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

"If it works we want to do it every year and we can always change the theme,"

Stacey Stewart,
Operation Basket co-chair

With budget cuts across the state hurting local schools, the Charlevoix Elementary Parent Teacher Organization is preparing to give the Annual Spring Carnival a new twist with Operation Basket and a new location and time.

Stacey Stewart and Suzy Fenwick, Operation Basket co-chairs, said Operation Basket involves having students, teachers and the community at large donate items geared toward certain themes that will then be made into gift baskets.

"If it works we want to do it every year and we can always change the theme," Stewart said.

This year's themes include Pasta Night, Chocolate Lovers, Stationary, Kids Tub Time, It's a Boy, It's a Girl, Gardening, Movie Night, Adult Spa, Coffee and Tea, Baking Basket, Hair Basket, Dog or Cat Lovers, Kitchen Essentials, Mother's Appreciation, Book Basket, BBQ Basket, Birthday Basket, Wrapping Basket, Game Basket, Travel Basket and Arts and Crafts.

The silent auction will replace the yearly raffle and will occur on April 22 at Charlevoix High School. Everyone is encouraged to participate as Operation Basket is not limited to parents.

The funds raised through Operation Basket will be split evenly with 50 percent going toward the PTO and 50 percent going to the teachers.

Cuts in funding have resulted in the loss of teacher's aides and the school nurse. The monetary loss has also affected the money available to teachers to purchase supplies for their classrooms.

"With the budget cuts they can't afford to do special projects," Stewart said.

The teachers will use the money to buy needed items for their classrooms and to help fund special projects.

The PTO will use the money to continue funding author visits, the Santa supper, the family night barbecue, teacher appreciation week, the fourth grade graduation and more.

Fenwick said this is the primary fund-raiser for the school and the money received through the auction will help supplement what the school has lost due to cuts in state funding.

The idea to change the raffle into a silent auction with gift baskets featuring different themes, came about when Stewart's friend informed her on the success of a similar project.

Stewart and Fenwick said similar projects done at other schools in the area have been successful and the idea was worth a try since the raffle was not successful last year.

Typically only merchants are asked to donate to the raffle, but this year Fenwick and Stewart are sending out 600 letters asking everyone that owns a business to participate in the fund-raiser.

Businesses are asked to donate something that would fit one of the many themes, but are also asked to make a monetary donation if they don't have a product that fits a theme.

The monetary donations will then be used to purchase needed items for the gift baskets.

Once all donations are received, the baskets will be created and will then be displayed in the windows of downtown merchants so people can view them before the silent auction.

Donations are due by March 25.

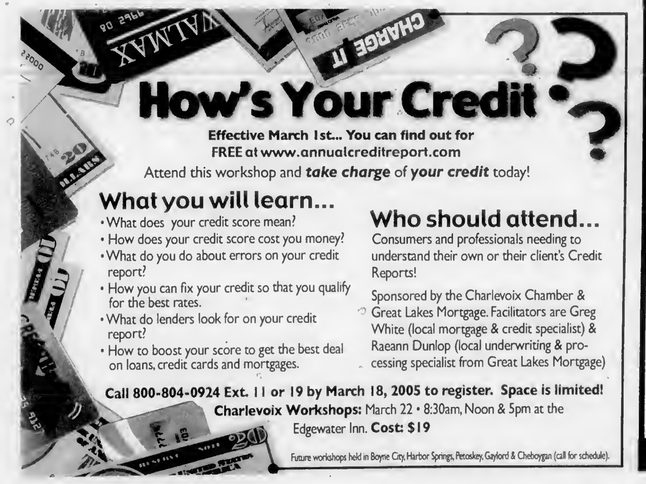
For more information about Operation Basket or to have a donation picked up call 547-0511.

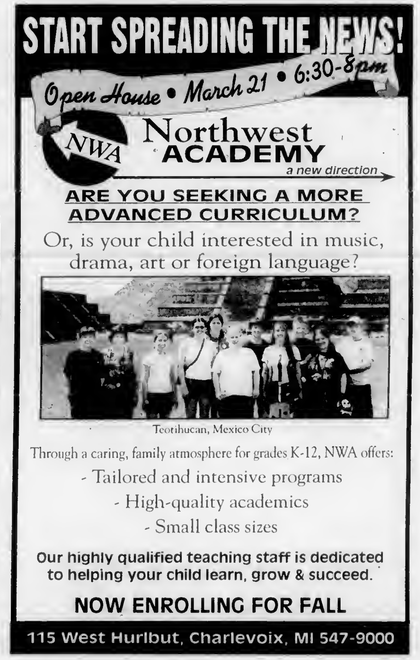
Also, donations can be mailed to 13551 Clark Road, Charlevoix, MI, 49720. Checks can be made out to Charlevoix Elementary PTO.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

French lesson

The Charlevoix High School French III class enjoyed a traditional French breakfast at Esperance on March 10. The class was informed on French culture, wine and the European way of life.





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Christmas lights may cost city over $32,000 this year

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Christmas tree lights in Charlevoix invite visitors to the downtown area, but also cost the city when it comes time to replace them.

City Manager Michael Wiesner said the $32,700 allocated in the 2005 budget for the replacement of the Christmas lights is more expensive than last year because a larger number of bulbs are being replaced.

"This year the plan is to remove all of the lights from Belvedere Avenue to the bridge," Wiesner said.

The city is going to see if the Downtown Development Authority can pay for the lights this year. If the authority can't, then the city will pick up the tab.

The cost is high but Wiesner said the lights are more economical than other options.

The major overhaul is due since the lights are good for two years until they need to be replaced, Wiesner said.

The Christmas lights on the north side of town are not being replaced, but refurbished, Wiesner said.

However, next year those lights will have to be completely replaced while the lights from Belvedere Avenue to the Bridge will only have to be refurbished.

Wiesner said the cost for replacing the lights next year is estimated at $20,000.

The Christmas lights in downtown Charlevoix have been around for a while and have become more extensive over the years, Wiesner said.

For the past three years the current abundance of lights has been downtown, which features 50 percent to 100 percent more lights than were shown in the past, Wiesner said. Wiesner said the amount of lights was left up to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the downtown merchants as the city worked with both.

Wiesner said he is not aware of any other options that could be as extensive.

Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, said the cost can get high when replacing the lights since it's not just the bulbs but the wires as well. Carlson said other options could possibly be to look at different types of lights that might last longer.

However, Carlson said a company that replaces Christmas lights all over Michigan gave the city advice.

Bob Timms, first ward city council member, said the suggestion was to have the lights taken down and replaced with completely new strands.

"They claim they're good for only a couple of years running them how we do," he said.

Timms said he hasn't delved into the longevity of lights, but the lights may be able to last a third year with only minor replacements.

The cost to replace the lights is similar to the funds spent on the city's petunias, Timms said, which both make the city look nicer and can draw people to downtown. However, they aren't vital to the city.

"If things get tighter, it's not necessary," he said.

Timms said the citizen's committee Mayor Carlson has proposed would look into issues such as this and determine what needs to be cut.

Timms said if taxes were to be raised in order to finance the Christmas lights downtown he would be against it.

"I don't agree with raising taxes," he said. "Cut out some other things first."

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Winter construction

While it may be winter, many construction projects are still underway in Charlevoix. Here, workers work on the new Appletree Building on Bridge Street.

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Dominic writes, performs from the heart

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Charlevoix native Chris Dominic and Homestead Productions owner F.L. "Chip" Stead work on the sound and quality of tracks laid by Dominic for his upcoming album that will be released sometime in June.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix native is following his dream of becoming a singer and songwriter.

Chris Dominic, 25, has been dividing his time between Charlevoix and Nashville for the past seven years as he works on albums, creates new lyrics and composes new songs. However, over the past year he has spent more time in Nashville.

"It's almost like a therapy," he said. "I try to write from the heart or from other people's experiences.

Dominic, the son of Charlevoix residents Dennis and Bonnie Dominic, has been singing most of his life and enjoys performing, but loves the artistry of creating a song from his own heart.

Dominic's album, "The Bible and the Medicine Bag," features six original songs that describe moments in his life and situations he has helped his friends through.

The personal side of writing music has proved to be quite the challenge.

"It's hard because you want to say a lot, but it's still a song," he said.

Dominic has had to cut some information out of his songs, but never the meaning behind them.

Each song starts out with either a working title by Dominic or just simply ideas written down on a sheet of paper. However, Dominic doesn't go it alone.

F.L. "Chip" Stead, owner of Homestead Productions in Onaway, has been collaborating with Dominic for about two years and Eddie Fellabaum also helps write.

"We get together, maybe sit and ponder and come up with something, but we have fun along the way," Dominic said.

"We say what we have to say and put it in songwriting form."

Dominic, Stead and Fellabaum create the lyrics and Stead composes the melody leaving Dominic to carry the song with his vocal talent.

"I'll come in with a title and sit down at the computer and write one verse then the other," Dominic said.

Once the song is written, Stead plays whatever instrument is needed for the feeling of the song that Dominic wants.

Stead said he has always been in a hand, which helps him hear what the song will sound like without any music on at all.

Compared to other producers, Stead said he prefers to creating authentic music and not just playing a track behind Dominic's voice. Authentic music and lyrics keep fans coming back for more.

Dominic performs for his audience and has them take an active role in the performance. But the draw to the work behind the scenes

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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place.

- A Public Hearing was held on the Fourth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.
- A Public Hearing was held on the Fifth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.
- Motion adopted to move the March 21, 2005 regular Council meeting to March 14, 2005, due to a possible lack of a quorum on March 21.
- Tabled discussion of City Officials and City Employees conflict of interest policy and contracts.
- Motion adopted to approve contract with DLT Solutions in the amount of $12,184.36 for purchase of GIS software.
- Motion adopted to approve a change order request for City Hall in the amount of $109,640.
- Motion to approve contract with LC Consulting to engineer and design the fiber optic system in the amount of $11,000, with the contingency that Charlevoix Public Schools pay for one third of the cost.
- Motion adopted to accept recommendation of the Treasurer to appoint Rehmann-Robson as auditors in the amount of $64,800 for a three-year contract, plus a $3,000 single audit fee if required.
- Resolution 2005-03-01 adopted to set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m., April 4, 2005, in Council Chambers of City Hall for an Industrial Facilities Exemption application from Harbor Industries.
- Motion adopted to table the 2005-2006 Budget Ordinance until the March 14, 2005 meeting.
- Motion adopted to table DDA Amendments 4 and 5 until the March 14, 2005 meeting.

Council adjourned at 11 29 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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A lot of work goes into making music

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Charlevoix native and Nashville resident Chris Dominic sings the latest version of songs he's working on for his next album. Dominic has been singing for several years and writes his own songs with the help of his collaborator and producer, F.L. "Chip" Stead of Homestead Productions in Onaway.

DOMINIC

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is something that has always been with him.

"I have an interest in everything in the music industry," he said. "I want to be well-rounded."

Dominic said he wants to get more involved in the producing and engineering side of music but wants to continue singing as much as possible.

"I want to share what I have to say," he said.

Dominic said he gets enjoyment out of creating songs because everyone knows that one song that helped them out when they were in a tough situation or going through hard times or just made them feel good.

"It lets a feeling out," he said. "Expresses something."

Throughout his time spent in Nashville, Dominic has come in contact with a lot of musical talents both in front and behind the scenes and has had the constant support of friends and family.

Dominic and Stead are currently working on an upcoming album that should be released in June. He is also working on a web site that will list release and performance dates.

Until that time, everyone can see Dominic sing his own original work and popular songs of others at Victories Hotel and Casino in Petoskey.

Dominic will be performing in the hotel lounge every Friday starting at 5:30 p.m. until early April.

For more information about Dominic's albums or performance dates call 547-5286 or e-mail him at chris_dominic@yahoo.com. For more information on Stead and Homestead Productions call 989-733-7076 or e-mail Stead at homested@voyager.net.

Gospel quartet to perform March 20

The Gospelmen Quartet is performing at 10 a.m., March 20, at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene.

They are located at 12023 Waller Road and the US-31 intersection. The group originates from Genesee and is a gospel quartet with a southern and traditional flavor. A potluck luncheon will follow the service.

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Opera 'Carmen' coming to high school stage

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The auditorium at Charlevoix High School will become its very own opera house as "Carmen" will be coming to Charlevoix on March 25 as a part of the Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series presented by Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Mary Wiklanski, cultural coordinator for Crooked Tree Arts Center, said the opportunity to present "Carmen" came up as the Opera Verdi Europa is currently traveling the United States.

"There's not a lot of opera up here," Wiklanski said, aside from the Cheboygan Opera House and the Bay View Association.

And "Carmen" will provide the perfect opportunity to bring more opera to northern Michigan.

Opera Verdi Europa was founded by Ivan Kyurkchiev in 1996.

The company is comprised of Bulgaria's best singers, musicians and dancers, who perform more than 70 performances a year.

"Carmen" was first performed in 1875 at the Opera Comique in Paris. The opera was written by George Bizet and follows the story of a young gypsy girl who lives by her own rules even if that means hurting others.

"Carmen" follows the young woman named Carmen and one of her lovers, Don Jose. Carmen easily tires of men, but Don Jose wouldn't give up despite her change in attitude toward him.

However, in a jealous rage he stabs her to death while attending a bull fight.

"Carmen" will be presented in French, but English subtitles will be projected above the stage.

On March 24, in preparation for "Carmen," Crooked Tree Arts Center and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will host a lecture about opera and specifically, "Carmen" at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Wiklanski said the lecture is intended to help prepare the audience for what to listen for when attending an opera and to get a general idea of what happens in an opera.

Dr. Robert Pattengale, professor emeritus of music from Minnesota State University, Moorhead, will speak about the general history of opera and also specifically "Carmen."

Pattengale retired to northern Michigan in 1997 and has been involved in the Bay View Music Festival and area arts along with his wife, Aliee.

Since retiring, Pattengale actively helped to develop the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra and the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. He also was involved in forming the Baroquen Consort from members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. The Baroquen Consort offers school programs in the region.

The lecture will start at 7:30 p.m. on March 24 and "Carmen" will be performed at 8 p.m. on March 25.

For more information on Carmen visit www.crookedtree.org.

Tickets for the March 24 lecture are $10 and refreshments are included. Tickets for "Carmen" on March 25 are $50 for patron seating, $25 for non-member adults, $10 for students, $20 for member adults and $8 for student members.

Tickets are available at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey at 347-4337 or online at www.crookedtree.org.

Covenant Players to perform in Charlevoix

The Covenant Players will bring Christian drama into the setting of any church event and they are coming to Charlevoix.

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The Covenant Players will perform at 11 a.m. on March 20 at Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

Sheriff warns of scam in the area

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater would like to warn citizens of a scam currently circulating in the area.

Potential victims are contacted via mail by a person claiming to be a Nigerian attorney for the former Liberian president currently in exile. For a 30 percent fee of a "large sum of money" your assistance is solicited in order to move this money out of the country.

An e-mail address is referenced for the potential victim to make contact. Once contact has been established the scam will next involve the con men obtaining bank account numbers which will then be used to scam the victims out of money.

Lasater reminds citizens to never provide their bank account numbers, social security number of other privileged information to strangers. If you or some one you know has been involved in a swindle, please contact the sheriff's office for assistance.

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City of Charlevoix Ordinance 698 of 2005
2004-2005 Budget Amendment

The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2004 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix. Ordinance No. 695 of 2004, Budget Appropriation Act of 2004-2005 is hereby amended as follows:

			Original Budget	Amended Budget	Net Change
General Fund Revenues	Taxes	Rv	$1,682,500	$1,694,177	$11,677
	Licenses & Permits	Rv	9,200	6,465	(2,735)
	Federal Grants	Rv	0	54,416	54,416
	State Grants	Rv	327,700	359,130	31,430
	Charges for Services	Rv	601,700	602,783	1,083
	Fines & Forfeits	Rv	27,800	26,518	(1,282)
	Interest & Rents	Rv	111,400	111,135	(265)
	Other	Rv	5,800	5,703	(97)
	Fund Transfers	Rv	241,800	276,300	34,500
	RV Total		$3,007,900	$3,136,627	$128,727
General Fund Expense	Legislative	Ex	$43,900	$54,236	10,336
	General Govt	Ex	429,200	465,384	36,184
	Public Safety/Health	Ex	1,179,800	1,162,406	(17,394)
	Public Works	Ex	188,600	168,218	(20,382)
	Recreation & Culture	Ex	1,076,600	948,229	(128,371)
	Other	Ex	126,300	49,205	(77,095)
	Fund Transfers	Ex	85,000	126,029	41,029
General Fund	EX Total		$3,129,400	$2,973,707	($155,693)
Major Street	RV Total		226,300	398,664	172,364
Major Street	EX Total		231,900	391,317	159,417
Local Street	RV Total		165,900	115,700	(50,200)
Airport Fund	RV Total		3,280,000	244,868	(3,035,132)
Airport Fund	EX Total		3,237,700	182,390	(3,055,310)
Downtown Development Authority	RV Total		756,800	1,334,222	577,422
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total		623,065	1,103,348	480,283
PI#1 Fire/Ambulance Replacement	RV Total		27,900	27,400	(500)
PI#1 Fire/Ambulance Replacement	EX Total		127,000	125,598	(1,402)
PI#2 Sewer Tap Ins Reserve	RV Total		$73,500	$69,100	(4,400)
PI#2 Sewer Tap Ins Reserve	EX Total		$0	$199,000	199,000
PI#6 Infrastructure Improv	RV Total		571,000	763,698	192,698
PI#6 Infrastructure Improv	EX Total		534,000	717,054	183,054
PI#9 Industrial Park Improv	RV Total		3,600	3,500	(100)
PI#10 City Hall Improv	RV Total		$352,300	$346,600	(5,700)
PI#10 City Hall Improv	EX Total		378,300	816,010	437,710
Electric Fund	RV Total		$ 5,600,038	$ 5,159,289	($440,749)
Electric Fund	EX Total		$ 6,881,431	$ 6,066,657	($814,774)
Water Fund	RV Total		$697,100	$680,725	($16,375)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	EX Total		1,200,077	1,334,714	134,637
Motor Pool Fund	RV Total		467,829	449,597	(18,232)
Motor Pool Fund	EX Total		527,700	529,779	2,079
Perpetual Care Fund	RV Total		$89,100	$86,735	($2,365)

ADOPTED this 21st of February, 2005.

Ordinance No. 698 was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

Yeas: Council Members Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard and Timms.

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Bellows

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City, school district to look into fiber optic

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The City of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Public Schools may team up to fund a study that would look into the feasibility of putting in a fiber optic network.

City Manager Michael Wiesner said the new study would expand on a previous study.

If the study shows a benefit to the city, the city council may add it to the new budget.

As of Monday night, fiber optics was removed from the 2005 budget.

A fiber optic network would be cheaper in the long run, Wiesner said, and is quicker with more capabilities than other systems.

City Treasurer Rick Brandi said if the city and schools agree to work together on the option of fiber optics, it would be cheaper and more cost effective for both.

Brandi said there was $428,300 set aside in the electric budget to fund the whole operation.

However, the study would only cost about $11,000. Council agreed to the study earlier this month.

The city will fund two-thirds of the study leaving the school to fund only one-third.

However, Charlevoix Public Schools have not committed to anything at this point.

Superintendent John Sturock said if the schools agree to go ahead and help fund the new study, the funds would not be covered by the general funds, which oversee operations.

The estimated cost the schools would pay is about $3,000, but that isn't a permanent figure as the real figures are still unknown.

Sturock said until the school can see what the scope of the work will cost they aren't committing to anything.

However, the fiber optic option of working with the city would be cheaper than going the wireless route alone, Sturock said.

Scott Mays, technology coordinator for Charlevoix Public Schools, said the fiber optic network would increase the speed and capacity of what could be sent over the system.

Mays said some drawbacks to fiber optics are that they have to be constructed point-to-point whereas a wireless network only requires antennas.

Despite any drawbacks, Mays said the fiber optic route is the preferred option for high bandwidth connections, which is how much information can be sent through the system.

Mays said the school is looking toward the long-term investment and believes the fiber optics will give the most capabilities.

Some of the benefits of fiber optics to the schools would be improved access to online education information and will reduce costs stemming from leasing telecommunications services.

The city will be able to provide video conferencing at City Hall and a connection to all city departments.

The electric department in particular would have an improved electrical system and the ability to monitor and identify power outages in a more timely manner.

The benefits to the community are an improved electrical system, lower costs for school system and area businesses and the possibility of attracting new business to the area.

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City Hall costs higher than thought

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Cost overruns on the City Hall renovations were unanimously approved by City Council and will be taken care of.

Jim Shull, project manager for City Hall renovations, said there were some problems that were discovered during the process of demolition.

One problem was with the drain lines, which ran to the street differently than what was laid out in the as-built plans.

Shull said things had to be moved around in order to work with the actual line up of the drains.

Some larger issues came about when the city began working on the fire department and police department portion of the building, which were caused by a stairway.

The stairway was the original from 1939, Shull said, and didn't meet today's code. In order to make the stairway safer the middle rail was removed, which widened the stairs to help with emergency exit use.

Shull said the city asked for a variance on this stairway, but met with one condition that stated all the other stairways should be in compliance as well.

Shull said the stairway in the fire department was not designed for emergency use and a corridor from the council chambers had to be built in order to make it compliant with today's code.

These changes created the abundance of cost overruns, but some benefits came with it.

Shull said Fire Chief Paul Ivan wasn't here when the drawings were first started so he was able to make changes to the fire department side that would benefit them in the long run.

With the old plan the fire and police departments were intermixed, but will now be separate.

The original construction contract was $2,067,000 and with the inclusion of $52,875.16 it was changed to $2,119,875.16.

Shull said council passed the building request for an additional $109,640 to cover the cost overruns, bringing the total construction contract to $2,229,515.16.

City Manager Michael Wiesner said the construction costs were around 7 percent over the original bid, but most renovation projects can go over by 10 percent.

"To me, on a remodel project, you just expect surprises," he said.

Costs to renovate city hall are higher than previously thought. Photo by Jeremy McBain

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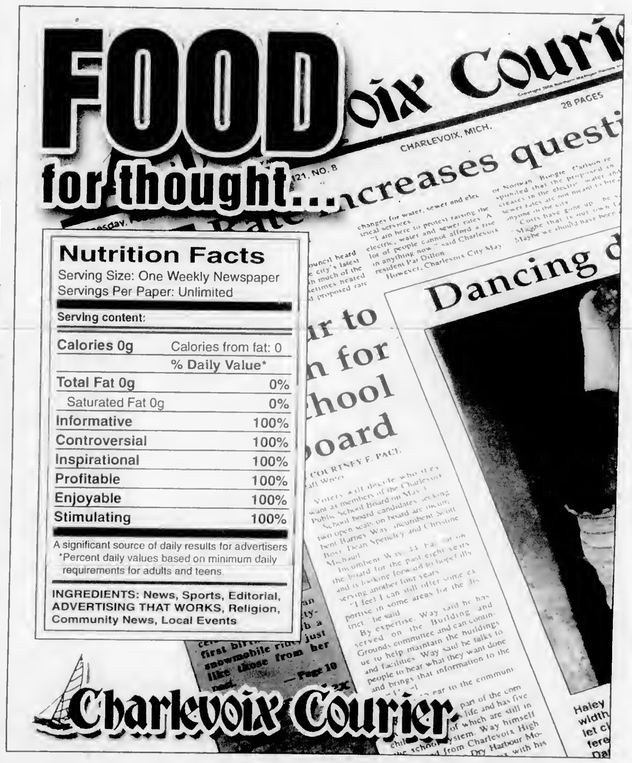

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Fifth grade basketball

The Charlevoix fifth grade basketball team wrapped up their regular season by winning the Gaylord Area Basketball Tournament and the Central Lake/Bellaire Basketball Tournament. The team also took second place in the Lansing Area Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament, losing only to Holt by three points in the championship game. Team members are: Colby Herriman, Isaac Klooster, Keegan LaBlance, Myle Kerr, Andrew Potter, Mathew Denise, Will Jeakle, Nolan Ager, Riley Corcoran, River Gauthier, Morgan Stewart and Curtis Russell.

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Senator Jason Allen announced he will have office hours in Charlevoix on Friday, March 18.

The office hours are open to residents wishing to express their opinions or needing assistance with a state issue.

"Office hours offer an opportunity for constituents to easily access my office to relay comments or problems they may be having with state government," Allen said. "I encourage residents to take advantage of this time."

Allen will be available to meet with local constituents from 10 to 11 a.m. at Charlevoix City Hall Second Floor Conference Room, 210 State Street.

For more information regarding office hours, please call Allen's office toll-free at (866) 525-5637. Residents unable to attend office hours can write to Allen at P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI 48909, or via e-mail at ofcjallen@senate.mi.gov.

Annual Easter Egg hunt planned

The Fourteenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 in East Park in downtown Charlevoix. Prior to the Egg Hunt, Stafford's Weathervane restaurant will be hosting the annual Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children may have a "free photo" taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Charlevoix Camera and then the whole family can stay for a special lunch. Call 547-4311 for reservations.

Following the luncheon and photographs, the Easter bunny will be in East Park for the Easter Egg Hunt, which begins promptly at 2 p.m. There will be three different age categories: 3 years and under, 4-6 years and 7-10 years. There will be 6,000 eggs with special prizes inside. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office at 547-2101.

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Boyne area hockey team ends season, 1-1

Boyne Area Hockey's Paul Bunyan Lanes Midget team skated in the U.P. Invitational Tournament over the weekend of March 12 and 13.

"This is our traditional year-end tournament, and it's bittersweet. The boys on this team are from five different high schools, but they came together because they all love this game. They are a great bunch of guys, with a lot of individual talent that they learned to blend. It's been a great year," said head coach Al Aown.

The first draw was with Wawa, Ontario. The team came out strong, and Darren Looze gloved the puck from mid-air, dropped it at his feet, and popped it in the net for the game's first goal.

The penalty killing units were excellent throughout the game, effectively snuffing every power play opportunity, including a three on five for over 2 minutes. The team was unable to power up their passing game through the Canadians' sticks and skates defensive style, and lost 1-6.

Goalie Nick Ferree was awarded MVP by the opposing coaching staff.

Early the next morning, the team faced Gladwin. The first goal of the game was powered in through traffic by Evan Keller, assisted by Troy Searbrough.

Beautiful, unselfish trademark passing, effective penalty kills, a power play goal, and individual and team effort took them to a 5-1 win.

Looze scored twice, Nick Dunwoody once, and John Miller hit the capper. Ryan Hennessy and Eli Barsy gave two assists each and Matt Kopke one.

Ferree was between the pipes and Josh Aown was named MVP.

Stingrays swim team takes part in novice championships

On Saturday, March 5, the following swimmers participated in the MTSL Novice Championships:

- Jonathan Norton, 7 — 25 Freestyle, third place; 25 Backstroke, fourth place; 25 Breaststroke, second place.
- Ailey McCormiek,10 — 100 IM, sixth place; 50 Fly, tenth place; 50 Breaststroke, fifth place.
- Anna Voci, 8 — 25 Free, eleventh place; 25 Back, fifth place; 25 Breaststroke, fourth place.
- Kristen Gooch, 12 — 200 Free, third place; 100 IM, fourth place; 50 Butterfly, sixth place.
- Chrystal Schemanski, 13 — 200 IM, first place; 500 Freestyle, fourth place; 100 Backstroke, second place.

On Sunday, March 6 the following swimmers participated in the MTSL State Championships:

- Emilee Evans, 8 — fourth place, 25 Breaststroke
- Evan McCormick,10 — first place, 50 Breastroke
- Alex Gooch,10 — third place, 50 Breaststroke
- Aidan McCormiek,12 — third place, 50 Breaststroke

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Snowboard contest winners

Winners of last weekend's snowboard contest at Mount McSauba Hill were: (Above left) 15 and older boarder cross, Andy Kantola, third; John Curtis, first; and Marvin Witthoeft, second. (Above right) Third place board scramble winner Tanner Seese in the 8 and under division. (Below) Division 9 to 11 winners, River Gauthier, first; Dylan Left, second and Micheal Berry, third.

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(Above) 8 and under boarder cross winners, Shane Sutherland, second; Luke Klinger, first and Eli Daman, third. (Below) Boarder scramble winners, 15 and older were: Marvin Witthoeft, first, and Taylor Witthoeft, second.

(Above) 9-14 boarder cross winners Casey Sharrow, third; Ben Myers, second and Colin Campbell, first. (Below) 8 and under division board cross winners Shane Sutherland and Eli Daman.

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

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	W	L
State Farm Insurance	338	212
Ferguson & Chamberlain	323	227
Paul Bunyan Lanes	299	251
The Inner Circle	278	272
Mark White Paint & Stain	267	283
R & C Roofing	234	316
St. Mary's	231	319
Lutherans	230	320

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Randy DeYoung	601	246
Larry Potter	619	236
Jack Caverly	586	222

Men's Senior League - March 7, 2005

	W	L
Spareime	30	10
Half & Half	27	13
Twilighters	26	14
Misfits	25	15
Irish Rollers	17.5	22.5
J Arnold Painting "A"	21	15
Kerr's Racing	19.5	16.5
Weebowl Wobowls	19	17
Central Drug Store	18.5	17.5
Sallan Trucking	14.5	21.5
J Arnold Painting "Z"	13.5	22.5
Cernix Cement	13	23

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Brian Dixon	674	256
John Fiedorek		226
Ray Kerr	620	224
Jeff Smith	591	

Young at Hearts League - March 10, 2005

	W	L
Alley Cats	15	25
Past Timers	10.5	29.5
Has Beens	9	31

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenherr	531	221
Mo Doron	540	195
Ray Browe	471	174
Sue Lochnier		157
Theola Elzinga	420	
Beverly Smith		156
Shirley Flower	420	
Zettie Kitson	406	153

Tuesday Night Ladies - March 8, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	29.5	14.5
Birkes Beauty Shoppe	27	17
Paul Bunyan Lanes	21	23
Twin Lakes Enterprise	20.5	23.5
Central Drug Store	19	25
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	16.5	27.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	14	30
Don's IGA	12.5	31.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

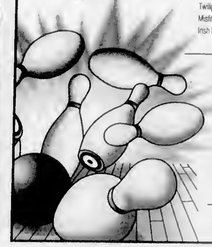
	Series	Game
Ronda Smith	533	235
Cathy Sullivan	552	211
Carrie Blanchard	542	210

Gutter Gale League - March 3, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	106	74
Argonne Supper Club	96	84
Burger King Charlevoix	92	88
Express Yourself	66	114

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Spiegl	514	195
Mary O'Brien	485	189
Jane Holm	439	173



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Contact the City Manager's Office at 231-547-3270 for more information and a complete list of job duties. Submit application to the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 by March 25, 2005. Applications available at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010790-DE

Estate of Pearl Helen Sinclair, Deceased

Date of birth: 8-18-1905

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Pearl Helen Sinclair, who lived at 01250 Ninebark Lane, South Arm Township, Michigan died 1-26-2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patricia A. Hickox, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St. Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 3-7-2005

Robert D. Stanton (P-22977)
P.O. Box 811
Big Rapids, MI 49307
(231) 796-5900

Patricia A. Hickox
691 Cypress
Big Rapids, MI 49307

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010782-DE

Estate of John D. Juracko, Jr.
Deceased

Date of birth: 3-28-1914

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John D. Juracko, Jr., who lived at 108 McKenzie Street, East Jordan, Michigan died July 19, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paul H. Michael, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street (County Building) Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Area events

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, Mar. 17, at the Charlevoix High School. Donor appointments may be arranged through any student council member or by calling advisor Gail Cherry at 547-3222, ext. 2032.

Brother Sun, Sister Moon

Christ Episcopal Church invites you to watch a free showing of the movie "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" at 7 p.m., Friday, March 18, in the fellowship hall. They are located at the corner of State and Clinton in Charlevoix. This movie has beautiful photography, wonderful music, and an inspiring story of the life of St. Francis. The film lasts approximately 2 hours and there will be time at the end, if you wish to stay, to share the spiritual message. Popcorn will be provided.

Singles for Christ

A new group called Singles for Christ will meet at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 19, at Zion Lutheran Church located at 500 West Mitchell in Petoskey. After the meeting they will have dinner at Big Boy's. Their events are planned at 7 p.m. for each first and third Saturday throughout the year with a few exceptions. For more information call Frieda Lewitt at 347-5747 or call 231-632-1095.

Tip Night

Please come and join Sarah "Brussie" Goodrich for a Tip Night Fund-raiser at Charlevoix Pizza Hut from 5 to 8 p.m., Sunday, March 20. Sarah was recently diagnosed with an advaneed stage of cancer. She is the mother of four and grandmother to seven, with one child living at home. Many know Sarah through her work at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To help Sarah with her expenses and responsibilities the Pizza Hut staff will be donating their tips to the Sarah "Brussie" Goodrich Trust Fund.

Praise and Prayer Healing

Christ Episcopal Church and the Tree of Life Healing Prayer Ministry of Traverse City will once again sponsor a Praise and Prayer Healing Service at 4 p.m., Sunday, March 20, for Palm Sunday. It will be in the fellowship hall at the corner of State and Clinton in Charlevoix. Music will be provided by the God Only Knows praise band. Everyone is invited and prayer ministers will be available.

Safe Harbor program

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will present a special program at 7 p.m., March 25, for Good Friday Service. Their address is 06046 Old US-31 South, Charlevoix near the intersection of U.S. 31.

They will also host an egg hunt at 12 p.m., on Saturday, March 26, rain or shine. Hot dogs and chips will be served as well as plenty of eggs to hunt. Children of all ages are welcome.

There will be a sunrise service at 6 a.m. on Sunday, March 27, at Ferry Beach to honor resurrection Sunday, followed by breakfast at the church's fellowship hall. In addition they will have a special service at 11 a.m. to celebrate the resurrection. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please call them at 547-6283.

Sunrise service

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene welcomes you to a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. March 27, Easter Sunday. A delicious breakfast will follow for all to enjoy. Following the breakfast fellowship they will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at 9:30 a.m., during regular morning worship service.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, located at 05291 M-66 North, is offering a food pantry every Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. If there is a critical need before the regular time, please call the church office at 547-6430 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Area meetings

Editor's note: We are attempting to update this section. If you would like to see your organization in this section or would like to change your organization's information in this section please call (231) 547-6558 for more information.

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House. For more information call 547-0373.

Community activities —

There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is an additional open swim from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

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Council passes 2005 city budget

BUDGET

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of the system and he was interested in the fiber optic idea.

"It's an interesting kettle of fish, isn't it?" Timms said about the need to raise utility rates.

The city said it needs to raise the rates on utilities to rebuild the fund balances, help pay for future improvements to the system and pay for increases in the cost of providing the services.

City Manager Mike Wiesner said, "We don't want to raise rates. This isn't any easier for the city as it is for the council, but I don't think it is a good long term business view to ignore that."

According to Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi, what this means to the consumer of Charlevoix's electric system is you would see an increase of about 3.9 percent, or, on average, $1.96 — this includes a proposed $1 a month service charge.

In addition to this, the sewer rates are proposed to be increased by 5.5 percent, with a $1.40 a month service charge and water rates are proposed to increase 2 percent, with a 40 cent service charge. This would be an average monthly increase of $3.76.

However, Timms pointed out that the electric fund has the inclusion of about $400,000 for a fiber optic system. He believed that by taking out that fiber optic system, you would not have to raise the rates this year.

"I think they will balance out nicely," he said.

But, Chamberlain pointed out the city is already paying for a study on fiber optic to see if it will have any benefit to operations.

"I would like to keep it in the budget to see if there are financial benefits to it," he said.

Wiesner responded, saying the estimated cost of fiber optic, as indicated in the budget, is higher than it actually will be. He said he could lower the budgeted cost to $200,000.

As for its effect on utility rates, he said by taking out fiber optic in the electric budget, it will have minimal impact overall on the cost issues the city is facing.

Timms began to agree with Wiesner on the utility increases saying, "I suppose if we are going to have to have a rate increase, I guess we have to."

Council member Shirley Gibson, who was also against a utility increase, also began to relent.

"We need to keep the city in line — I guess we have to do it," she said. "It does look a little fishy with the fiber optic (in the same fund)."

Timms would not relent on the fiber optic plan.

"I still don't want it. Right now I would rather stay out of the fiber," he said. "Take fiber out and I will go along with the electric plan."

Wiesner added fiber optic could be eliminated from the budget and brought back up after the fiber optic study is completed. If the study shows a great benefit to the city and the council wants to go forward, it can still be added to the city's budget.

Council ended up removing the fiber optic from the budget, but keeping the utility rate increases.

Council members were in agreement on most other changes, including reducing a proposed $76,000 landscaping project to an electric substation north of Charlevoix to $10,000 and seeing if the Downtown Development Authority can pick up the $32,000 tab for Christmas lights.

The city budget for 2005-2006 shows a total of $29.9 million in it, but 57 percent of that is money for capital improvement projects such as the marina and East Park and much of that money is from federal and state grants.

Because of this, the budget shows large increases in both revenues and expenditures as compared to the 2004-2005 budget.

In 2004-2005, the city budgeted $16,994,531 in revenues and $16,989,288 in expenditures. However, the 2005-2006 proposed budget shows $30,101,033 in revenues and $29,822,470 in expenditures because of construction projects the city will tackle this year and the grant money it has received for them.

The marina and East Park project is at the top of this list with a cost of $10,570,200.

While this debt sits in the city budget, the state Waterways Commission will be paying for 74 percent of it and the Downtown Development Authority will cover the rest.

The second largest capital project is the airport snow removal building slated to cost $1,954,000.

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Matter could be taken to public vote

VOTE

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ceives these petitions, they must decide to revisit the issue within 60 days or leave it alone.

After making a decision on what to do about the petitions, if the council decided to leave the ordinance — in this case amendment five — as it was, then the matter would go to a public vote. This vote would be not less than 60 days from the council's decision on the petitions and not more than one year.

And the chances of a petition being circulated on the band shell, according to Carlson, are very good. Carlson said he knows someone interested in taking the band shell to initiative action and, if this person does not decide to do it, Carlson said he would do it himself.

"From the people I have talked to I do support moving the band shell," he said.

However, Carlson added, if the matter is brought to a public vote and the band shell fails, he will support that vote.

As for when he would start such an action, Carlson said he wanted to wait at least a month from Monday night.

"I want to give it a month of rest. If people tell me it is not that big of a deal at that time, then I will support them," he said.

The fifth amendment dealing with the band shell originally was motioned for approval by council member Bob Timms.

Timms said he was fine with the idea of having a new band shell built.

"If enough people are upset, then they can do a referendum on it," he said.

He was joined in support of the amendment by council members Bill Haggard and Bill Bellows. But, council members Shirley Gibson and Karen Campbell did not vote in support of the amendment.

Since the amendment needed four votes to pass, the motion to pass amendment five failed, thus killing the band shell plan.

Gibson said she did not think the city was ready to start work on East Park. She pointed out the city has not received money from the Waterway's Commission yet — this state commission is slated to pay for 75 percent of the project — and the issue of East Park can be addressed when more is known on funding.

"We don't want to bite off more than we can chew," she said.

Campbell agreed.

"I think it is too expensive and we can't afford it right now. Maybe in a few years or by a vote of the people," Campbell said.

At the beginning of the meeting, Carlson stressed the council was only voting on extending the life of the Downtown Development Authority to pay the local portion of the project through amendment four and amendment five. Detail items, such as what type of park benches and trash cans will be in East Park, will be addressed during the design phase of this project.

The city created two amendments due to a possible petition for referendum that was threatened over plans to demolish the current band shell and add an ice rink to East Park. City officials worried this would harm its funding from the Waterway's Commission on the marina portion of the project.

So, to protect this funding, the city made a separate amendment for the marina — amendment four — and another amendment with the marina and East Park together — amendment five. This way, if the council had passed both amendments, and amendment five was petitioned, the city still had amendment four to allow it to start work on the marina portion.

Work is hoped to begin on the marina in the fall.

The total project's cost is estimated around $11 million. Of this total cost, East Park would cost around $2.4 million, a new band shell would cost around $1 million and an ice skating rink would have cost around $48,000.

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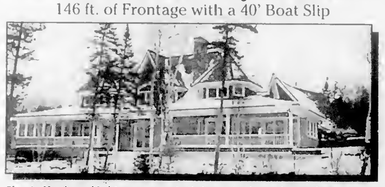

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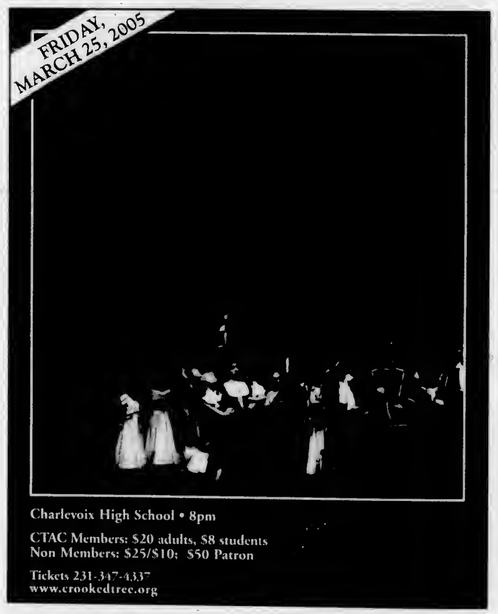

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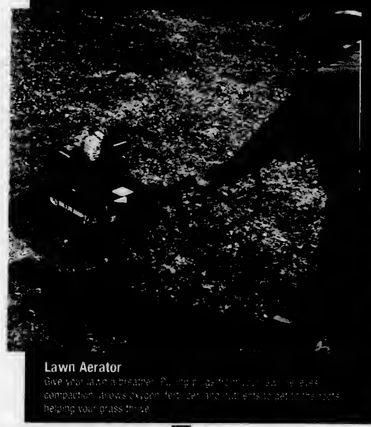

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Sewer fine exceeds $20,000

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Previous problems at the Charlevoix Wastewater Plant could cost the city over $20,000, if the Charlevoix City Council agrees to a proposed agreement with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"According to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner, the MDEQ has given the city a consent order — basically an agreement between the city and the MDEQ on fines and actions over the wastewater issue — that says the city must pay a $20,000 fine in addition to $3,363 in costs and implement a corrective action program. Wiesner said the city has already implemented the corrective action program, but council will have to agree to the fine and sign the agreement.

"When it gets to council we will virtually complete everything in the consent order. Obviously we would have liked to have the fine less than it was," Wiesner said.

He added the city did negotiation

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Ex-plant workers plead guilty

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Former Charlevoix wastewater plant superintendent Samuel Louis Creswell and former lead worker James Stanley Mazur plead guilty in Charlevoix Circuit Court Friday morning to one count each of making false statements.

The men were arrested in December after an investigation by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality showed problems at the city's wastewater treatment plant over a three year period regarding high discharges of chlorine into Lake Michigan and monitoring reports that were falsified.

The false statement charge is a felony, punishable by up to two years in prison, $3,500 per violation and $25,000 for each day of unlawful discharge. A separate count of uttering and publishing for both men was dismissed. Sentencing for the two men has been set for 9 a.m., April 15 in the Charlevoix Circuit Court.

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New Courier editor to take over the newsroom May 12

Julie Witthoeft, former staff writer for the *Charlevoix Courier*, will be returning to the newspaper May 12 as its new editor.

Julie Witthoeft

Witthoeft, 27, of Charlevoix, will be replacing current editor Jeremy McBain. McBain is transferring to the *Petoskey News-Review*, a sister publication to the Courier, to take a position as special sections editor and reporter.

"I look forward to continuing a tradition of creating a quality product for the community," Witthoeft said of her new venture.

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Wee Irish princess

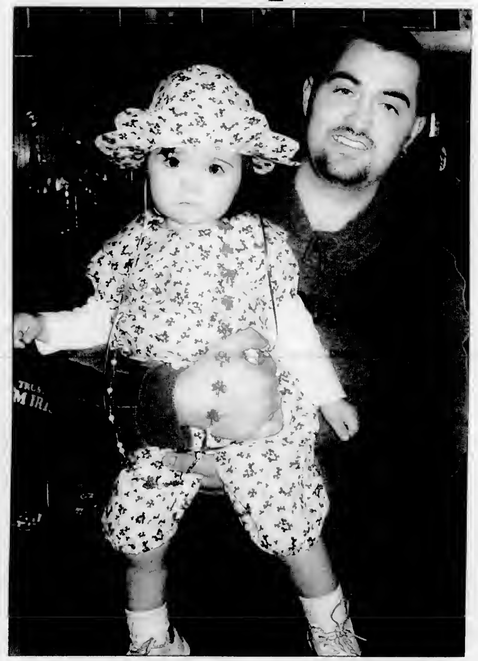

Photo by Jeremy McBain

A few hundred people braved the snowy weather Saturday on Beaver Island to take part in its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Above, MacKenzie Martin, 17 months, (being held by her father Travis Martin, shows her Irish pride. More pictures on page 25.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Jason William Bigg, 26, Boyne City. Impaired driving. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $930 in fines and costs.

Scott Ernest Friend, 21, Hope. Operating-minor with any blood alcohol content. Six months probation; three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail.

Michael John Dionne, 31, East Jordan. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Sentenced to three days in jail with credit for three days.

Phillip Anthony Hurst, 18, East Tawas. Larceny-vacant building. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $735.20 in fines and costs.

Marshall Lee Chinevere, 36, Hope. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Sentenced to eight days in jail with credit for one day, serve seven days; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Jon Carl Pier, 49, Royal Oak. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

David Gregory Miller, 25, Boyne City. No operator's license on person. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Jeremy Jay Springstead, 33, Ellsworth. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $930 in fines and costs.

Hal Jerome Barbour, 49, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $930 in fines and costs.

Steven Arthur Good, 39, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. One year probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $930 in fines and costs.

Annie Renea Morris, 40, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Matthew Paul Kruse, 25, Central Lake. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Michael Edward Babbitt, 30, Charlevoix. Use of cocaine. One year probation; 180 days in jail, serve 10 days, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 150 days held in abeyance; $1,055 in fines and costs.

Burton Rains Winkle, 41, San Antonio, Texas. Impaired driving and open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. One year probation; 56 days in jail with credit for one day, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 40 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,320 in fines and costs.

Phillip Allen Jordan, 40, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, first offense, and open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,330 in fines and costs.

Kyle Larry Puchalsky, 22, Kalamazoo. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $930 in fines and costs.

Michael Christopher Dixon, 32, Charlevoix. Check-non-sufficient funds under $100. Fines and costs totaling $393.14.

William Joseph Matelski Jr., 53, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Two year's probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 180 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 154 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Michael Shawn Bathrick, 31, Charlevoix. Entry without permission. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 19 days, serve 74 days.

Michael Thomas Daniels, 32, Gaylord. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 67 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Amy June Mathers, 23, East Jordan. Larceny in a building. Two year's probation; sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 120 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $2,770 in fines and costs.

Lyman John Agee, 49, Hillman. Stalking-aggravated. Two year's probation; sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 43 days, serve 180 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $820 in fines and costs.

Jimmy Edward Stackus, 34, Boyne City. Breaking and entering a building with intent and motor vehicle-unlawful driving away. Thirty-six months probation; sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 116 days, serve 180 days, must complete rehabilitative services; $930 in fines and costs.

Jimmy Edward Stackus, 34, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of personal property less than $200. Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 35 days, serve 60 days; $190 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Gigs Builder, 526 North Lake, 77, Boyne City, by Brian Vroman.

Pig in a Poke Products, 10274 Lord Road, East Jordan, by Mark R. Howard.

Body Prayers, 29360 Westside Drive, Beaver Island, by James Norgaard.

Tara's Meadow, 29360 Westside Drive, Beaver Island, by James Norgaard.

Charlevoix Wireless, Inc., 423 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Desmond J. Milligan and Jacob D. Jensen.

ikenfixit.com, 10845 Maple Grove Road, Charlevoix, by Ken R. LaDere and Yvonne M. Ferris.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Paul Kenneth Duby, 26, East Jordan and BreAnne Melinda Kelly, 20, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Marcia Rostar vs. Michael Rostar

Tammy Carlston vs. Scott Carlston

Melissa Marie Pepin vs. Joshua Daniel Pepin

Jesse Silva vs. Amanda Silva

Marlene C. Maltese vs. Warner K. Stringfellow III

Births

Gretchen Kelly Woodbury weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces, was born to Kelly and Christine Woodbury of Boyne City on March 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Lon and Angie Woodbury of Bancroft, John and Rhonda Paulica of Morrice, and Phillip Cole of Perry.

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District seeks parents' help in funding fight

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Some superintendents in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District say they have run out of ways to solve district funding problems and are looking to parents help.

Richard Diebold, deputy superintendent and director of non-instructional services for Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, said the districts have made an effort to increase funding by making budget cuts. Some districts within the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and elsewhere are trying to get more parents involved.

"As school funding concerns get greater and greater, you'll see more grass roots efforts," Diebold said.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools John Sturock said the Charlevoix schools have not received an increase in state aid in the past three years. The district became prorated two years ago and money was taken away. However, Sturock said this year the district is back up to where it was three years ago.

This is not an increase as a little over $1 million in state revenue has been lost and won't be able to be reimhursed, Sturock said.

"The expenses are escalating and the revenues are going the other way," he said.

He said the drop in funding may be able to change by getting parents involved with writing their legislatures in Lansing.

"They'll listen because they're the voters," Sturock said of the legislature toward parents.

Parents will be informed in every district of the educational plan as the idea is to help every student in the state of Michigan, Sturock said.

If the funding continues to decline, Sturock claims all Michigan public schools are heading for closure.

"Some districts are going out of business," he said. "If things don't change financially we're all heading for closure."

Diebold said that time has already come.

Diebold and Sturock both said the Vanderbilt school, located about 40 miles East of Charlevoix, is not sure if they can keep their doors open next year.

"Each district is on a path there," Diebold said.

Diebold said it just depends on the individual districts whether the schools are affected immediately or in the near future.

He said the 11 school districts that make up the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District have made budget cuts in excess of $10 million over the last two years.

Along with the budget cuts, Diebold said in excess of 150 jobs were eliminated.

Another problem facing schools is having to convert to a pay-to-play program for athletics or having no athletics. Sturock said the Charlevoix Public Schools hasn't adopted anything of the sort, but has had to increase gate prices. However, nothing guarantees what will happen in the future.

Since there are no more revenue options to bring in funding, Diebold said the schools can't do anything more to change the situation and everything is now in the hands of the legislatures in Lansing.

"State funding has diminished," Diebold said. "As state funding diminishes, the burden falls on the hacks of local taxpayers."

State revenue for funding public education is based on a basic foundation grant that brings in on the state minimum $6,700 per pupil. Diebold said Charlevoix brings in a little more per student.

Overall, about 75 percent of students generate the $6,700 while the other 25 percent, like Charlevoix, generates slightly more.

Diebold said before Proposal A went into effect about 10 years ago, the state funded about 70 percent creating a 70 to 30 split. Now, the state only funds about 40 percent creating a 40 to 60 split between state and local taxpayer funding.

"It's up to the legislature," he said. "We can't really do anything more."

Diebold said there's no place left to cut and the school districts only control the expenditure and not the revenue side of things.

He added the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District received $2.2 million less for all 11 districts than they did a year ago.

For Charlevoix specifically, Diebold said, the state is providing about $530,000 less than they did a year ago. This comes out to about $385 less per pupil.

The state, however, collects money from Charlevoix by collecting six mills from property tax, Diebold said. This equates to about $167 more per student that goes directly to the state.

Overall, Charlevoix is giving an increase of $167 toward Lansing than the previous year, but is receiving $385 less per student.

Change

The lecture before opera "Carmen" at 7:30 p.m. on March 24 at the Charlevoix Public Library is now free. It was to be $10 for admission but the event is now free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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Beaver Island is our own Emerald Isle

EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Beaver Island for being named the best place to be in the world for St. Patrick's Day by the British magazine FHM.

Sure this magazine is a little racy (it is sort of like the Playboy of the states). But, regardless of this, it is a magazine that is read by thousands of people throughout the world.

And to have the little island of Beaver named as the top place for St. Patrick's Day by this magazine — over Chicago, Ill. and even Dublin, Ireland — is still an honor they should be proud of.

But, what makes St. Patrick's Day on Beaver Island so special? The magazine seems to insinuate it is the fantastic St. Patrick's Day festival the island hosts every year.

The main people behind it, the Gillespies, McDonoughs, Greens and a host of other families who make up Clan Na Gael, should be congratulated for the hard work they do and the great festival that is a result.

But, there is something that makes St. Patrick's Day even more special on the island. It is something you find between the wacky events, underneath the funny costumes and between glasses of Guinness.

On Beaver Island, they know why there is a celebration. There is a reason they call it the Great Day.

Islanders know St. Patrick's Day, March 17, is not just a day to dye your hair green, wear green clothing and drink green beer. St. Patrick's Day is something more. It is a day when they remember who it is they came from, how their ancestors came to America and why they love their island like they do.

Going to the island is like taking a trip to Ireland itself. The people of the island hold onto their heritage, nourish it and use it to enrich their lives. Like their Irish brethren, the islanders are poets, musicians, lovers, fighters, jokers and giving people. St. Patrick's Day is just the day when all of this that makes them unique in the states is celebrated to its fullest.

Islanders are an example on how our past can help guide us in life. They can teach us mainlanders many things.

For that, the island truly is the best place to be for St. Patriek's Day.

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Our ideas of pilots have changed over the years

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

A lifelong interest in aviation and a year of Navy flight training — so long ago that military airplanes had propellers — encourage me to keep up with what is happening in the world of flight. There was an extraordinary event this month.

After the Wright Brothers' flight at Kittyhawk, each passing decade would he called "The Age of Flight," and often with good reason. As humans explored their new airy environment, the urge to fly higher, longer and faster than anyone else was overwhelming. The first (necessarily non-stop) flight across the English Channel from France was a major press event. And certainly the flight of Lindbergh across the Atlantic Ocean in 1927, fewer than 25 years after the Wrights', captured the world's attention and brought everlasting fame to the pilot. Wiley Post flew solo around the world in 1933, and although he had to make seven refueling stops, the press and the world's people were enthralled.

All these early 20th Century, longer and longer solo flights did not culminate in the first solo, non-stop flight around the world until early March of this year, more than 100 years after the first powered flight. Steve Fossett completed that astonishing trip in 67 hours, covering 23,000 miles in a single-engine jet designed and built especially for the trip by Burt Rutan. Unlike the press and public furor surrounding the 20th Century accomplishments, Mr. Fossett's achievement received very limited press, and he is unlikely to be feted, medaled or praised hy governments around the globe. It is, as they say, a different world — one in which we no longer look upon aviators as heroic.

In 1931 James Thurber, who is not known for his attention to aviation, wrote a short story titled, "The Greatest Man in the World." His fictional account of the first around the world solo flight is a good deal more entertaining than Mr. Fossett's real flight, and well worth reading 75 years after it was written.

According to Thurher, all of our aviation heroes until 1934 had been men of character, who wore their laurels with honor and grace. Jack (Pal) Smurch, the hero of Thurher's fictional 1934 flight was anything but.

When Smurch hegan his flight from Roosevelt Field in New York, no one thought he had the remotest chance of success. When he crossed Europe a few days later, supported in flight hy unusual floating gas tanks, and personally fueled, according to Thurher, by "a gallon of bootleg gin and six pounds of salami," the press was forced to take notice. When nine days later his ridiculous plane appeared over San Francisco, the press went wild.

Had there heen CNN in 1934, there would have been 24 hour coverage, including everyone who had ever met the intrepid pilot. The 20th Century press moved somewhat more slowly in Thurher's story, but what they found out could not be printed.

Smurch was from Iowa, an appropriate source of heroes, but in her first press interview, his mother, "a sullen short-order cook in a shack restaurant on the edge of a tourist camping ground near Westfield, Iowa," told reporters, "Ah, the hell with him. I hope he drowns."

Other members of his family were equally complimentary. His fictional career up to the time of his incredible flight, had featured a number of petty crimes including assaulting his school principal with a knife and a theft from the local church, for which he had served reformatory time.

He was in short nothing like the earlier aviation heroes. What was to he done?

Thurber solves the problem hy first keeping Smurch from any contact with the press and finally, with the consent of the United States president, pushing Smurch out the ninth story window of a New York Hotel, and providing him with the, "most elaborate, the finest, the solemnest and the saddest funeral ever held in the United States of America." So the crisis of the hero with unacceptable character ended.

We have not been told much about the character of Mr. Fossett. He is apparently well-enough connected to find funding for the huilding of his plane and for support of the project.

And at 60 years of age he seems to he a monument to the adventurous human spirit. He has previously funded repeated efforts to he the first to pilot a balloon around the world non-stop, and is both a world-class sailor and glider pilot.

Considering how Thurber's fictional hero was treated, I would urge Fossett to be extremely careful in his dealings with the press and the government. We may still like our heroes to be heroic. Or considering the extremely limited press coverage of his remarkable flight, and the apparent lack of interest on the part of governments, maybe we now care less about adventurous flight than we do about celehrity trials.

James Thurber would have had a wonderful time writing about a fictional celebrity trial.

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Letters to the editor

Story response

Editor:

While at the city council meeting last March 7, I listened to a gentleman who spoke of the tax hurden the non-voting taxpayers of Charlevoix assume. He seemed to say that for that reason the voting taxpayers of Charlevoix owed them some special considerations and luxuries in redesigning the marina and downtown park.

I believe that gentleman and anyone else who thinks as he does is rather misguided. Most of the permanent residents of Charlevoix will never enjoy the pleasure of sitting on the deck of a second or third home or condo enjoying the view of activities on Round Lake and the downtown area. Doubtfully they will never have the pleasure hoat or yacht they can spend weeks on going to different ports and shopping with little regard to price. Neither will they ever realize a time when summer vacation lasts beyond the one to four weeks their employer or husiness allows them to take.

Make no mistake; I'm not looking for pity for those less financially blessed nor with ill will upon those more financially blessed. I do, however, take exception to the insinuation that someone who is more financially blessed, and as a result pays more taxes, deserves special considerations and that this community owes him or her something.

There isn't much that is done in Charlevoix that doesn't revolve around the needs and cares of the non-voting taxpayers who come here. The key word here is "needs" not "wants." The remodeling of the marina and park should be based on need not want.

I believe some humility and thanksgiving from our non-voting taxpayers for the pleasures and luxuries their financial blessings have brought is in order. I believe the marina and park do need some work to make them adequate, comfortable and functional, but beyond that this community owes nothing. If luxury above and heyond that is desired, you come up with the financing.

I, for one and for a change, would like to see someone express more interest and ideas for occupying and providing for the youth in our community. Perhaps drugs, alcohol, vandalism and numerous other complaints wouldn't be so prevalent if we had more activities and concern for our youth. They are the future leaders of this community.

Every parent knows that raising a child requires a sacrifice of investing time and resources. Raising these children is also a community responsibility which requires sacrifice and the investment of time and resources. We seem to know enough to fix our marina and park before something goes wrong; how about the welfare of our youth, the future of our city?

Voting tax payer, non-voting taxpayer, young, old, our city, the lakes, the scenery, are all gifts from god. All were set here to make this a loving, caring and enjoyable place for all. So the good for all, not just a few, should be considered. We are all the stewards of God's provision and blessings, let's keep it real and in perspective; God is the only one to whom we owe anything because he gave his all for us.

As a final note, the tax burden anyone bears in this community or any other is the price you pay for the luxuries you enjoy.

Carrol L. Aronson
Charlevoix

Minority rules due to abstention

Editor:

Your coverage of the Charlevoix City Council vote on the marina amendments was excellent. Since Amendment Five needed four votes, it failed to pass.

On the other hand, more council members voted for Amendment Five than against it. Because an ordinance requires a majority vote of council elect (being four) the absence of Mr. Sherman Chamberlain allowed a minority vote to prevail. Had one more council member been absent, all present would have had to approve for it to pass. By charter the mayor cannot vote on ordinances. So, clearly, it is the intent that a full council (six people) vote on such issues.

Whatever the reason for absence during the vote, it is not acceptable as votes on ordinances have been held up before to accommodate full attendance and participation.

A council meeting may be held with three members and the mayor present. It's obvious this type of meeting could only result in failure to pass an ordinance. It's as important to "deal with a full deck" as it is to participate.

One council person's decision not to participate in the process has caused a miscarriage of justice for the people of Charlevoix. Council must not function shorthanded on such crucial issues, thereby carrying out the intent of our charter to have all six council members voting on ordinances.

Ken Staley
Charlevoix

(Editor's note: Council member Sherman Chamberlain abstained from voting on the proposed amendments at that meeting because his firm Ferguson and Chamberlain surveyors had done some work related to the park plan. Therefore, he felt it would be a conflict of interest for him to vote on the matter.)

Need warning in Oyster Bay

Editor:

Webster defines a "hazard" as a source of danger, a chance, a venture or risk. Navigating Oyster Bay can pose a hazard.

There are six ships that have been laid to rest on the bottom of Oyster Bay, from a 206-ton schooner to a 57-foot steamer.

This past summer, 2004, an incident involving a 20-foot pleasure boat was reported. While navigating Oyster Bay, the pleasure boat struck part of one of the submerged vessels, raking the bottom of the boat and causing damage to the pleasure boat's outdrive. The passengers in the pleasure boat were thrown forward falling down. Luckily for the passengers, only bruises were incurred. It could have been much worse.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff was notified of the incident. The United States Coast Guard was also informed of the incident and asked why there is no marker placed above water to identify this submerged boating hazard area before someone is seriously injured. The Coast Guard indicated that the sunken/submerged vessels are marked on the Lake Charlevoix navigational chart and also that "everybody knows about them."

This does not appear to be sufficient marking or hazard warning of the submerged vessels. Where there is a definite navigational hazard, why not have a marking huoy placed and secured to identify the area for the safety of all boaters?

Bill Gallaher
Board member
Lake Charlevoix Association

Thank you

Editor:

Please extend our sincere "thank you" to all those who helped to make our recent Rose Sale a success. We appreciate all the buyers and the sellers, the de-thorners and the boxers.

It takes a lot of volunteers to make any fund-raiser a success and our Kiwanis members really pulled together to make this happen. Bob Rajewski is one of our super salesmen and did his usual great job.

Special recognition should be given to Lori at Charlevoix Floral. Lori and her staff "donated" a lot of time, effort, the boxes and any profit they would make on the roses to benefit the community through Kiwanis. Pretty unusual and outstanding for non-Kiwanis members.

All the funds we raise go back to the community. For more than 70 years Kiwanis has been an important part of this community. We have supported Boy Scout Troop 11 for over 65 years. We sponsor the Northwest Academy Key Club for high school students, two Builder's Clubs at Charlevoix Middle School, and the Charlevoix Elementary K-Kids Club. We also sponsor and work with the Aktion Club at the Bergmann Center (and they in turn volunteered to assist with our Rose Sale).

Charlevoix is blessed to have so many outstanding volunteer groups and individuals. Again, our sincere thank you goes out to Lori at Charlevoix Floral and all the Kiwanis members, volunteers and those who purchased roses from our sale. You rock! We build!

Suzanne Muma
Vice President
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Allen helps March into Reading

Senator Jason Allen came to Charlevoix Elementary School on March 18 to read to students as a part of the March Into Reading Month. Allen read "Lost in the Woods" by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick and then donated the book to the school's library. Allen read to students from Sara Jonker, Nicole Sterrett and Krista Jarema's second grade classes.

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If you have a relative you would like to include, please contact Sheriff Lasater at (231) 582-7001 after 5 p.m. or on weekends.

Profiles of the book will go to the veteran organizations who were helpful in compiling the book, along with individual World War II veterans who need financial assistance.

Library to present its building plans to public

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees invites all interested people to attend a presentation of the new library plans.

Bill Williams, principal architect from Engberg Anderson Design Partnership, Alyce Riemenschneider, from RDA and Duane Wixson, from Clark Construction will be presenting the final plans for the new Charlevoix Public Library.

The presentation will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22 in the library basement. The architect and interior designer will be presenting the finished design that will be sent out for bids the end of March.

The consultants will also be answering any questions from the public. For further information, contact Valerie Meyerson at the library (231) 547-2651.

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Group protests for peace

(From left) JoAnne Bier Beemon, Chris McClorey and Meg McClorey stood outside on March 18 to honor the second anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. The actual anniversary was March 19, but the group always stands downtown on Fridays to protest for peace.

Firefighters raising fund to help one of their own

The Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Association is asking the community to help one of our Volunteer Firefighters and his family.

Brian McDonald and his wife Ellen found out on March 10 that their 8-year-old son, Parker Ebert, has Rhabdomyosarcoma. Parker is a student at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Rhabdomyosarcoma is a soft tissue cancer that arises in the muscles. It accounts for about 4 percent of all childhood cancer. It is believed to originate in the embryonic state of the development of children. The outlook is that if treated with chemotherapy he should have a full recovery.

Parker has been at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids to receive his treatments.

He has been able to come home for a couple of days here and there but has to continue to travel to Grand Rapids on a weekly basis to receive his treatments over the next 40-50 weeks.

Since Brian and Ellen have not been able to work while being with their son they have not been able to receive paychecks.

When they arrive back in Charlevoix between treatments Brian will be able to work as much as possible, but they will still have the weekly travel expenses to take Parker to Grand Rapids.

If you would like to make a donation to help support the McDonald family the association is asking that you send your donation in care of the Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Association, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Also, please keep an eye on the paper for upcoming fund raisers the association will be having for the McDonald family.

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God can give peace in times of change

Beacons of Blessing

BY FR. JIM GUNN
Rector
Christ Episcopal Church

I want to share a conclusion that I have reached after six winters in northern Michigan.

First let me say that I have listened to people for years as they said, "This is unusual!," when it snows more (or less) than predicted or when the temperature is different than expected or ....(fill in the blank).

This year it finally struck me that all of those statements are wrong. I came to that conclusion for the following reason — for something to be "unusual," then there must be a "usual." Since no two of the winters here have been more than vaguely similar (except for the presence of snow), I decided that there is no "usual" winter weather in northern Michigan and, therefore, there cannot be "unusual" weather. I'm not sure exactly what does make the weather or how it can be described, but I don't think that "unusual" is an option.

However, that does produce a dynamic in the lives of those who live here: Basically it is that you don't know what to expect from one day to the next. That can be very unsettling.

The priest who sponsored me for Holy Orders used to say, "You can adjust to anything except uncertainty."

One example that comes to my mind in the life of our congregation is my hesitancy to plan any major event during the winter months. We could invest a great deal of time, effort and money in the planning of a wonderful conference only to have it "blown out of the water," so to speak, by a major snowstorm the day before.

That would be true for any organization that plans events of any complexity. It can be disconcerting and disheartening to have such things occur. I believe that our minds and spirits long for continuity. We want our lives to have a sense of peace, but that is threatened by change and the unexpected.

I'm sure that's why so many organizations go through turmoil when things are changed. It's like the joke about how many Episcopalians it takes to change a light bulb. The answer is 10 — one to change the bulb and nine to complain about the change!

That leaves us with just one thing to remember. It is only in God that we can find the peace and continuity that we long for. That continuity is highlighted in James 1:17 - "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

And when we are constant in our relationship with Him, then we will experience that which we most need: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transeends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

May you find — and rest — in that changelessness and peace.

Courtesy photo

Humane Society donation

The Charlevoix Middle School Student Council recently donated a check for $264.45 to the Charlevoix County Humane Society. The students had been collecting the money over the past few months for the homeless animals of our county. Holding the check is Martha Weisler, of the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

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Charlevoix company rises from small shop

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Scott Barrett, a load cell technician for Michigan Scientific Corporation, inspects a 1,000 k, three directional load cell for John Deere.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

This is the second in a monthly series about local industry and its impact and importance in Charlevoix.

Michigan Scientific Corporation, a family owned business, specializes in the manufacturing and design of slip ring assemblies, transducers, signal conditioning electronics and data acquisition among other engineering services such as product failure analysis.

The corporation started in 1960 in Milford and has grown to encompass a separate facility in Charlevoix that opened in 1979.

Ralph W. Larsen, engineer, said the Milford location primarily focuses on the development work of engineers and technicians, data acquisition of products and the development of telemetry.

The Charlevoix location specifically designs and manufactures slip rings and load transducers among other engineering work.

Larsen's father, Hugh Larsen, created the company while he worked for General Motors. Larsen said his father got approval to make slip rings on his own time and that effort has grown into Michigan Scientific Corporation.

"It slowly grew and is one of those operations that grew out of the basement of a house," Larsen said.

Currently the Milford location employs 30 people and the Charlevoix location employees 40 people.

The Charlevoix location came into being when Larsen and another engineer, Mike Castiglione, got together. Larsen said Charlevoix was chosen as the new site because the family used to vacation in the area and liked the surroundings.

Also, the area was workable as shipping product wasn't a problem, Larsen said.

Larsen and Castiglione were joined by Larsen's brother, Kent Larsen, an electrical engineer, who transferred from the Milford location.

The initial productivity of the Charlevoix location was manufacturing slip rings in a 6,500 square feet room. In 1991 the location was increased to 14,700 square feet.

Slip rings are used to collect data on anything that rotates such as a tire on a vehicle.

Larsen said the slip ring functions like a rotary connector and allows power to get into and signals back out of a rotating part.

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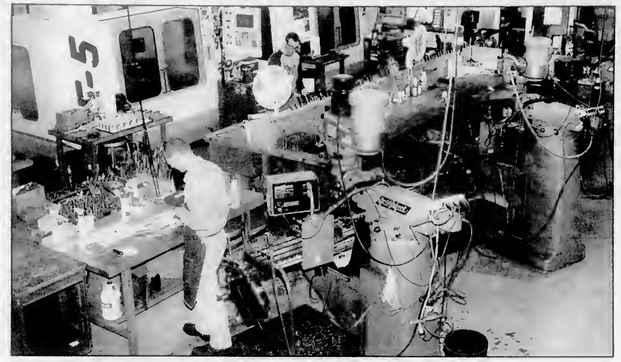

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City sued over property split

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The city has been sued by Charlevoix residents Robert and Mary Eveleigh regarding claims their property was illegally split in the 1980s, thus making it difficult for them to sell it now.

The lawsuit is part of a larger suit the Eveleighs have against former owners of their property at 206 Dixon Avenue and the people who made the property split in question — Leone, Leon D and Karen Elaine Sheffer, as well as the title company at the time of the split, Northern Michigan Title (now called Northern Preferred Title). The city was added to the lawsuit about two weeks ago.

According to court documents, the Eveleighs claim the property they bought on land contract from the Sheffers was illegally split from another section of land owned by the Sheffers in 1984. They claim the city did not take action on this matter when it was discovered, did not enforce its ordinances as a result and Northern Title did not conduct a thorough title search.

The Eveleighs claim the city also "invoked its zoning powers by creating spot zoning on the (Eveleigh's) property from R-1 to R-2, thereby depriving (Eveleighs) of their property."

Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young said the spot zoning complaint is new.

"This is the first time I have heard of concerns on zoning," he said.

Young said the claim was vague and the city will learn more about it as the case progresses.

He has reviewed the lawsuit and sent it to the city's insurance company. The insurance company will decide what to do.

The Eveleighs had previously visited the Charlevoix City Council on the matter last fall. They claimed the previous owners of the property, the Sheffers, split the lot without going through the proper procedures that were in place according to city and state law.

However, after several meetings on the matter with the Eveleighs, Young informed them and the city council that the lot was not illegally split according to laws in the city at that time.

There are different laws dealing with lot splits in place now that would make a split such as their's illegal now, Young said.

But, at the meeting with council, the Eveleigh's said a local realtor estate agent told them they could not sell their property because it was split illegally. Young disagreed.

The Eveleighs would like the court to award them $25,000, plus costs, attorney fees and "further equitable relief as the court deems fair and just" each from the Sheffers, Northern Michigan Title and the city of Charlevoix.

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Irish street music

Jon Saur, 12, and Austen Lobenherz, 11, performed on the streets of Charlevoix during the annual pub crawl on March 17 during St. Patrick's Day. The two boys played kazoos and enjoyed the attention of passersby.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 699 OF 2005
BUDGET APPROPRIATION ACT

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Charlevoix did give notice of the time and place when a public hearing would be held in conformity with provisions of Section 7.8, Article VII of the City Charter, which Public Hearing was duly held pursuant to said notice and in conformity therewith;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2005 and ending March 31, 2006 are hereby appropriated on an activity level basis (a detailed breakdown by detail level can be found in the Budget Details document) as summarized by the following

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE:	Taxes	$ 1,728,500
	Licenses & Permits	8,500
	State Grants	276,500
	Charges for Services	642,500
	Fines & Forfeits	27,600
	Interest & Rents	116,500
	Other	4,900
	Fund Transfers (In)	172,500
	Appropriation from Surplus	122,100
	TOTAL REVENUES:	$3,099,600
EXPENSE:	Legislative	$ 51,000
	General Government	488,700
	Public Safety/Health & Welfare	1,158,000
	Public Works	158,200
	Recreation & Culture	963,600
	Other	170,100
	Fund Transfers (Out)	110,000
	TOTAL EXPENSE:	$3,099,600

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Charlevoix does hereby levy a tax of 11.5364 mills (8.5 mills operating and 3.0364 mills infrastructure) for the period of April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the general expense and liability of the City of Charlevoix and for infrastructure improvements, and is levied pursuant to Section 8.1, Article VIII of the City Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed 1.3631 mills for the period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 on all real and personal property in the Downtown Development District, according to the valuation of the same within the district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed .60 mills for the period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix, according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the cost of rubbish collection and other related services provided citizens allowed by the act, and is levied pursuant to Michigan Public Act 213 of 1969; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the rate increases for Electric, Sewer and Water rates effective April 1, 2005, and the rate increases in the rate section of the budget for recreation fees, marina docking fees and all rates listed in the "Rates" section of the Budget Details document; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the following budgets for the period April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006 in the amounts set forth below by fund:

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Major Street Fund	230,100	$ 222,600
Local Street Fund	156,200	149,200
Electric Fund	6,666,658	6,666,658
Sewer Fund	1,192,900	1,192,900
Water Fund	949,000	949,000
Marina Fund	10,800,600	10,751,400
Motor Vehicle Fund	568,200	568,200
Downtown Development Auth	4,742,900	4,543,037

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Airport Fund	2,110,700	2,110,700
Employee Fringe Benefit	1,284,600	1,284,600
Perpetual Care Trust Fund	15,000	0
Fire/Ambulance Fund	27,600	0
Sewer Tap-in Fund*	162,000	162,000
Northside Sewer Fund*	79,900	79,900
Infrastructure Improvement	569,300	353,989
Public Works Site Fund	136,800	131,800
Industrial Park Fund	5,000	2,000
City Hall Improvement Fund	464,300	464,300
Mt. McSauba Recreation Fund	13,100	0
Downtown Parking Fund	2,800	0

Motion by Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain, supported by Councilmember Bob Timms, to adopt Ordinance No. 699-05.

Ordinance No. 699-05 was hereby adopted by the Charlevoix City Council at a regular meeting held on the 14th of March, 2005 as follows:

Yeas: Council members Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms, Bellow, and Campbell.
Nays: None.

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson Jr., Mayor

McGraw, Ferguson picked as OPIE winners

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Each year a member of the teaching staff and the support staff are chosen as recipients of the Outstanding Person in Education (OPIE) Award by their peers. Both women have worked hard for their honors.

This year, Mary Beth McGraw was chosen as the 2005 Outstanding Person in Education for the teaching staff and Glenda Ferguson was chosen as the 2005 Outstanding Person in Edueation for the support staff.

McGraw, a visual art educator at Charlevoix Elementary School, said she is honored to have been chosen by her peers to receive the 2005 Outstanding Person in Education award.

"There are many teachers here that are just as deserving or more, but it was a very nice honor," she said.

This is McGraw's first OPIE Award in the 25 years she has taught in the Charlevoix Public School District.

Her educational career began at Charlevoix High School where she was a long-term substitute teacher. However, as luck would have it, doors opened for McGraw to take a full-time teaching position at the elementary school.

She has stayed at the school ever since because the formative years are where a teacher can create an interest in the arts.

"My favorite thing is helping students discover the arts and their individual abilities," she said in a statement. "The most gratifying is seeing a child's face when he realizes he has just created what he has imagined."

McGraw said after elementary school, the arts tend to become electives and not a core part of education.

Over the years McGraw has seen her young artists blossom into mature artists with their own creative flare.

"It's fun to see what they've progressed into," she said.

Art is something that McGraw has always been passionate about. She has served as a board member of the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair for the past 23 years. For the past nine years she has been the director of the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair and the president of the Charlevoix Council for the Arts.

The proceeds from the art fair are used to fund art education opportunities for the students and community at large.

"Art is incredibly important to total education," she said.

Her work extends into several educational activities on the local, regional and state level. McGraw's love of art also led her to own her own art gallery.

McGraw said her satisfaction as a teacher comes from watching her students succeed in the arts. Other subject areas may pose as a struggle for some students, but the arts allow each student to succeed.

"At the very, very least it gives them a productive leisure time," she said. "The interest lasts a lifetime."

Art also allows the heritage of one culture to be remembered and understood by another culture, McGraw said, as it is shown through art.

"I hope to continue giving the kids the best exposure with the time allotment and budget allotment," she said.

Ferguson, a counseling secretary for Charlevoix High School, said she is honored as Charlevoix is one of the few districts that honors support staff members.

"I feel very honored and proud," she said.

Ferguson said she was surprised by the number of people who have contacted her in some fashion to congratulate her on her achievement.

"It's pretty rewarding, I felt, to have people acknowledge it," she said.

Ferguson has been the counseling secretary for Charlevoix High School for 28 years.

Numerous opportunities have come along such as working for a principal or the superintendent's office, but Ferguson chose to stay

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Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Glenda Ferguson received the 2005 Outstanding Person in Education Award for support staff for her hard work as the counseling secretary at Charlevoix High School.

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Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the clerk's plan for updating the City Code Book.
- Directed the City Attorney to have the Michigan Municipal League review the conflict of interest policy.
- Adopted Ordinance 699-05, approving the 2005-2006 Budget.
- Adopted Ordinance 670-05, approving the Fourth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority.
- Motion failed to adopt Ordinance 671-05, the Fifth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority

Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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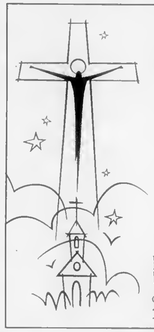

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OPIE award honors teacher, support staff

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where she is.

"I do love my job and I like working with the kids, and I get a lot of satisfaction watching the kids grow and mature through their high school years and seeing what their future holds for them," she said.

Ferguson wears many different hats throughout the day as she is in charge of student records, helping the teachers get report cards ready, helping students with anything they may need and much more.

"There's never a dull moment," she said.

The counseling office has been her only location as she enjoys her surroundings.

"I like the atmosphere of the counseling office as far as working with students, parents, teachers and the community," she said. "Teachers have always been very good to me and I appreciate that. I've enjoyed working with them."

Ferguson said she finds her work interesting, fun and rewarding as she is helping students and their families with the high school process and beyond.

Her position as counseling secretary was something Ferguson found herself falling into.

Ferguson had taken a 12-month business program from the Muskegon Business College and had also done some bookkeeping work at a few places before she applied with Charlevoix Public Schools.

Ferguson had stayed home with her children when they were small, but when they entered school she wanted to pursue a career that would allow her to be around children and have the same schedule in the summer and winter as her own children.

She applied for a part-time aide position, but got a full-time counseling secretary position after the previous employee moved with her husband.

Ferguson said she is very fortunate she was hired for the full-time position.

Aside from being the counseling secretary for 28 years, Ferguson has done the bookkeeping for her husband John's business, Ferguson and Chamberlain Associates Inc., for the past 28 years.

Ferguson said she also watches her three grandchildren and helps take care of them.

"It's very nice," she said. "I'm very happy with how things are."

Photo credit

Mary Beth McGraw received the 2005 Outstanding Person in Education Award for teaching staff for her hard work as the art educator at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Now that she has put in 28 years with the school and received an OPIE Award, Ferguson said she is looking forward to having more time for herself in the future.

"I would like to retire after I complete 30 years," she said of her time at Charlevoix High School. "And then my husband and I want to do some traveling, camping and spending more time with our kids and grandchildren."

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DDA discusses budget, chamber, lights

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Downtown Development Authority looked over its projected budget at its March 21 work session and will have to decide what to do to enhace the outlook.

The meeting was a brainstorming session as no action was taken. Members simply stated ideas they had and talked about possible events and activities they are willing to fund with the budget they have.

Many issues are currently facing the DDA and one is the Christmas lights downtown.

City Treasurer Rick Brandi said the city has removed funding for the Christmas lights from its budget. That responsibility has now fallen into the lap of the DDA.

The lighting is budgeted for $32,700, which used to come out of the electric fund.

DDA member Fred DiMartino said he thinks it would be beneficial to use the lights in the summer.

DDA member John Yaroch said the lights could run from 10 p.m. to midnight during the summer in order to attract more people downtown.

The cost wouldn't be as great as it is in the winter since it stays lighter out in the summer.

However, business owner Kirby Dipert said the customers they receive after 10 p.m. aren't high in numbers.

DDA member Jeff Porter said he thinks the decision to hand funding for the lights over to the DDA from the city was done on the spur of the moment and was literally dumped into their lap.

DDA member Jeannine Wallace said she funding the lights wouldn't be a problem for her.

"I don't mind the DDA spending money on something that benefits the downtown and the community," she said.

Chairman Hugh Mason said one problem is funding the lights over the next 20 years would take a huge chuck of money out of the DDA's budget.

Another issue the DDA discussed was music in the park.

Wallace said she would prefer to fund the lighting instead of the music since it's permanent while music is fleeting.

Wallace and Mason said they enjoy the music downtown, but don't know if funds are there.

The Convention and Visitor's Bureau isn't going to be able to fund the music.

Tracey Sell, of the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, said the group's mission is to promote Charlevoix and bring people to Charlevoix. So, this year the board decided to not allocate any money to the summer concert series.

Sell said the budget has gone down $20,000 and they are off about $1 million in revenue from Charlevoix.

Thus, the group has had to adopt a more conservative budget.

Dipert said business is slower on night's there is music in the park since they're drawn away from the stores.

DDA member John Taylor said he thinks the music should be brought to the streets and out of the park. He said a few parking spaces could be roped off to allow musicians to perform along the street as people walk by.

"It could create a more festive atmosphere downtown," he said. "It's unique and different than other towns."

Wallace said there are plenty of talent locally, which would reduce the cost of bringing in larger acts.

"We need to use local talent that's not been tapped into," she said.

DDA member Dan Barron said there could even be mimes and jugglers and a large variety of music could be played throughout the evening along the streets.

DiMartino said they have to be careful as the new park renovation plans include building a new bandshell. He said having performers using the street as a stage instead of the new bandshell could raise some concern with residents.

Wallace said the bandshell isn't just for concerts, but rather a performance pavilion that can be the stage for a variety of performances.

The DDA's proposed a cut in funding for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce was also discussed.

Chamber members are concerned since funding is tight as it is. However, the DDA is not happy with the performance of the Downtown Coordinator.

Hugh Mason, chairman of the DDA, said in a previous meeting that he wants to help the Chamber but doesn't know if the funding is there to support the almost $50,000 the Chamber is asking for to keep promoting Charlevoix.

Barron said he is interested in looking into and analyzing each year what worked and what didn't in regard to downtown.

Yaroch said he thinks the downtown coordinator could be paid $32,000 for part time and $50,000 for full time. He said a central focus for all parties that promote Charlevoix is needed as the 100 year celebration of Charlevoix's charter is coming up and work has only just begun.

Yaroch said that is something that should have been planned a few years in advance.

Porter said he is afraid Charlevoix is confused on it's character.

"Charlevoix has a schizophrenic problem between tourist or resort community," he said.

Porter said Charlevoix cannot be both and he thinks a resort community makes more sense for the area than a tourist community.

People who come for the resort atmosphere tend to stay, Porter said, while tourists come for the day and leave without staying in hotels or eating in local restaurants.

Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, said new events have not been added, but she said the Chamber considers Charlevoix both a resort and tourist community.

She said the tourist industry fluctuates between being the second and third industry in the state of Michigan.

Dipert said the one thing he fears about the DDA possibly pulling together a team that would coordinate activities is that it might add another level of bureaucracy. He said the money that would be used to fund another executive position could be going to downtown.

The DDA will decide upon issues at their next meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 28 in the City Council Chambers.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES - MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Glass with all board members present.

The minutes of the January 12, 2005 regular meeting were approved.

The financial report was given by the Treasurer.

Motion carried to approve rezone requested by Steve, Kathy and Martha Paterka on property on the south side of Waller Road between Mercer and Martin Rd. from Agricultural to R-1.

Motion carried to agree to pay MDC pay estimate #6 for $29,341.95 on the Pine Point Sewer project.

Motion carried to accept change order #3 in the amount of $2,552.04 on the Pine Point Sewer project.

Motion carried to adopt the Charlevoix Township Blight Ordinance.

Motion carried to adopt amendments 1, 5 and 8 to the Charlevoix Township Zoning Planners. The other amendments will be sent back to the Planning Commission for further study.

Motion carried to adopt a policy for disconnect of water service due to unpaid water service billings.

Motion carried to refund two water hook ups in the amount of $2,600.

Motion carried to update employee vacation time to allow a four week vacation after 20 years.

Motion carried to donate $2,500 to the Charlevoix Senior Center

Motion carried to allow the Clerk to pay bills presented and appropriated.

Next regular meeting to be held April 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

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Northwest students visit Brimley charter school

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Northwest Academy's basketball team faces off against Brimley's basketball team during a visit the students of the Charlevoix school took to the Upper Peninsula charter school.

Accepting an invitation from the Ojibwe Charter School in Brimley, the students from Northwest Academy traveled to the upper peninsula school on Tuesday, March 1.

The two schools had competed at a basketball game in Charlevoix in February as a part of the Michigan High School Athletic Association class D league. The Ojibwe Charter School was formed in 2003 through the Bay Mills Community College as a K-8 public charter academy to build on the sense of community and provide a learning atmosphere that celebrates cultural differences.

The Northwest students and chaperones were treated to Indian tacos and salad bar for lunch in their newly operating cafeteria. Local Ojibwe community adults joined with students to open the afternoon's activities with native drumming and colorful dancing.

Music from the Northwest junior/senior band and the jazz band under the direction of Gary Stutzman then entertained the Brimley students.

The day concluded with a basketball game between the Ojibwe Charter School Eagles and the Northwest Academy Navigators. The final score was Brimley 45 and Northwest 25.

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Lighthouse future

The fate of the lighthouse in Charlevoix is in the works as the Charlevoix Historical Society and the City of Charlevoix compose a letter of intent to purchase the lighthouse from the United States Coast Guard. The Coast Guard has requested letters of interest on the lighthouse.

Festival of Tables to help area Child and Family Services

If you have a taste for fresh entertaining ideas and exciting table designs to help spring come just a little bit sooner, mark your calendar for the fourth annual Festival of Tables, a event benefiting Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP • ORDINANCE NO. 1.70

BE IT ORDAINED that at a regular meeting of the Charlevoix Township Board held March14, 2005 Ordinance No. 1.70 was adopted rezoning from Agricultural to R-1 (One Family Dwelling District) property owned by Steve, Kathy and Martha Paterka, identified by tax code numbers 15-004-024-010-10 and 15-004-024-010-30, unplatted and approximately 12 acres, located at 12590 Waller Road and 08977 Martin Road.

This ordinance shall take effect 8 days after publication.

Carol Martin

Official Notice

NOTICE:
Charlevoix Township Planning Commission
Public Hearing April 20, 2005

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 to consider the request of James and Barb Kenwabikise to rezone from A (Agricultural) to C (Commercial). The property is located at 06137 Barnard Road, Charlevoix, identified by tax code number 15-004-033-034-00, unplatted, and approximately 12.836 acres.

Complete description and all pertinent data may be examined at the office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Rd. from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Please send any written comments to the Clerk at the same address or Nancy Rajewski, Planning Commission Chairperson, at 14590 Park Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Carol Martin

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County Commissioners
Synopsis - March 9, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on Mareh 9, 2005. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the February 9, 2005 meeting as presented.

Motion approved a Smoke-Free Ordinance.

Motion denied exempting the County from this regulation. Commissioners Patrick, Snyder, Jason & Frykberg voting no.

Motion approved Resolution #05-009, Great Lakes Energy Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #05-010, Accept Credit Card Payments and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign the contract with Government Payment Service, Inc.

Motion approved Resolution #05-011, Oil & Gas Lease, requesting the State of Michigan to classify the land as "Leaseable Nondevelopment."

Motion approved Resolution #05-012, Additional Judgeship and Additional Judicial District, and the Charlevoix County Clerk shall file a copy of this resolution with the State Court Administrator.

Motion approved Resolution #05-013, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #05-014, Transit, and authorized Chairman Victor Patrick to execute the contract.

Motion accepted the Resignation of Commissioner Valerie Snyder with regret and appointed Josh Barnes to fill the vacancy created by the resignation.

Motion approved Resolution #05-015, Support of GEO, Inc. and to send a copy of the resolution to Governor Granholm, our State Representative, Michigan Association of counties and to all House and Senate Appropriations Committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Code books found to have many errors

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

While Charlevoix City Commissioners have said they would like to start examining all the ordinances in the city code book in the near future, they discovered March 14 they don't even have the same code books.

Charlevoix City Clerk Carol Ochs said she discovered recently that there are several different versions of the city's code book in the possession of various council members. This means sometimes council members who question various ordinances in the city code book at council meetings, may not even be looking at the current ordinance.

"I don't think we were enforcing the wrong codes," Ochs said. "I think we were mostly running into problems when they (council) presented things (suggested changes to ordinances)."

Ochs said, in the past, the city contracted with a company that would update the code books once a year. However, to update the code books, the company just sent out supplements, and city officials and elected representatives were responsible for placing in their own books.

They didn't place those in some of the books, thus the differences in code books that the city is facing now.

"It was very confusing when I came here," Ochs said.

But, Ochs said the problem can be fixed. She said she can do it with the help of just one other person.

"I have professional skills for this type of project that another clerk would not have. Another clerk, with the code in its present state, would probably be forced to hire a professional company, most likely a codification company, at considerable cost to the city," she said in a letter to council.

Instead of hiring an outside company, Ochs and one other person, will be working nights and weekends to fix the mistakes in the current code books. City council has given Ochs the OK to hire a freelance proofreader to help her out with this at $12 an hour.

Ochs is also getting paid extra for her work on this at $15 an hour.

The total estimated cost of this project will be $7,500. But, Ochs added it could be considerably less.

"If I have time to work on the project during regular office hours, I will do so at no charge to the city. However, this kind of time has not been available in recent months," she said in a letter to council.

Ochs said council has been very busy in the past few months, thus making her very busy with clerk duties.

Even so, Ochs said she is trying to have the mistakes ironed out by the first part of June. And she does not think this problem will happen again.

"Once we get to a point where I can say, 'Here is your starting point,'" I think it will be easy to update," she said.

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OF ELECTORS OF CHARLEVOIX SCHOOL DISTRICT
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All electors are hereby given notice that the regular school election will be held in the City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Marion Township on Tuesday, May 3, 2005.

Electors who wish to vote in the school election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2005. If you are not currently registered to vote, or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live, you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

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At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

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At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

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NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP ~ BLIGHT ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 1.71
Adopted by the Charlevoix Township Board
Effective Date: April 20, 2005

INTENT AND PURPOSE

An ordinance to secure the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents and property owners by regulating the storage of junk, rubbish, garbage, inoperable vehicles and trailers within Charlevoix Township and to prohibit such storage except under certain conditions and to provide provisions for enforcement, compliance and penalties for violation of the ordinance.

Section 1 - TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Charlevoix Township Blight Ordinance.

Section 2 - LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

It is hereby determined that there exists on both privately and publicly owned parcels of land within Charlevoix Township accumulations of unsightly junk, rubbish and/or garbage, and inoperable vehicles and trailers, and that such accumulations constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Charlevoix Township for the reasons that they provide a habitat conducive to the breeding and nesting of rats, mice and other vermin, and also that they contain objects with sharp edges and other hazards which could injure children who would be attracted to play thereon without appreciating the danger thereof, and that the regulations contained in this ordinance are the minimum regulations required to eliminate the forgoing undesirable conditions and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Section 3 - DEFINITIONS

The following terms used in this Ordinance are defined as follows:

A. Junk - As used in this ordinance, "junk," means any unused toys, unused or unusable tires, building materials, furniture, machinery, appliances, or parts thereof.

B. Rubbish - As used in this ordinance, "rubbish," means wastepaper, metalware, plasticware, metal cuttings, boxes, glass, non-landscape shavings, barrels, lumber, paper cartons and brush trimmings.

C. Garbage - As used in this ordinance, "garbage," means any accumulation of trash, refuse or litter specifically including, but not limited to refuse from the preparation and consumption of food, as well as dead animals (or parts thereof) and discarded edible or drinkable items.

D. Vehicle - As used in this ordinance, "vehicle," means motorized and non-motorized mechanical devices which have the primary purpose of transporting people on land, air, and water, including but not limited to, motor homes, cars, trucks, airplanes, snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats, (including canoes), and bicycles.

E. Inoperable - As used in this ordinance, "inoperable," means any vehicle unable to perform its primary, legal function of transportation because of mechanical condition, missing parts or non-licensure or registration if same is required by state law.

F. Trailer - As used in this ordinance, "trailer," means any non-motorized device which must be pulled by a vehicle and is used for the purpose of transporting other vehicles or items of any kind, including but not limited to utility and recreational travel trailers.

Section 4 - UNLAWFUL ACTS

A. Storage of Junk, Rubbish, Garbage - No owner, occupant or possessor of land within Charlevoix Township shall keep, or permit to be kept at any time on such parcel, any accumulation of junk, rubbish, and/or garbage unless the same is within a completely enclosed storage container with lid or completely enclosed building awaiting removal.

B. Storage of Inoperable Vehicles and Trailers - No owner, occupant or possessor of land within Charlevoix Township shall keep or permit to be kept, for more than ten (10) consecutive days, any inoperable vehicle or trailer, including vehicles and trailers under owner repair, unless said vehicle or trailer is within a completely enclosed building or completely screened behind a fence in the side or rear yards as defined in the Charlevoix Township Zoning Ordinance currently in effect.

C. Placement of Junk, Rubbish, Garbage and/or Inoperable Vehicles and Trailers - No person shall place junk, rubbish, garbage and/or inoperable vehicles or trailers on the property of another, including any governmentally owned property.

D. Vehicles, and Trailers for Sale - Residential property owners and occupants wishing to display and sell personal vehicles or trailers on their properties may display no more than two vehicles or trailers, or one vehicle and one trailer, at any one time for a period not to exceed 90-days in any 365-day period. Vehicles or trailers for sale shall not be displayed on vacant properties. Vehicles or trailers for sale need not be licensed but shall be operable in all other ways. Vehicles or trailers for sale shall be clearly marked, "FOR SALE." No person shall place vehicles or trailers for sale on the property of another, including any governmentally- owned property or road right-of-way, without the written consent of the owner.

Section 5 – EXCEPTIONS

This Ordinance does not apply to inventory or premises occupied by a merchant licensed under MCL 205.53 and conducting a lawful business or to the property of patrons of a lawful motor vehicle repair facility, furniture or appliance repair facility, or gasoline service station while left, on the premises of either for purposes of service or repair, nor does this ordinance apply to licensed salvage yards which are regulated under Public Act 12 of 1929.

B. Recreational vehicles and trailers which are usable, in good repair and are customarily licensed on a seasonal basis shall be allowed to be kept on the owner's property without license during the off-season so long as they are stored in a completely enclosed building or completely screened behind a fence in the side or rear yards as defined in the Charlevoix Township Zoning Ordinance currently in effect.

C. Recreational, commercial and agricultural vehicles and trailers not required to be licensed or registered by the State of Michigan shall be allowed to be kept in the owner's property without license so long as they are stored in a completely enclosed building or completely screened behind a fence in the side or rear yards as defined in the adherence to the Charlevoix Township Zoning Ordinance currently in effect.

D. Junk, Rubbish and Garbage may be kept in a temporary, roadside storage container, with closable lid, used for the purpose of keeping rats, foraging animals and other vermin away from the contents, and awaiting pickup by a refuse hauling company for up to a 48-hour period, so long as the temporary storage container shall not be larger than (2) two-cubic-yards in size and must have a locking or latching device sufficient to prevent opening by foraging animals.

E. Commercial businesses may, in addition to the containers described in paragraph D, above, keep a dumpster on-site. The dumpster should be kept in such a place so that it is screened from view by the public. Additionally, the dumpster must be emptied on a regular basis so that it does not overflow. Further, the dumpster must have lid which shall be kept closed at all time, except when trash or rubbish is being placed into the dumpster.

F. Property owners may place lawn clippings and hedge and/or shrub trimmings in a pile on their property. These items should be kept in a location which is not offensive to any neighbors (for example, do not place these items right on the property next to your neighbor's deck). In all events, unless the lawn clippings and/or hedge/shrub trimmings are being used as compost, the refuse shall be removed from the property at least once every two years so that the pile does not become too large or otherwise become a nuisance.

Section 6 – ENFORCEMENT AND SANCTIONS

A. Authority. The Zoning Administrator and Supervisor shall have the authority to enforce and initiate proceedings to enforce and abate violations of the provisions of this Ordinance. Any violation of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be a nuisance per se.

B. Investigation; correction period. The Zoning Administrator shall investigate each alleged violation and shall send to the alleged violator by registered mail a written notice specifying all violations and ordering him or her to correct the violation within thirty (30) days of the notice.

C. Violations. Any person who fails to correct a violation of any provision of this Ordinance within thirty (30) days of the date of the notice ordering the correction shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction as defined in Public Act 12 of 1994, amending Public Act 236 of 1961, being Sections 600.101-600.9939 of Michigan Compiled Laws, and shall be subject to a fine of $100.00, plus costs incurred. Each day this Ordinance is violated shall be considered as a separate violation.

D. Repeat Offenses. Repeat offenses under this Ordinance shall be subject to increased fines as provided by this section below. As used in this section, "repeat offense," means a second (or any subsequent) violation of the same requirement or provision of this ordinance, as determined by the Zoning Administrator or Supervisor, for which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible. The schedule of fines for repeat offenses under this Ordinance shall be as follows:

First repeat offense: $250.00, plus costs incurred

Second or subsequent repeat offense: $500.00, plus costs incurred

E. Enforcement. The Zoning Administrator and Supervisor are hereby designated as the authorized Township officials to issue municipal civil infraction citations requiring alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court.

F. Abatement. In addition to enforcing this Ordinance through the use of a municipal civil infraction proceeding, the Township may initiate proceedings in the Circuit Court to abate or eliminate the nuisance per se or any other violation of this Ordinance.

G. Appeal. A property owner or occupant who is cited for a violation under this Ordinance may appeal to the Charlevoix Township Board of Trustees, if extenuating circumstances are involved.

Section 7 - PRIMA FACIE PROOF

A. To any litigation arising under this ordinance, testimony that any unusable toys, unused or unusable building materials, furniture, machinery, appliances, or parts thereof, have been observed in the same place on at least (7) seven consecutive or nonconsecutive calendar days, shall constitute prima facie proof that such constitute junk, as defined in Section 3.

B. In any litigation arising under this ordinance, testimony that any unlicensed vehicle, including but not limited to cars, trucks, snowmobiles, motorcycles, boats (including non-motorized boats), or parts thereof, that have been observed in the same place on at least (14) fourteen consecutive days, shall constitute prima facie proof that such constitute an inoperable vehicle, as defined in Section 3.

Section 8 - SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section 9- CONFLICTING REGULATIONS

In the interpretation, application and enforcement of this Ordinance, whenever any of the provisions or limitations imposed or required by the provisions of this Ordinance are more stringent than any other law or ordinance, then the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any other law or ordinance impose more stringent requirements than is imposed or required by this Ordinance, then the provisions of such other law or ordinance shall govern.

Section 10 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication as required by law.

Island celebrates Ireland's patron saint

Due to a raging snowstorm outside, the annual Beaver Island St. Patrick's Day festival kept all of its events inside the Shamrock Bar this year. The bar was packed with lucky festival-goers Saturday who had made it to the island before the island airline was forced to stop flying, due to the weather.

All photos by Jeremy McBain

(Above) Master of Ceremonies Richard Gillespie shows off his Irish style. (Left) Two of the "I Wish" women do a jig on stage during the King and Queen Contest.

(Left) Katrina Martin, of Beaver Island, and Richie LaVoie, of Charlevoix, have some fun dressing up for the King and Queen contest. (Right) Adam Martin spits a minnow for accuracy in the Minnow Toss. Contestants had to throw or spit a live minnow across the bar to an "X" on the floor. The closest minnow won.

Contestants also took part in a modified Shopping Cart race using a box cart instead. They had to race around their teammates with one player on the box cart, left, and perform various activities after each time around the course in the Shamrock Bar. Above, one of those tests was a leap-frog. The fastest time won.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, March 14, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the clerk's plan for updating the City Code Book.
- Directed the City Attorney to have the Michigan Municipal League review the conflict of interest policy.
- Adopted Ordinance 699-05, approving the 2005-2006 Budget.
- Adopted Ordinance 670-05, approving the Fourth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority.
- Motion failed to adopt Ordinance 671-05, the Fifth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority.

Council adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 700 OF 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WHICH PROVIDES FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE FINANCING OF THOSE PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS AND ALSO EXTENDS THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN THROUGH MAY 26, 2026 AND TO ADD SECTIONS 1.302 AND 1.303 TO TITLE I, CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

Section 1. Addition of Section 1.302 - Adoption of the Fourth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan.
The Fourth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan is approved, as described below, and Section 1.302 is added to Title I, Chapter 7 of the City Code which shall be entitled AFourth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan@ and shall read as provided in Exhibit 1 to this ordinance. This approval is intended to allow for the planning for all of those projects described in Exhibit 1. Since all proposed projects would take place on land owned by the City or land over which the City has jurisdiction, no project shall proceed beyond the planning stage without specific approval by the City Council.

Section 2. Addition of Section 1.303 - Amendment to the Duration of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan.
Section 1.303 is added to Title I, Chapter 7 of the City Code and shall read as follows:

Section 1.303. Amendment to the Duration of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan.
The Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, as amended, shall continue through and including December 31, 2026, except as extended by a subsequent amendment to or modification of the plan by appropriate ordinance and Section 1.287 is superceded to the extent that the duration of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan is being extended through December 31, 2026.

Section 3. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

Exhibit 1
Project List for the Fourth Amendment to the DDA Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan

1. **Descriptive Name** B **Marina Construction**

Location B The Marina extends from Antrim Street to a point approximately 200 feet north of the Clinton Street right-of-way along the shores of Round Lake and extends into Round Lake.

Description of Project B The project includes obstructions and removals along the bulkhead, shore sheeting the bulkhead, four floating pier systems extending into Round Lake, miscellaneous shopper dock construction on the north and south end of the project, construction of electric, water and sanitary sewer lines to service the docks, and supporting tie backs for shore sheeting.

Description of Stages B There is only one stage of the project anticipated. Construction is planned to start in the Fall of 2005 and be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2006.

Description of Parts of the Development That Are to Be Left as Open Space and the Use Contemplated and Use Contemplated for the Space B The water surface not taken up by the dock system will be open space, except when used by vessels for moorage.

Project Financing B It is anticipated that the project will be financed in part by a grant from the Michigan DNR Waterways Commission. See section 7 regarding financing for the remainder of the project.

Project Cost Estimate B The estimated cost of the marina is $4,829,500.

2. **Descriptive Name** B **East Park Construction**

Location B Between Antrim Street, Clinton Street, Bridge Street and Round Lake in downtown Charlevoix.

Description of Project B The project includes numerous removals in the site area, including a section of the street end to relocate the street, reconstruction of the street area with storm systems, curb and gutter and bituminous paving, numerous walkways with concrete pavement, special pavement and brick pavement, construction of a fish pond, site railings, irrigation system, numerous park amenities, such as benches, trash receptacles, etc, site lighting and all other elements normally included in a park system of this type. The submarine memorial will not be permanently relocated without prior approval from Council.

Description of Stages B It is anticipated that the project will be completed in either one or two stages. Stage one to begin in the Fall of 2005 with completion in the Spring of 2006. Stage two to begin in the Fall of 2006 and completed in the Spring/Summer of 2007.

Description of Parts of the Development That Are to Be Left as Open Space and the Use Contemplated for the Space B The entire area, except for the construction of a Marina Building described below, a fish pond, existing band shell and rest room structure will be open space with grass and paved walkway areas.

Project Financing B It is anticipated that the project will be financed in part by a grant from the Michigan DNR Waterways Commission. See section 7 regarding financing for the remainder of the project

Project Cost Estimate B The cost estimate for the project is estimated at $2,610,597.

3. **Descriptive Name** B **Harbormaster Building**

Location B The Harbormaster building will be placed at the foot of Clinton Street between the street ending and Round Lake.

Description of Project B The Harbormaster building will include facilities to house the Marina staff, amenities for the boaters, public restrooms, and a deck on top of the building for public viewing.

Description of Stages B There is only one stage of the project anticipated. Construction is planned to start in the Fall of 2005 and be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2006.

Description of Parts of the Development That Are to Be Left as Open Space and the Use Contemplated B The top of the building, the pedestrian overlook, will be left as open space.

Project Financing B It is anticipated that the project will be financed in part by a grant from the Michigan DNR Waterways Commission. See section 7 regarding financing for the remainder of the project

Project Cost Estimate B $1,473,869.

4. **Descriptive Name** B **Storm Sewer Construction**

Location B In Mason Street from Round Lake to the west side of Bridge Street and in Clinton Street from the Round Lake to approximately one-half way to Bridge Street.

Description of Project B The project includes 48 - 60" diameter pipe in Mason Street and a 24" diameter pipe in Clinton Street, along with associated manholes etc. and pollution control devices.

Description of Stages B There is only one stage of the project anticipated. Construction is planned to start in the Fall of 2005 and be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2006.

Description of Parts of the Development That Are to Be Left as Open Space and the Use Contemplated and Use Contemplated for the Space B Not applicable.

Project Financing B See section 7 regarding financing for the remainder of this project.

Project Cost Estimate B The estimated cost is $316,344.

5. **Descriptive Name** B **Off-Site Parking**

Location B The southeast corner of the old Middle School site on Mason Street.

Description of Project B The parking lot is proposed with curb and gutter construction, bituminous surface along with appropriate drainage systems and landscaped islands.

Description of Stages B It is anticipated that the parking lot will be constructed during phase one, which has a planned construction start of Fall 2005, with a completion date of Spring/Summer 2006.

Description of Parts of the Development That Are to Be Left as Open Space and the Use Contemplated B The only open space contemplated in the parking lot are green grassed islands and a parameter of grass around the parking lot.

Project Financing B It is anticipated that the project will be financed in part by a grant from the Michigan DNR Waterways Commission. See section 7 regarding financing for the remainder of the project

Project Cost Estimate B $165,600

6. **Descriptive Name** B **Personnel**

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) may hire personnel to promote the retail, economic and business advantages of the downtown area and to perform such other services as are authorized by Act 197 of 1975, as amended (the Act), or as may be specified by the DDA.

7. **Financing of Projects and Personnel**

Personnel that may be hired by the DDA will be paid out of the general revenue of the DDA which comes from Acaptured millage@ and millage that is specifically assessed for the DDA. The other projects that are described in this amendment will be financed, in whole or in part, by the issuance of bonds as authorized by law. Installment contracts, as authorized by Act 99 of 1933, may also be used. As noted earlier, some projects may be funded in part by state grants as well.

Regarding bonding, the DDA=s financial consultant and bond counsel will recommend the type of bonds to be issued and terms of such bonds. The preliminary estimate of bonding potential is $6.4 million. Until firm project cost estimates can be obtained, it should be assumed that the total amount of bonds to be issued will be the maximum amount that is authorized by law. It is anticipated that bonds will be issued in 2005. The DDA has successfully issued bonds for past projects. Based on information obtained from the financial consultant regarding the likely Alife@ of the bonds, it is recommended that the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan be extended through December 31, 2026.

8. **Descriptive Name** B **Removal of Existing Band Shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building; construction of a new pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating.**

This project is specifically excluded from this Fourth Amendment to the Plan. Thus, the DDA shall not undertake this project unless authorized by a later amendment to the Plan.

Ordinance Certification

Ordinance No. 700-05 was hereby adopted on the 14th day of March, 2005, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Bill Bellows Seconded by: Councilmember Bob Timms

Yeas: Council members Gibson, Haggard, Timms, Bellows, and Campbell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain.

Carol Ochs, City Clerk

Norman Carlson, Mayor

Annual Easter Egg Hunt this weekend

The Easter Bunny is coming to Charlevoix!

The Fourteenth Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 in East Park in downtown Charlevoix. Prior to the Egg Hunt, Stafford's Weathervane restaurant will be hosting the annual Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Children may have a "free photo" taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Charlevoix Camera and then the whole family can stay for a special lunch. Call 547-4311 for reservations.

Following the luncheon and photographs, the Easter bunny will be in East Park for the Easter Egg Hunt, which begins promptly at 2 p.m. There will be three different age categories: 3 years and under, 4-6 years and 7-10 years.

There will be 6,000 eggs with special prizes inside. The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Charlevoix Retail Promotions Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office at 547-2101.

Safe Harbor to have Easter Egg Hunt, special services

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will present a special program at 7 p.m., March 25, for Good Friday Service. Their address is 06046 Old US-31 South, Charlevoix near the intersection of U.S. 31 South.

They will also host an egg hunt at 12 p.m., on Saturday, March 26, rain or shine. Hot dogs and chips will be served as well as plenty of eggs to hunt. Children of all ages are welcome.

There will be a sunrise service at 6 a.m. on Sunday, March 27, at Ferry Beach to honor resurrection Sunday, followed by breakfast at the church's fellowship hall. In addition they will have a special service at 11 a.m. to celebrate the resurrection. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please call them at 547-6283.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Kelsey Barnard award given

The Kelsey Barnard Award is given out each year to the top male and female racer that has also proven to be an asset to the team. There are three 2005 winners as the top two female racers were tied. They were awarded on March 15 during a ceremony honoring Barnard's life as this would have been his graduating year. Pictured (from left to right) are Ski Team Coach Sue Miller, Freshman Katherine Rowley, Senior Michelle Fritsch and Junior Andrew Mallory.

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State recommends against jail for Creswell, Mazur

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MDEQ investigator Detective Vencent T. Woods said, "The state does not recommend jail time and they (Creswell and Mazur) were cooperative."

He added, "The judge could still give jail time though. There are no promises as far as sentencing."

Problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant reach back over a three year period, which the city staff discovered last winter according to a letter written by Dustin Ordway, a city attorney to Barry Selden, chief of the MDEQ's Cadillac unit.

The MDEQ's investigation team recorded some of the problems they found in a March report that was given to City Manager Michael Wiesner. The report included that 31 total residual chlorine limit exceedences were reported to MDEQ as being in compliance.

The March report also stated that reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results were falsely reported to MDEQ. The report also stated that there were 27 days when monitoring didn't take place and other areas where proper protocol wasn't followed.

Originally, bench sheets, where initial readings of the treated water are recorded before being entered into a computer system that will provide a report given to the state, didn't match up with the reports given. In some instances, the bench sheets had been doctored or erased.

During the investigation, Richard Shoemaker, the senior environmental quality analyst with the surface water quality division of the MDEQ, said — in a previous interview with the *Charlevoix Courier* — that he didn't know why the operator would purposefully falsify information. Shoemaker said in the interview that he thought the person was trying to make the Charlevoix plant look good.

One problem Shoemaker said the plant had was that the formerly unnamed staff members were putting too much chlorine into the treatment process.

To kill the bacteria, the water needs to mix with the chlorine in the contact tank for 30 minutes. Shoemaker said the staff members just added more chlorine instead of waiting for the 30 minutes.

The high concentration of chlorine in Lake Michigan wasn't enough to harm fish, but Shoemaker said it probably killed some zebra mussels living near the discharge line.

Shoemaker said chlorine that concentrated dissolves in minutes once it reaches a body of water like Lake Michigan and wouldn't have affected the drinking water located over one mile away.

On March 17, 2004, Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner discussed suspending Creswell, who had been the plant's superintendent for almost 30 years.

Creswell chose to retire instead, which became effective on March 17. He gave his notice to Wiesner's office on March 22.

Creswell said in a previous interview with the *Charlevoix Courier*, that he didn't retire due to the impending investigation, but rather because he had just turned 60 and decided he needed to leave the stressful position.

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Charlevoix's Irish come out for pub crawl

Charlevoix restaurants hosted their own pub crawl on March 17 in honor of St. Patrick's Day. (Right) A bagpipe band from Sault Ste. Marie led the crawlers from bar-to-bar in downtown Charlevoix.

All photos by Courtney Pace

(Above) Several residents wore shirts commenting on the green dye scandal that occurred during last year's St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl hosted by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has a civil and criminal case against them for the incident, but no one has come forward. The caption on the various shirts said, "I know someone who thinks they know who did it."

(Above) Ryan Leitner and Gary Leitner celebrated St. Patrick's Day on March 17 by wearing fun hats, green hair and elf ears while enjoying themselves at the Townhouse Bar. (Left) Scott Mackinder of Charlevoix donned a Guinness hat in celebration of St. Patrick's Day on March 17 while enjoying festivities at Stafford's Weathervane.

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Snowboard event helped area skate park

With over 40 participants for Charlevoix Community Skate Park's first snowboard challenge fund-raiser on Sunday, March 13, at Mount McSauba, an afternoon full of spills and thrills captivated parents and spectators of local snowboard enthusiasts.

At 1 p.m. the Boarder Cross event started on a course set-up on the front hill. Boarder Cross is a course race with at least 3-4 snowboarders racing against each other on a set course at one time.

The idea for this event came while watching the Boarder Cross events shown on TV. The skate park would like to acknowledge and thank the Mt. McSauba staff for all their help in setting the course and jumps for all the events. With the cold temps the course was fast and challenging for all ages.

At approximately 2:15 p.m. the Snowboard Scramble event started, which included starting with one foot out of its binding, going up the bunny hill, down the bunny hill, up the front hill down the back hill, up the back hill and down the front course. Much enjoyment was derived by seeing how innovative the Boarder could be to secure his bindings while going up the tow rope.

The much anticipated Big Air Demo started at approximately 3:15 p.m. on the front hill. A tabletop jump was built on the front hill for local snowboarders and skiers to show off their skills and talent at catching air.

Many parents and visitors remarked on how great this was as some of them had never seen their child perform the sport he/she loved and lived for. With the terrain park at Mt. McSauba on the backside many had never seen them hit the jumps. Many were in awe of the talent and love for this sport that was clearly apparent.

Also featured at the event was live coverage by "The Zone," 94.5, which included T-shirt, CD and other item give-aways. Concessions were also available by the Skate Park Committee.

Hoodies, shirts, and skull caps with the Skate park logo (designed locally by Taylor Witthoeft) on them were also available during and prior to the event. Please call Vickie Daman at 547-8063 if you would like to purchase any of these items.

All proceeds go to helping the building fund.

With an early summer opening targeted at the new site on Carpenter Street, the Skate Park Fund-raising Committee is trying to raise $50,000 locally.

Current fund-raisers are sticker sales and window display cards. These are available at local businesses and from the students themselves. Gifts in kind of donated services and support would be greatly appreciated.

The community has embraced this project from the very beginning and has shown amazing financial support for this community project.

The fund-raising advisory group is a non-profit entity and all inquiries can be directed to 547-8063. It is made up of a group of parents of local enthusiasts, meet every other Tuesday at Flap Jack Restaurant.

Courtesy photo

A contestant in the snowboard challenge at Mount McSauba catches big air during the event.

Middle school wrestlers medal at tournament

The Charlevoix Elementary/Middle School Wrestling team competed in Rogers City on Saturday, March 19.

Nearly all of the wrestlers received medals in the round robin-style tournament. Coach Craig Golovich is happy with how well his team did. He said there are some good wrestlers moving up the next few years to the high school level.

As a whole, the team is making improvements. Individually, the wrestlers are enjoying the season and experience successes. Medals were awarded to the following wrestlers:

- First place: Cody Gould, Justin Perkins, Sammy Hovie and Mathew Levins.
- Second place: Eli Daman, Sam Eakes, Brad Rizzo, Jacob Novotny, Andrew Robarge, Hunter Turner, Jordan Farmer, Robby Hovie, Clay Heise, Austin De Vries, Vincent Von Lau, Joey Left and Matt Golovich.
- Third place: Tabetha Penfold, Jamie Eakes, Lucas Von Lau, Jacob Sharrow, Tanner Geer, Casey Swadling, Curtis Russell, Greg Bishaw, Jacob Roach, Danny Bryant, Nic Mailloux and Zeke Daman.
- Fourth place: John Kagabitang, Aaron De Vries, Avery Penfold and Ryan Penfold.

Easter Buffets for both the young and young at heart.

Easter Bunny Luncheon Buffet
Saturday, March 26th, 11 am – 2 pm
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Kids get special treatment with this Saturday buffet designed with young appetites in mind.

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Sunday, March 27th, Noon – 7 pm
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Council to decide on order in April

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with the MDEQ on the final fine amount, with $20,000 being the bottom line goal.

"We were fortunate to end up there," he said.

Council will be considering the matter at its April 4 meeting.

According to Richard Shoemaker, senior environmental quality analyst with the MDEQ, all the department needs is the city's signature on the agreement.

Problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant reach back over a three year period, which the city staff discovered last winter and then reported to the MDEQ.

An investigation by the MDEQ showed 31 total residual chlorine limit exceedences were reported to MDEQ as being in compliance.

It also stated that reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results were falsely reported to MDEQ. The report also stated that there were 27 days when monitoring didn't take place and other areas where proper protocol wasn't followed.

The plant also had problems with the pump.

For these problems, former Charlevoix wastewater plant superintendent Samuel Louis Creswell and former lead worker James Stanley Mazur were arrested in December and plead guilty in Charlevoix Circuit Court Friday morning to one count each of making false statements — a felony.

This arrest is considered separate from the consent order between the city and MDEQ.

As part of the corrective action plan, in May 2004, the city hired Tim Truax, a Traverse City based consultant, to identify what the problems were at the plant and to suggest ways to solve them.

Wiesner said in a previous interview with the *Charlevoix Courier*, that he didn't want to just look at the concerns of MDEQ and solve them. Rather, he wanted to look at the entire operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and try to decide where it should go in the future.

Last fall, council members were given a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to view the updates that have been made in order to fix the problems that led to the possibility of fines from the MDEQ.

Jim Caldwell, current superintendent, said in a previous interview that a lot of the ways the records are kept and handled have been changed. He also said the Quality Assurance, Quality Control (QA/QC) manual is currently being updated.

Caldwell led the tour and informed council on what changes had occurred. One issue concerned a critical spare parts list. Caldwell said this list will include only those parts that are vital to the operation of the plant.

The list won't need to be incredibly long because the plant is able to run in two halves.

When something breaks down on one side, Caldwell said the other half can handle the flow until the problem is corrected.

Hospital hosts estate planning seminar

With longer life expectancy and typically lower lifetime earnings, money management can present a greater challenge to women.

A free Estate Planning and Money Management Seminar, specifically designed for women and discussing money management, emergency funding, employer-sponsored benefits and other financial topics, will be given starting at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23. This free program will be held in the large conference room on the lower level of Charlevoix Area Hospital and is open to women of all ages.

Some of the topics in the seminar will include planning for a child's or grandchild's education, savings, insurance, a review of monthly spending, savings accounts, CDs, taxes, planning for retirement, money management and steps to an effective estate plan.

Katrina Martin, attorney with Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof & Snyder; John Doskoch, certified financial planner practitioner; and Craig Leppien, financial advisor with Waddell & Reed will present the program.

This estate planning seminar is provided free of charge to the community by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Planned Gifts Committee and is the first in a series of estate and financial planning seminars that will be held this year.

For reservations or for additional information on the program, call the foundation office at (231) 547-8502.

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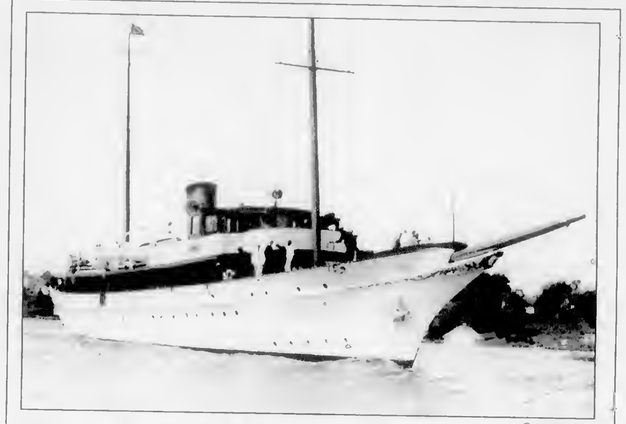

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The Sylvia was in Charlevoix from 1930 to 1942.

Charlevoix vessels topic of talk

The Charlevoix Historical Society is presenting "Vessels in Charlevoix," an illustrated program on the huge variety of boats that have graced Charlevoix waters, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5 at the Depot.

It will be hosted by Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles.

Ever since the first Native Americans arrived in their canoes around 1500 B.C., Charlevoix's safe haven has been a magnet for thousands of vessels of all types.

The program will focus on smaller passenger steamers and luxurious liners, lumber carriers, magnificent schooners, government side-wheelers and Coast Guard vessels, gigantic palatial yachts, the Beaver Island boats, lake freighters, tugs, an Australian prison ship, a galleon wrecked on the Boulder Park shore, lightships, a presidential yacht and more. Included will be stories of fires, wrecks, accidents and beachings. All the photos to be used are from the society's huge Bob Miles Collection photo archives.

The program is open to the public. There is no admission charge.

Call (231) 547-0373 for further information.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Church League - March 16, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	371	229
Ferguson & Chamberlain	363	237
Paul Bunyan Lanes	342	257
Mark White Paint & Stain	307	293
The Inner Circle	295	305
St. Mary's	241	359
Lutherans	240	360
R & C Roofing	240	360

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	671	251
Roger Crain	591	223
Rom Rankl	581	213
Larry Potter	581	

Men's Senior League - March 14, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	29	11
J Arnold Painting "A"	24	16
Westcott Widows	23	17
Kerr's Racing	20.5	19.5
Central Drug Store	18.5	21.5
J Arnold Painting "Z"	16.5	23.5
Selch Trucking	14.5	25.5
Cemex Cement	14	26

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek		233
Jeff Smith	600	213
Tom Brown		232
Chris Putman	599	
Ken Schoenherr	561	

Young at Hearts League - March 17, 2005

	W	L
Sparetime	33	11
Half & Half	30	14
Twilighters	28	16
Misfits	27	17
Irish Rollers	18.5	25.5
Alley Cats	18	26
Pistil Timers	11.5	32.5
Hot Beers	10	34

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenherr	569	202
A. Burgmann		196
Ray Brolley	518	
Mo Dixon		188
Art Rusk	511	
Madeline Rusk		191
Zettie Kitson	455	156
Julie Calcher	427	153
Shirley Flower	153	
Theola Elzinga	395	

Tuesday Night Ladies - March 15, 2005

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	30	18
Grey Gables Inn	29.5	18.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	25	23
Twin Lakes Enterprise	24.5	23.5
Central Drug Store	20	28
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	16.5	31.5
Don's IGA	15.5	32.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	15	33

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	511	225
Leanna Moscoryak	522	
Cindy Brooks		189
Marlene Evans	519	
Connie Wood		184

Gutter Gals League - March 10, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	119	82
Argonne Supper Club	105	94
Burger King Charlevoix	102	98
Express Yourself	74	126

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

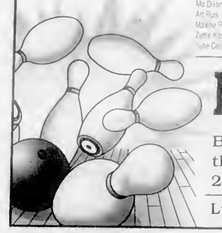
	Series	Game
Jane Kuhnke	469	207
Jane Holm	559	199
Mary O'Brien	453	169

Double Deckers Mixed League - March 6, 2005

	W	L
Spencer	31.5	12.5
Blanchard/Crain	30	14
Bradley	28	16
Russell A & J	27	17
Ferguson	27	17
Stein	25	19
Novotny	24	20
Wittnoert	23.5	20.5
Sladen	23	21
Russell C. & R	23	21
Blanchard	22	22
Kaffman	19	25
Webb	18.5	25.5
Platton	15	29
Nordman	11.5	32.5
Hart	4	40

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Gary Spencer	552	213
Scott Blanchard	486	205
Jeff Novotny	485	
Roger Crain	HSC	
Carolyn Blanchard	538	189
Sherri Webb	542	192
Jaime Stetson		
Jackie Stein		



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010797-DE

Estate of Bruce Green, Deceased

Date of birth: October 26, 1920

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Bruce A. Green, who lived at 6127 Charlevoix Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, died December 31, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shelly G. VenWart, named personal representative or proposed personel representetive, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan and the named/proposed personel representative within 4 monlhs efter the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 14, 2005

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Sunrise service

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene welcomes you to a Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. March 27, Easter Sunday. A delicious breakfast will follow for all to enjoy. Following the breakfast fellowship they will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at 9:30 a.m., during regular morning worship service.

Hymn Sing

A Hymn Sing sponsored by the Northern Michigan Holiness Camp Association begins at 6 p.m., April 24, at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene located at 12023 Waller Road. All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday service

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church invites the public to come be a part of the Worship and Intercession Service from 7 to 9 p.m. every Tuesday evening. There is live music offered for non-denominational worship and prayer time on an independent basis. They are located at 05291 M-66 North. Nursery is not available. For more information please call 547-6430.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Car club meeting

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Area meetings

Editor's note: We are attempting to update this section.

If you would like to see your organization in this section or would like to change your organization's information in this section please call (231) 547-6558 for more information.

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting.

For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant.

For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road.

For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month.

For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln.

Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital.

For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix.

Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House.

For more information call 547-0373.

Community activities —

There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

There is an additional open swim from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Charlevoix Senior Center lunches served at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

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Owners of boats, including personal watercraft, may renew online at www.Michigan.gov/sos beginning March 1. Registration decals are mailed within 10 days.

The web-based program allows residents to renew from their homes or offices anytime of the day or night. Watercraft registrations may also be renewed by touch-tone telephone, mail or at a branch office. Internet and touch-tone renewal options are available through Aug. 31.

"It's easy to save time by renewing online," said Land, who oversees the registration and titling of more than a million watercraft. "That way you can spend time on your boat, not in line. Watercraft renewal is just one of many convenient online customer services provided by the Department of State."

All watercraft on Michigan waters, including privately owned lakes and waterways, must be registered except: Watercraft 18 feet or less, propelled by oars or paddles and not used for rental or commercial purposes. Nonmotorized canoes and kayaks not used for rental or commercial purposes. Rafts, surfboards, sailboards and swim floats, regardless of length. Watercraft registered in another state and used only temporarily in Michigan.

The notices include instructions for renewing online, along with a personal identification number needed to use the system. Payment can be made by VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit cards. Nearly 300,000 renewal notices will be mailed this year.

Residents will also find information about ordering a Great Lakes Protection Fund decal with their renewal notice. The decal costs $35. It is decorative only and not required for watercraft registration or identification purposes.

Proceeds from sales will help fund research and education to control invasive species, such as zebra mussels, in the Great Lakes and other Michigan waters. This special decal may also be purchased online at www.michigan.gov/michiganestore using a Visa or MasterCard credit card.

Photo courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

East Park controversy

The current and sometimes controversial planning of the reconfiguration of East Park and the dock slips had a precedent. After 1935, the road that once led along that portion of the waterfront developed for pleasure boaters was eliminated for the creation of the park as it exists today. Before then one could motor down to the Antrim Street dock, drive behind the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to the Mason Street dock or even beyond, and exit up Mason Street to Bridge Street. The longest building on the left is the Hotel Charlevoix, which burned in June of 1935. The other buildings were soon purchased and demolished by the city for the expanded park. Boaters complained vehemently that this would inconvenience both them and their guests. But soon only a walkway by the docks and grass replaced the short block of road way that once saw sporty roadsters and the latest model limousines parked along it.

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Gohs hired as new staff writer, Pace enlists

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Witthoeft is a 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in communications and French. She was hired by the *Charlevoix Courier* as a staff writer in June 2000.

While at the Courier, Witthoeft won, individually and as a member of a team, nine awards from the Michigan Press Association for news writing, feature writing and enterprise stories.

Witthoeft had left the Courier in June 2004 to take a position as marketing coordinator with Lexalite International. While there, she planned for trade shows and designed print material for the company.

"There is a certain passion that goes along with being a journalist that can't be found in any other profession," Witthoeft said of coming back to the Courier.

Jeremy McBain

Courtney Pace

B. Jon Gohs

Witthoeft said she will not be making any large changes in the Courier, but would like to add some new sections focusing on such things as parenting. She said she will be spending some time getting a feel for the position.

In addition to being the editor, Witthoeft will cover the city of Charlevoix, new businesses, sports and Beaver Island.

She has a husband, Charlie, and a daughter, Mailie.

McBain said, "I will miss being the editor of the *Charlevoix Courier* and miss the people I covered and worked with, but I look forward to this new challenge in Petoskey."

He added, "It makes me very happy to see Witthoeft is the one that will replace me. She is a fantastic journalist and a respected member of the community."

McBain, 29, of Charlevoix, joined the *Charlevoix Courier* in December 1999 as the editor. He was previously a staff writer for the Novi News covering the city, police, courts and the planning commission.

He is a graduate of Central Michigan University, with a bachelor's degree in journalism. He has won 22 journalism awards in his career, including 19, individually and as a member of a team, with the *Charlevoix Courier* — including one first place general excellence award in 2002 from the Michigan Press Association.

In his time at the Courier, the newspaper was honored for its design, local news, editorial pages, coverage of breaking news and investigative stories.

Witthoeft is not the only new addition to the Courier readers will be seeing in the next month.

Former freelance writer B. Jon Gohs was also hired to begin working as a regular staff writer for the Courier starting April 27. He will be replacing Courtney Pace.

Pace, 23, of Charlevoix, will be leaving the *Charlevoix Courier* on April 26 to join the Army as a journalist in the public affairs branch.

She will take basic training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and then will be in advanced training at Fort Meade in Maryland. She is hoping to go to Germany after that.

"I want to travel and see the world before I am old, and I want to build up my portfolio in writing so I can work for larger publications," she said.

She joined the *Charlevoix Courier* in June 2004 as a staff writer. She is a December 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University.

Gohs, 30, of Charlevoix, has been a freelance writer with the Courier for about a year-and-a-half. He has also written for the *Petoskey News-Review*, *Northern Express* and *the Graphic*. Additionally, he has been a copywriter for various web sites and corporate projects.

"Becoming a full time staff writer has been one of my career goals from the beginning," Gohs said.

Gohs wants to learn as much as he can about the business, improve his skills and become a well rounded journalist.

"I look forward to serving the community with an impartial pen and an eye for detail," he added.

Gohs moved to Charlevoix in the summer of 1999 from Auburn for a better quality of life.

He has a wife, Phoebe, and two kids, Nicolas, 11, and Bethany, 9.

Charlevoix Courier Publisher Ken Winter said, "We are pleased to have both Julie and Ben join our staff. We had a lot of people express interest in the Courier and feel these were our top candidates."

He added, "We want to wish Jeremy our best with his new role at the *Petoskey News-Review* and Courtney in the Army. We've appreciated their help."

Easter Blessings

Community Reformed Church
100 Oak Street, 231-547-9482

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, March 24, 7 pm
"Jesus Serves," message by Pastor Chip Sauer from John 13:1 - 20 & John 19
"A Service of Shadows," Tenebrae service.
"The Body & the Blood," video by Kathy Mays

Community Good Friday Service
Friday, March 25, Noon at the First Congregational UCC (Carrying the cross from Oleson's to the church, beginning at 11:30 am)
Worship & music led by members of area churches
(Sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Charlevoix)

Easter Celebration
Sunday, March 27, 10 am at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium
"Jesus Lives", message by Pastor Chip Sauer from John 20:1 - 18
"The Lord is Risen This Morning!" & "Celebrate the Life of Jesus!" by the choir, "Agnus Dei/Worthy," by the youth mime troupe.
"I've Just Seen Jesus," by Jon Eakes & Laura Kenny

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Good Friday Services
Good Friday, 7 pm

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, Noon

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
6 am at Ferry Beach. Breakfast to follow

Christ Episcopal Church
State Street at Clinton, Charlevoix
Rev. E. James Gunn

Maundy Thursday - 7 pm
Holy Communion & stripping of the altar

Good Friday - 7 pm
Service of Tenebrae

Easter Sunday - 10 am
Festival Eucharist

First Congregational United Church of Christ
Corner of State & Park St., 547-9122
Pastor: Rev. Mary Snell Willis

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
Thursday, 7 pm

Good Firday Community Worship Service
Noon at First Congregational United Church of Christ (Carrying the cross from Oleson's to the church, beginning at 11:30 am)

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
Sunday 6 am at Depot Beach. Traditional Worship at 11 am

Charlevoix United Methodist Church
104 State Street, Charlevoix

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, March 24, 7 pm

Good Friday Service
Friday, March 25, Noon
Held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ with the cross procession beginning at 11:30 am from Oleson's parking lot.

Easter Services
March 27, 6:30 am Sunrise Song & Word Service at Ferry Beach
10 am Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
11 am Easter Worship

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DDA agrees to chamber funding

Plan has stipulation

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Downtown Development Authority voted in favor of continuing support for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at its budgetary meeting Monday night.

This support, however, isn't coming for free and isn't necessarily a guarantee.

The chamber had asked the DDA to continue providing it with $13,000 to cover costs associated with promoting downtown Charlevoix and $10,000 to help with the summer concert series. The DDA agreed to the $13,000 cost and only $5,000 for the

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Photo by Jeremy McBain

Spring is in the air

Spring is officially here, as warm temperatures and sunshine are starting to melt the snow and cold from Charlevoix. Here, a couple of purple crocuses were seen peeking from the ground in front of a home on Park Avenue Monday.

Residents describe tidal wave impact

Courtesy photo

(From left) Edna Kilkenny, Diane Kilkenny and John Kilkenny all went to Sri Lanka to help with the tsunami relief effort through the organization Medina Mission of Mercy.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Two Charlevoix residents left their home and set out to help with the tsunami relief effort.

Diane Kilkenny and her son, John, recently returned from a trip to Sri Lanka for 18 days with Medina Mission of Mercy where they helped purify water, worked with children and gave of themselves wherever they were needed.

"You see things like this on the news and in the paper and you always wish you could do something," Diane said of the tsunami that hit Southeast Asia.

The timing was right between Medina Mission of Mercy's trip and the ability for both Diane and John to get off work.

"I felt like it was the right thing to do," she said.

They became involved with Medina Mission of Mercy through Diane's mother-in-law, Edna Kilkenny. The group is comprised primarily of doctors and nurses, such as both Diane and Edna who are registered nurses.

John provided help through his extensive knowledge of machinery by helping with mechanical, electrical and carpentry construction.

"I just wanted to help people that needed the help," John said.

The trip to Sri Lanka was the first international aid relief adventure both Diane and John had ever been on. They stayed in Ampara, but traveled to the various sites where help was needed.

Diane said viewing the destruction in person was very overwhelming and it even brought her

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Russell James Wysocki, 41, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 12 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Melissa Ann Olivarez, 27, Traverse City. False report of misdemeanor. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Joshua Maurice Moses, 19, East Lansing. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Kay Elizabeth Blackledge, 32, Mancelona. Use of morphine. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for five days, serve 120 days, 240 days held in abeyance; $600 in fines and costs.

Adam Timothy Whitley, 18, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $600.

Lloyd Michael Prevo, 29, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, second offense, and driving while license suspended, second offense. Two years probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 180 days, 30 days of community service work, 60 days on electronic monitor, 154 days held in abeyance; $1,970 in fines and costs.

David James Eddy, 42, Waterford. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 60 days on electronic monitor, 67 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Humble's Home Construction, 9774 Cocling Road, Ellsworth, by Mark Humble.

Mac Eachmharcaigh Construction, 26275 McCafferty Lane, Beaver Island, by Daniel McCafferty.

Massage Junkies, 06099 Charlevoix Road, Charlevoix, by Sarah Donovan.

Clean As Air-Pure Cleaning, 26 Manning Drive, East Jordan, by Michele M. Russell.

Crossroads, 201 Fourth Street, East Jordan, c/o United Methodist Church, by Linda L. Chase, Stephen L. Goobel, Glenda P. Taylor and Linda G. Rohnson.

Superior Audio and Video, 8175 Ferry Road, East Jordan, by Kevin Schlicknu.

Winning Edge Softball, 430 High Street, Boyne City, by Brooke Hall and Ellie Neidhamer.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Christopher John Henderson, 20, Charlevoix and Tiffany Lynn Chipman, 16, Boyne City

Births

Jessica Haley Pattenaude weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was horn to Josph and Julie Pattenaude of East Jordan on March 24, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Tim and Brenda Kassuba of East Jordan, Debbie Pattenaude of East Jordan and Edith Ann Alligood of North Carolina, and Craig Arnold Boshoza of Illinois.

Emmitt Craig Hazel, weighing 9 pounds, was horn to Jason and Jodi Hazel of East Jordan on March 19, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Gabrielle. Grandparents are Sarah Brusse, Ruth Anne Marley and Robert and Kathy Hazel.

Joel Thomas McGeorge, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces, was horn to Don and Celia McGeorge of Boyne City. Sihlings are Paul, Logan, Daniel and Amelia. Grandparents are John and Carol McGeorge of Boyne City, Don and Jane Benz of East Jordan and Randy and Joyce Hardy of Boyne City.

Liberty Rose Perry, weighing 7 pounds, was horn to Matthew and Kari Perry of Central Lake on March 21, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Tyler Perry and Alexandria Willer. Grandparents are Lorna Brookins, Nelson Brookins and Rose Perry.

Anna Maria Flores weighing 6 pounds, 9.5 ounces, was horn to Jami Welsh and Blas Flores of Mancelona on March 21, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Kayla Welsh. Grandparents are James and Mary LaBrecque of Mancelona.

Skye Lynn McClellan weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces, was horn to Tatum and Chris McClellan of Bay Shore on March 25, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Saija, 8, Shelby, 3, and Sierra, 2. Grandparents are Ed and Priscilla Leist of Bay Shore, the late Rev. Levi McClellan of Bay Shore and Dianne McClellan of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Lucas Wayne Boss was born March 20, 2005 to Jeremy and Kim Boss at Spectrum Health Center in Grand Rapids. He weighed 7 pounds. His older sister, Madison, turned 2 on March 19. Grandparents are Wayne and Sandy Boss of Charlevoix and Don and Marcia VanSingle of Grant.

Fund-raiser helps Charlevoix firefighter

The Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Association is asking the community to help one of our Volunteer Firefighters and his family.

Brian McDonald and his wife Ellen found out on Mareh 10 that their 8-year-old son, Parker Ebert, has Rhabdomyosarcoma. Parker is a student at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Rhabdomyosarcoma is a soft tissue cancer that arises in the muscles. It accounts for about 4 percent of all childhood cancer. It is believed to originate in tbe embryonic state of the development of children. The outlook is that if treated with chemotherapy he should have a full recovery.

Parker has been at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids to receive his treatments. He has been able to come home for a couple of days here and there but has to continue to travel to Grand Rapids on a weekly basis to receive his treatments over the next 40-50 weeks.

Since Brian and Ellen have not been able to work while being with their son they have not been able to receive paychecks. When they arrive back in Charlevoix between treatments Brian will be able to work as much as possible, but they will still have the weekly travel expenses to take Parker to Grand Rapids.

If you would like to make a donation to help support the McDonald family the association is asking that you send your donation in care of the Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Association, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Also, please keep an eye on the paper for upcoming fund raisers the association will be having for the McDonald family. If you have any questions please feel free contact them at 547-3279 or check on Parker at www.carepages.com/devos, register and sign in for "parkerebert."

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Library unveils construction package

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Public Library is rapidly coming together as a construction package is being put together and interior elements are laid out.

Valerie Meyerson, director of Charlevoix Public Library, said the construction documentation was approved by the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees during the March 22 meeting.

The construction documentation will be going out for bid in the next few weeks and Meyerson said it's possible that during the May meeting of the Board of Trustees the bids will be approved.

This meeting will be open to the public.

Clark Construction Group LLC is in charge of the demolition and Meyerson said the demolition has come along well. However, there were a few surprises that were discovered along the way.

She said the library knew there would be a few problems since they were dealing with renovation and not building a completely new building.

Plus, with the surprises along the way having the demolition and the construction packages bid out separately proved to be more cost effective.

"I'm glad we did the demolition before," she said. "It would have cost more to do it together because of structural issues."

Meyerson said one problem discovered during demolition was that on the second floor, or the level with the gym, every support beam holding the roof up came together at a point.

"Removing that was quite a challenge," she said.

The structure was similar to a two-story shaft. The situation was taken care of by adding two more columns for support. .

The other problem was another structural issue with a column that appeared to he supporting a bathroom.

Meyerson said the demolition will be finishing up soon and things will be quiet for about a month at the site until construction begins.

The structural layout of the facility is in place, but the interior design isn't finalized yet.

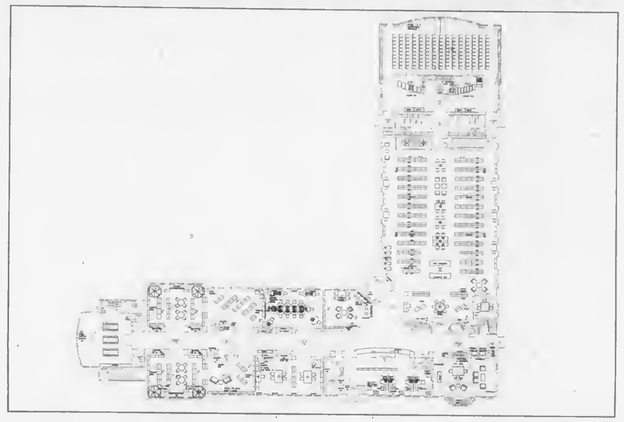
Each area of the library will have its own theme, but the individual themes will tie together to create the overall pattern of the building.

Alyce Riemenschneider of Riemenschneider Design Associates, came up with the color scheme and creative flare for the interior of the building.

Meyerson said the library's interior committee also helped pick colors and patterns.

"The public seemed to like everything Alyce presented," Meyerson said.

The carpets, tiles and sample drawings of furniture are currently on display at the library.



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The Charlevoix Area Public Library is currently getting the construction documentation finalized so bidding can go out soon for the construction part of the project of the new library.

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The First Amendment

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A few questions, thoughts before April 1

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

With the days warming and my days numbered at the Courier, I have only had time to formulate several small questions instead of one large column.

So, here are a few of those that are bouncing around in my head.

Spring

Could it be? Could spring possibly be around the corner?

It seems that way. According the national weather service, it does not look like we have any major snowstorms in the forecast and it appears we will be in the 40s for the next couple of weeks.

But I have lived in northern Michigan long enough to know not to get my hopes up. It always seems that April has at least one more snowstorm in store for us.

Until then, I hope everyone gets a chance to get outside and enjoy the weather.

What is going on?

Lately I have been very depressed about the state of politics in the United States and the state of our country.

My biggest problem is the fact that millions of people in this country are facing severe hardships due to a lack of affordable health care, including prescription drugs, in this country every day.

I hear stories of people who are forced to go into bankruptcy because one of the people in their household came down with some devastating and expensive sickness. I hear stories of people who end up dying because they do not have the money for good health care. I hear stories of people who have to choose between food or their medicine because the cost of prescription drugs is so stinking high — yet, those same drugs can be found in Canada at a much lower price making me wonder if the American consumer is getting the short end of the stick once again.

At the same time, our politicians do not seem to want to do anything real to solve this issue. In fact, many of them want to make it harder to get cheap drugs from Canada and do not want to question drug companies and make it harder to declare bankruptcy due to medical costs.

Instead, these politicians, including our president, are focusing on Social Security — which will face some minor problems with its payout in 2052 — steroids in baseball and sticking their nose in the personal tragedy of the family of a woman in Florida who is in a vegetative state.

There seems to be a disconnect from reality coming from Washington D.C. these days.

My only solace is that another election is right around the corner.

Ten commandments

I see that the Michigan State House has given the OK for a plan to allow the Ten Commandments to be displayed in publicly owned locations, as long as it is displayed with other historical documents that were the foundation for our democracy.

My question: Since there are different versions of the Ten Commandments depending on whether you are Catholic, Protestant or Jewish, how are they going to pick which one to use?

Remember, the First Amendment says "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion." Therefore we cannot say one religion should be propped up before all others. So, how do we pick a version of the Ten Commandments and still respect the First Amendment?

More questions: Why can't we just let religion be a personal issue in this country? Why do we have to keep making it so public?

Lastly: Instead of focusing on the Ten Commandments, shouldn't our state legislators be focusing on getting our state economy back on track? Does this mean they have too much time on their hands and should be a part-time legislature?

Courier plans

Many of our readers are probably aware of last week's story announcing Julie Witthoeft as the new editor of the *Charlevoix Courier* starting May 12.

However, I have decided to stay. In addition to me staying, the *Charlevoix Courier* will transforming its operations to include more public relations for the local government officials.

Additionally, to make things fair we will be allowing government officials to edit all of the stories and approve them. On top of this, we will allow the Charlevoix city manager to write a front page opinion piece each week.

We will also put the words "Fair and Balanced" on the front page of each newspaper, above the fold. Also, the *Charlevoix Courier* will stop calling itself a "newspaper" and, instead, adopt the name "promotional and entertainment guide."

Oh, one last thing, **April Fool.**

That's right, I am still leaving on May 12, Witthoeft is still taking over and the Courier is going to continue serving the community by giving readers the most accurate and complete award winning news coverage of the Charlevoix area than any other publication or media outlet.

Jeremy McBain is the editor of the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231)-547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Warning needed

Editor:

This is in response to the letter concerning the sunken/submerged vessels in Oyster Bay.

We wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Gallagher. The fact that the Coast Guard indicates they are marked on the Lake Charlevoix navigational chart and that "everybody knows about them" is an insufficient response.

Yes, they are noted on the navigational chart, and yes, we know about them, however with the lake at less than full, these hazards are significantly more dangerous. It seems that hazard warnings of the submerged vessels is more than called for until the lake increases in depth and pleasure craft can again safely navigate over and/or around them without fear of this danger to the passengers or the craft.

Jerry and Jo-Ann Boundy
Lake Charlevoix Boaters

Light needed

Editor:

I am a sixth-grader attending Charlevoix Middle School. Are you waiting for an extremely lengthy time at the intersection of Mercer Boulevard and Petoskey Avenue? I believe if we had a traffic light there we wouldn't be waiting very long anymore! Also, it would be a lot safer for pedestrians and cars to cross.

One reason is that it is not a safe intersection. A fact is that in one year there have been more than five accidents at that corner. Also, one example is that there is a school nearby and buses have to cross. It would not be safe for the bus drivers and the children attending the school to ride the bus when they cross.

Another reason is that older people have to cross the highway a lot and it is not safe for them. An example is my father almost got hit by an oncoming car when he was trying to cross. As well as at the Sleep Inn, elderly people stay there and they have to cross the highway.

The last reason is that it takes a long time just to get across the street because cars are going too fast.

When people try to cross, they have to go through four lanes of traffic and that is not safe when cars are going too fast. My last fact is that tourists like to golf and they stay at the Sleep Inn because it is so convenient, so they need to cross the highway when they are going to the next hole in golf.

Thank you for listening to my idea and I hope that there will be a traffic light put in just to save lives of innocent people and especially the lives of children.

Abbey Barnes
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

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Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

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Basketball court needed

Editor:

I believe we should have more places in Charlevoix to play basketball. We want this because it's hard to get gym time. We have a lot of basketball teams, and it would help people stay fit.

First of all, it is hard to get gym time for practice. The middle school is always booked with practices. That has forced my dad to have to pay for practice time at the First Baptist Church.

We do have a lot of basketball teams in Charlevoix. We have the Rayder teams, and the AAU teams and the recreation league. All of the above teams need to practice to get better. This takes time and space.

Last of all, it would help people stay fit. If we built an indoor basketball court, it would be one more place people could go to get active. When people are there, they would run around a lot. It would get their heart rates up, and they would burn calories.

Building a basketball court would help our town in many ways. Please take a look at this problem and consider building a court.

Dani Barron
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Pave the parking lot

Editor:

Has your car gotten muddy or even stuck in the Mt. McSauba parking lot? I think we should pave the Mt. McSauba parking lot because many cars get muddy, and it is unsafe to runners when the cars park on the edge of the road.

First of all, I surveyed 20 students and every one of them said they should pave the parking lot. Some of them said that their snowboard boots get muddy and that gets their snowboard bindings muddy. Other complaints were that their feet got stuck in the mud.

Second of all, it is risky to have all the cars parked on the sides of the road. It is a hazard to runners because they are required to run in the middle of the road because of all the cars. People's lawns also get killed by all of the cars parking on them.

Above all, many cars get caught in the mud that is caused by the melting snow. Just last week my cousin had to pull his car out of the mud. My dad's car is four-wheel drive and it has a hard time going through the mud sometimes.

As you can surely see, we must put an end to this mud before it gets out of control. I certainly hope you can get it paved before next spring.

Connor Boss
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Nurse needed

Editor:

Do you want your kids to come home with black eyes, bloody noses or hurt really bad? Well, that's what could happen at Charlevoix Middle School because we do not have a nurse. I think we should have a nurse at Charlevoix Middle School because the office doesn't know how to attend to kids as much as an experienced nurse. Nurses have more experience with emergencies, and the office already has too much to deal with.

First of all, the office already has way too much to do and deal with. For example, the office can't help you that much because they are constantly on the phone. They don't have medicine either whereas a nurse would have some types of medicine. The secretary also has to run the school, practically and doesn't have the time to really give you the care you need.

Another reason is the office doesn't know how to deal with hurt kids as well as an experienced nurse. For example, when you go to the office, all they do is either give you a Band-Aid or some ice. Also, the office doesn't know how to deal with cuts, scrapes or how to tell if you're sick like a nurse would.

My third reason is nurses have more experience with emergencies. For example, a kid at my school went through a window. He was hurt badly, and a nurse would have been able to help more than the office could. Another example is, if you were allergic to bees and got stung by a bee. The office wouldn't know how to treat the bee sting like a nurse would.

In conclusion, I think we should have a nurse so kids can have better help if they get hurt. Getting a nurse would not be a waste of the school's money because it would be for the kids so they can be safe. Please consider what I have said, and I hope we can hire a nurse at Charlevoix Middle School.

Jordyn Fassett
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

No smoking

Editor:

Have you ever been in a restaurant when someone near you is smoking? Well, I think we should ban smoking from public places. The reasons are smoking has a bad odor, causes lung cancer and other diseases and secondhand smoke also kills innocent people.

One reason smoking should be banned is it has bad odor. If someone in the same car starts smoking and then you have to go into a meeting you will smell like smoke. Also, smoking makes your breath have a bad odor.

Another reason smoking should be banned from public places is because of the second hand smoke. At restaurants if someone near you is smoking you also inhale the smoke. If your parents smoke, you have a better chance of getting asthma because of the secondhand smoke.

The final reason we should ban smoking from public places is because it causes lung cancer and other diseases. It was proved that most heart attacks are caused by smoking. Smoking also causes lung cancer.

To conclude, if smoking was banned from public places many lives would be saved, and there would be fewer heart attacks. Surely people would have a better odor too. Please consider my letter to ban smoking from public places.

Lynzie Gotshall
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Secondhand smoke hurts

Editor:

Do you appreciate secondhand smoking? I don't! I think restaurants and stores should ban smoking. If they forbid smoking, we won't have to worry about getting cancer or secondhand smoking. Smoking can contribute to heart problems and lung disease, and it is the major cause of cancer.

If you are near somebody who smokes, you could inhale the secondhand smoke and get sick. Approximately 23 percent of American women get cancer from smoking or inhaling smoke. Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are at higher risk for lung disease.

In a lot of restaurants and stores, people inhale smoke causing them to get sick and maybe have asthma attacks. For example, if parents smoke around their children, the children will inhale the smoke and get sick. Another example would be, if people smoke in restaurants, the smoke rises and expands, causing others to get sick.

In conclusion, smoke causes clothing and breath to have a very bad odor. If you are a smoker, and you smoke on your way to work, your clothes will smell bad. If you smoke on your way to an important event, your breath and the smell of your clothes might offend other people. I hope that I have convinced you and you will try to forbid smoking in public places. Thank you for reading this and I hope less people will get sick because there will be less smoke.

Natasha M. Maierhofer
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

School starts too early

Editor:

Do your children yawn during school? I believe school should start later than 7:39 a.m. because kids don't get enough sleep; kids also get very hungry because you cannot eat that early, and it is hard to concentrate on your school work because it is so early.

To start off, the Charlevoix Middle School starts at 7:39 a.m.! Most kids get up at 6 a.m. or 6:30 a.m. When it is that early many people tend to move slowly, so it is hard to get everything you are supposed to get done, including eating breakfast. So most kids do not get to eat breakfast in the morning.

Another reason we should make school start later is normally kids do not get the required amount of sleep, which is nine to ten hours. I see a lot of students who are always tired during class. Most of those students do not receive nine to ten hours of sleep; they only receive seven to eight hours of sleep a night.

In addition, being in school as early as 7:40 a.m., it is very hard

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to concentrate in class. By making school start later this action will probably raise grades. It would raise grades by giving the students more time to study in the morning for tests, assignments or for class. If someone is always tired and never eats breakfast this keeps them from concentrating.

In conclusion, I believe Charlevoix should make school start later. If this opinion is made into an action a lot of people and children would support it.

Taylor Smith
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Allow cell phones

Editor:

Are your kids wasting money because they're always calling you on a pay phone from school? I highly believe that cell phones should be able to be used in school. Some of the reasons are because of convenience, another is saving money and one more is for emergencies.

First of all, sometimes the office doesn't always let you use their phone. Usually when you want to call to stay after, they won't let you call. Also if you wanted a friend to come over after school they say no. You may not have money to call on the pay phone. That leads me toward another topic on why cell phones should be able to be used in school.

Another reason is you could save money. If you need a phone, you wouldn't need to have to pay to use the pay phone. Another example is the school could save money. If the school only used the phone for work and let the kids use cell phones then they would save money.

Finally, and the most important reason why I think cell phones should be able to be used in school is because of emergencies. For example, if one of my friends got hurt I could call someone right away. Another example is if one of my friends or I had a personal problem we wouldn't be embarrassed because we could call on the cell phone.

In conclusion, you can see many reasons why we should be able to use cell phones in school. Please consider using cell phones in school, and then more people would be happier.

Erika Smith
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Build a mini-mall

Editor:

Would you like an improved variety of stores to shop at? I think Charlevoix needs to build a mini-mall at the north or south end of town so we can have more variety of stores, save time driving and save money.

First, if Charlevoix got a mini-mall, residents would not have to travel to larger cities like Petoskey or Traverse City to shop. By having this, we would also save money in gas by not having to travel.

In addition, I think Charlevoix needs a better variety of stores to shop at. Some clothing stores for students would be nice since downtown just has adult stores and T-shirt shops. I would also like to have a Game Stop and a sporting goods store like Dick's or Dunham's.

One thing that I think is really important is that a mini-mall would make the city of Charlevoix more money. It would do this because more tourists would be attracted to Charlevoix if we had a mini-mall. Also, businesses could stay open all year-round unlike many of the stores downtown.

In conclusion, I certainly think Charlevoix should have a mini-mall because of all the great things it could do for Charlevoix. In my opinion, the mini-mall would satisfy our residents and also help our economy!

Wade Werth
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Make lights safer

Editor:

My name is Ty Wilhelm, and I have an idea on how to make traffic lights safer. It would also help people get to places on time. People are getting tired of waiting for traffic lights. Kids can hardly get across roads. We need to be able to control traffic lights.

In addition, people get annoyed because traffic lights always seem to be red when they come up to them, but green on the side where there are no cars coming. For example, you sometimes often see this at the intersection by E.Z. Mart. We may not know it, but some people are in that situation and in a hurry to go somewhere.

Another important reason for controlling traffic lights is kids getting across roads. When a kid gets a quarter of the way across the road, the light turns green. They don't know whether to stop and turn back or keep going. It often happens downtown near Murdick's Fudge. A pedestrian button would help this problem.

My last reason for controlling traffic lights has to do with driver's education. Lots of kids have to wait to take their test because the person before them is waiting so long for traffic lights. I'm sure kids get tired of waiting so long for traffic lights. These kids could finish quicker if the lights would be controlled for them.

In conclusion, I think people should be able to control traffic lights. It would be safer for people.

Ty Wilhelm
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Fix up McSauba

Editor:

Do you enjoy skiing? Do you love to go to Nub's Nob and ride all of their glorious runs? It's too far of a drive to Nub's Nob from Charlevoix. I think we should fix up our Charlevoix ski hill, Mt. McSauba.

First, if Mt. McSauba used more of their time on grooming there would be fewer injuries. For instance, bumps at the bottom of the back hill cause people to lose control and fall. The landings of the jumps are icy. That hurts your ankle when you land.

Also, if Mt. McSauba made more runs there would be more room to ski. Skiing is very boring with only a few runs. Just think, if we took out the sledding hill and that side of the hill there would be more runs. Mt. McSauba could even move their small terrain park and make it larger.

Finally, Mt. McSauba could make more money if they made a better ski hill. Mt. McSauba is owned by the city of Charlevoix. That means the city would make more money. Even if you don't ski, this could make money for the library and other activities in the city.

In conclusion, if we help make Charlevoix's ski hill better it will make a huge difference in the community of Charlevoix.

Ben Myers
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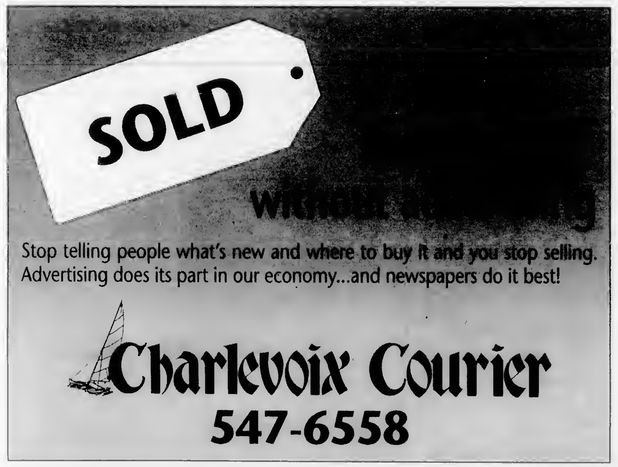

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

Charlevoix man in tennis finals

Charlevoix summer resident Bruce MacArthur advanced to the finals of the Palmetto Dunes tennis tournament at Hilton Head, South Carolina in February with his partner Paul Braden. This finals run was highlighted by a semi-final match where MacArthur and his partner beat two competitors whose combined age was 83 years less than MacArthur and Braden's combined age.

MacArthur and Braden were beaten in the final game.

Band awards grants

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians recently awarded several Charlevoix organizations part of the band's twice a year 2 percent game revenue allocation. They, and their grant amount, were: Charlevoix Community Skatepark, $5,000; Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners - GIS department, $5,000; Charlevoix County Humane Society, $6,000; Charlevoix County Road Commission, $6,000; Charlevoix Historical Society, $4,650.

Hinkle graduates

Michele Hinkle, of Charlevoix, graduated from Spring Arbor University Oct. 4 with a master of arts in education.

Londgrens tour states with band

Brandon and Jerusha Londgren, whose parents are Jeff and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, participated in a winter tour of Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan with the concert and studio band from Bethany Lutheran College. Bethany Lutheran College is located in Mankato, Minn.

Ward named to dean's list

Kelly Ward, of Charlevoix, has been named to the dean's list at Northwestern Michigan College for the fall semester.

GVSU dean's list

Several Charlevoix students were named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the fall semester. They are: Molly A. Arnold, Gina E. Attee, Corey R. Bascom, Shawna M. Flowers, Tes L. Hoaglund, Thomas R. Kennedy, Marjorie P. Romig, Jeremiah J. Teuscher and Shawn M. Trudeau.

Speigl, Vollmer graduate

Two Charlevoix students graduated from Central Michigan University in December. They, and their degrees, were: Crystal M. Speigl, with a bachelor of science, and Jennifer Hilligan Vollmer, with a master of arts.

Engagement

Dulaney — Olson

Leah Dulaney, of Charlevoix, and Todd Olson, of Charlevoix, are engaged to be married.

Leah is the daughter of Sharmon Dulaney and Pat Dulaney of Charlevoix.

Todd is the son of Lynn Olson and the late Stanley Olson of Ishpeming.

A wedding is being planned for Sept. 24, 2005 at Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Oakland University with a degree in marketing and management information systems. She is currently employed by Charlevoix State Bank.

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Food can help people talk to one another

Beacons of Blessing

By CHIP SAUER
Pastor
Community Reformed Church

I'm always amazed by the power of food. Food brings people together.

Every day our bodies require consistent nourishment. Many of us fulfill this requirement by having three meals a day and a snack or two. Eating takes time. But we've made eating a time to accomplish something. We read while we eat. We drive while we eat. We have meetings over lunch. We watch TV while we eat. I can remember instances in my life where I was bothered by the fact that I needed to stop and eat. As a result of our choices to be productive, we are missing out on the opportunity eating gives us to connect with others. Many of us have lost the art of sharing a meal.

We need to eat, but the opportunity eating gives us goes far beyond nourishing our bodies. It is a chance to know and be known, to love and be loved, to step into another person's life for a while and allow them into yours. Where else in your life are you placed face to face with others with nothing to do but eat the food in front of you?

But what do we say? You've probably seen couples in restaurants who sit together, but never talk. They just sit there. Have they run out of things to say? Probably not. But they've forgotten how to talk to each other. And maybe some of us have too.

Let's make it the norm in our lives to talk while we eat. Let's have family meals where conversation is the most important accomplishment of our time together. If you're looking for a few questions to use, here's a few:

1) What was the highlight of your day?

2) What made you laugh today?

3) What was the hardest part of the day for you?

4) Who did you interact with today? Did it go well?

5) Did you have any "God moments" today? If so, what were they?

But for conversation to happen, a few items are vital.

First, you must make time to be together. Family meals should be a priority. Lunches should be an opportunity to connect with a coworker, a friend, anyone. I can't picture Jesus going through the drive through and eating his lunch in his car on his way to his next task.

Second, ask questions. Initiate conversation. Make the goal of the time to hear how each person at the table is doing.

Third, stop and consider the significance of caring for people versus checking off something on your list to get done. In the big picture of life, what would you rather "accomplish"?

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home, and ate their food with glad and generous hearts — Acts 2:46.

Obituaries

Walter W. Jarvis: Nov. 7, 1912 - March 26, 2005

Walter W. "Turk" Jarvis, 92, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Turk was born Nov. 7, 1912, in Detroit, the son of Anthony W. and Julia (Kwiatkoski) Jarvis.

He married the former Virginia M. White in Detroit on Oct. 27, 1934. They made their home in Charlevoix in 1947.

Turk was a Great Lakes Captain and was the Ironton Ferry Operator for 32 years.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia M. of Charlevoix; daughter, Barbara McInnis of Westminster, Calif.; son, Jeffrey W. (Janice L.) of Petoskey; grandchildren, Michelle, Heather and Jeff; Janna, Jessica and Jacqueline; great-grandchildren, Brittany, Joshua and Seth; sister, Virginia Tsvetkoff of Duck Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

No services are planned at this time.

There will be a graveside service at Brookside Cemetery announced this summer.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Army concert

On March 23 the gymnasium at Petoskey High School filled with music and song as the United States Army Field Band and Chorus sang to the crowd under the direction of the conductor of the United States Army Field Band and Chorus.

Make Time to Worship

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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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DeGrow retires from Charlevoix hospital

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Linda DeGrow retired from her position as the aquatic therapist for Charlevoix Area Hospital and is looking forward to traveling, but always staying connected to the water.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix resident said goodbye to her tireless efforts with aquatic therapy for the community.

Linda DeGrow, aquatic therapist for Charlevoix Area Hospital, retired on March 31. The draw toward water was natural for DeGrow as she has loved the water her whole life and also knew from a very young age that she wanted to help others.

For the past 12 years, DeGrow has worked for Charlevoix Area Hospital and brought to the hospital an aquatic therapy program she developed one year prior to starting at the hospital.

The program was utilized at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool and the community pool in East Jordan and has benefited both communities and the people who attend the classes.

"I feel very strongly about staying in the community."

Staying in the community is something DeGrow wants to expand upon with her aquatic program. Not only will the program

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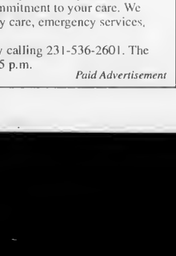
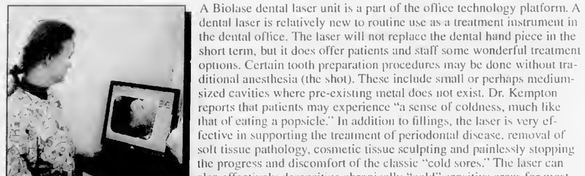


New computer technology continues to emerge at a rapid pace. Its impact has touched and affected almost every aspect of our daily life in some manner. On occasion, we each have experienced adjustments in a new car, telephone, or even bank technology as it has been inserted without our "consent." On the other hand, we have all marveled at what technology is doing in the field of medical diagnosis. It is certainly the hope of those who develop new technology to enhance and improve the lifestyle of our culture.

Maple Ridge Dental Group in East Jordan has recently invested in a technology platform that aids in the diagnostic process for the practicing dentists, facilitates patients to gain an immediate and visual understanding of treatment possibilities, and make some dental procedures much easier.

A digital x-ray system is now available in the practice of Doctors Sladics, Swartz and Kempton. The computer generated images will reduce radiation exposure for each required x-ray. An additional benefit is the greatly multiplied size of the x-ray image on a monitor. Patients are able to see and discuss components of dental disease by sharing the image with the dentist and staff almost immediately. The staff doctors can efficiently communicate with insurance companies and specialists by e-mail transmission of these digital images.

Digital photography is also a daily part of the Maple Ridge practice. Dr. Sladics says, "This technology has empowered our staff to communicate to patients in a manner that was previously unimaginable." Patients can visualize cracked fillings, fractured teeth, replacement restorations, cosmetic concerns and soft tissue diseases and have a clear understanding that a problem exists. Photography allows the patient to become engaged and interactive as a treatment plan is discussed. In addition, photos are generated and sent as valuable laboratory information or in support of insurance claims. An office wide network allows each room, including the waiting room to allow patients complete access to a wealth of educational information specific to hundreds of dental procedures. A pictorial and verbal summary of many dental techniques can be viewed to help answer questions relating to difficult treatment scenarios. Dr. Danielle Swartz loves to engage her patients in the program and says in short, "A picture is worth a thousand words."



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DeGrow hopes to get on the road in her retirement

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stay, hut she would like to see clinic based pools built in the hospitals for use by patients who can then branch out after their initial therapy.

"I always wanted to add a hospital based pool as well as a community pool," she said.

Having both would help those seeking therapy more easily, DeGrow said, because the atmosphere is that of teamwork and support and it becomes a community effort.

"Its always been important to me that it's available to them because it's not always available with a clinic based pool," she said of aquatic therapy upon leaving a hospital setting.

However, with the community pools involved in turn serve as a referral to the hospital as well.

Since the program is well established, DeGrow hopes the current level of aquatic therapy is maintained through the efforts of several therapists who had helped her over the years.

For 36 years DeGrow has been a practicing licensed physical therapist and has spent time doing full rehabilitation, some home care and her aquatic therapy. She also worked for 15 years at a school system down state.

No matter what angle of serving the public she took, DeGrow has helped people regain confidence by watching them get better or becoming able to adjust to their situation more easily.

"If you can't completely improve a person's situation, at least with therapy you can give them tools to improve or maintain what they're doing," she said.

DeGrow said the water is a great workout medium because no matter how old someone is they will always be able to work with water. A person can only run and jog for so many years, DeGrow said, but they can use the resistance of water throughout their lifetime.

DeGrow is also the outgoing president of the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club. Zonta International is a world-wide service organization composed of executive business and professional women who strive to advance the status of women.

DeGrow said she will stay active in the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club wherever her service is needed.

As of now, DeGrow said she is looking forward to traveling.

Commission wants input from public on city plan

The Charlevoix City Planning Commission wants the opinions of residents on development.

According to John Hess, chair of the commission, the planning commission is working on creating a new Master Plan for the community. In doing this, the commission has come up with a list of questions whose answers will be used to help guide the creation of the new master plan.

"We need input," Hess said. "We as a planning commission want input from everybody in the city of Charlevoix. This will set the stage for development in the next few years."

Originally, the commissioners were just asked to fill out the questionnaires, but they decided to include the public's opinions on this matter as well.

The questions cover what kinds of growth the people want, what kinds of buildings, how to preserve neighborhoods and many other planning-type issues.

Hess said residents can stop by the planning office in the Charlevoix City Hall on State Street. He asks people interested in a questionnaire to call (231) 547-3265 first to make sure there are some available.

Those questionnaires can be turned back into the planning office.

The commission hopes to be finished with the master plan by November.

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Easter scramble

(Left) The Easter Bunny came out to visit with children on March 26 in East Park. Riley Schmerber, 2, handed the Easter Bunny a surprise while mother, Becky Schmerber, looks on. (Below) East Park filled with people as parents watched their children scramble for eggs hidden in the grass.

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Recycling program taking office paper

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee is now offering a program to recycle office paper and other such items.

The program will take office paper, junk mail, envelopes and file folders. At this time the only places where drop off of these items can occur is at the Melrose Township Transfer Station and at the East Jordan Recycling and Transfer Station.

Shirley Roloff, chairman of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee, said the goal is to eventually have other sites available that will take in office paper by this summer.

Roloff stated in a statement that there are some regulations in regard to recycling office paper. All CDs, credit cards and other non-paper items must be removed from junk mail.

Stickers, rubberbands, sticky notes, mailing labels, staples, paper clips, tape or envelopes with plastic windows don't have to be removed as the technology used in recycling junk mail will remove them.

Roloff also wrote that no Kraft envelopes that are sometimes mistakenly called "manilla"-envelopes will be taken. They are a golden brown color.

Also, construction paper and boldly colored office paper is not taken. However, the pale and pastel colored paper is accepted for recycling.

Padded envelopes and bound documents are also not accepted.

The office paper program includes businesses and schools for Charlevoix County only.

The Melrose Township Transfer Station is located west of Clarion Village and is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The East Jordan Recycling and Transfer Station is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

The recycling center in Charlevoix currently takes cardboard, glass, aluminum, plastic and paper, but there may be a center for the recycling of office paper and junk mail soon. The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee has opened two sites that do just that in Melrose Township and in East Jordan. The hope is to have more sites available by summer.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission on April 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at 12491 Waller Road, to take public comments on proposed Amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance. The following language in bold face font represents the proposed amendments:

1. Amend Article V, Section 5.2 E. 1., Change one-family dwelling minimum lot area from 15,000 to 12,000 Square Feet.
2. Amend Article V, Section 5.6 B. Permitted Principal Uses. Land and buildings in the C Commercial District shall be used only for the following purposes, provided no single-tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet and the
3. Amend Article V, Section 5.6 C. Uses Permitted with Special Conditions. Land and buildings permitted with special conditions shall be used for the following purposes, provided no single tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet, the
4. Amend Article V, 5.6 D. Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit. Add the following: **5. Single tenant occupancies exceeding a footprint of 20,000 square feet. No single tenant occupancy shall exceed a footprint area of 90,000 square feet.**
5. Amend Article VIII Special Land Uses, Section 8.3 F. 4. b. 4). Change the size of large buildings from 2,000 to 20,000 square feet.
6. Amend Article VIII Special Land Uses, Section 8.3 to add Subsection H as follows:

H. Single Tenant Occupancies Exceeding a Footprint Area of 20,000 Square Feet in the C Commercial District. In addition to the General Standards listed in Section 8.2 A of this Ordinance, the following conditions shall apply:

1. Purpose. The purposes of this Section are to satisfy the purposes and intents of the Township Master Plan which are to insure that large buildings and occupancies: fit the small town character and appearance of the community, do not become a blighting influence, are more readily able to be reused if abandoned, and do not adversely impact existing businesses, the community, or the neighborhood.
2. Design Standards.
   a. Building Placement.
   1) Buildings shall have a well-defined front facade with entrances facing the street. They shall be aligned so that the dominant lines of their facades parallel the line of the street.
   2) The relationships between buildings and the street shall be parallel or perpendicular rather than oblique or diagonal. Front facades shall be parallel to the street with major roof ridges either parallel or perpendicular to the street.
   3) New buildings and additions to existing buildings shall maintain and continue the "street wall" created by adjacent buildings.
   b. Architecture.
   1) Buildings or parts of buildings facing onto public spaces and streets, including canopies for accessory facilities, shall have peaked roofs with a slope of at least 8:12, except that hip roofs with a slope of at least 4:12 and flat roofs that are hidden by a raised cornice shall also be permitted.
   2) Windows shall be vertically proportioned and balanced on facades, with width to height ratios ranging from 1:2 to 3:5. Horizontal windows may be used just below roof eaves ("eyebrow" windows) and as first-floor display windows.
   3) Trademark architecture, which identifies a specific company by building design features, shall be prohibited, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the design is compatible with the historic architecture of Charlevoix.
   4) Large buildings shall be broken up to provide the appearance of smaller volumes consistent with the use and building proportions found in the region's traditional architecture. Generally, facades facing a street shall have the appearance of several vertical buildings attached side by side.
   5) Buildings shall have windows and doors at street level, on the street sides of the building, to encourage pedestrian traffic and commercial activity.
   6) No buildings shall have more than 15 horizontal feet of wall facing the street without a window or door opening.
   7) Building materials for the exterior walls of all new buildings that are visible from a street shall be wood, brick, stone or similar materials traditionally used in the Charlevoix area. Building walls and structures that are not visible from a street shall be constructed of wood, stone, brick, concrete block, metal, and similar materials.
   c. Lighting. Lighting within parking lots shall be on low poles of 12 feet to 15 feet maximum height, with color-corrected lamps and cut-off luminaries designed to minimize glare and light pollution. Design of poles and luminaries shall be compatible with the style of the architecture and adjoining streetscape treatment. Sidewalks leading from parking lots shall be lit with bollard lighting and indirect illumination of buildings and vegetation.
   d. Landscaping. Minimum three-inch caliper shade trees, measured at breast height, shall be provided along all streets and pedestrian ways at intervals averaging twenty feet on each side. Existing trees, lawns and shrubs shall be preserved to the extent practical. Landscaping shall not be required as buffers between uses unless the uses are determined by the Planning Commission to be incompatible.
   e. Access and Connections. Access shall be provided in accordance with the Access Management requirements of Section 3.18 of this Ordinance.
   f. Sidewalks. Sidewalks or defined walkways shall be provided leading from parking lots and along streets.
   g. Parking and Loading.
   1) The Planning Commission may reduce the off-street parking and loading requirements of Article VI if the applicant can demonstrate that full compliance is unnecessary because of the characteristics of the proposed use, the availability of shared or public parking, or other circumstances. The Planning Commission may also consider "proof of parking" in lieu of finished parking improvements provided the applicant agrees in writing to provide parking when it is deemed to be needed by the Commission.
   2) On-street parking and shared parking shall be encouraged where feasible.
   3) Parking lots shall be located to the rear and side of buildings, and shall be laid out to minimize visibility from existing streets, wherever possible. Parking in front of a building shall consist of no more than one bay width or sixty (60) feet.
   4) Rear parking lots shall be connected to adjoining parking lots and side streets, if any, and shall have clearly delineated pedestrian paths leading to the sidewalks along the street.
3. Additional Requirements For Buildings Exceeding a Footprint Area of 50,000 Square Feet. The following shall be required:
   a. Market Feasibility Study. A retail market study shall accompany the application that indicates the potential of the market to accommodate the project and the impact of the proposed project on existing retail businesses in the Charlevoix market area.
   b. Traffic Study. A traffic impact study shall accompany the application indicating the effects of the proposed development on the level of service of all existing and proposed intersections within one mile of the project and how traffic impacts will be mitigated.
   c. Adaptability For Reuse Plan. The building design for a retail use shall demonstrate how the building is designed for adaptation to a multi-tenant building in the event of the abandonment of the single tenant occupancy. The design may include, but is not limited to, compartmentalized construction, including plumbing, electrical, service, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and wall placement. The plans shall also demonstrate how the exterior of the building can be divided into separate tenancies, facades can be adapted to separate entrances, parking can be shared, and the exterior can be maintained as a multi-tenant occupancy.

7. Amend Article XIV, Definitions, to include the following new definitions:
   Single Tenant Occupancy - The area of a lot that is used by a single tenant, exclusive of parking.
   Footprint Area - The area of the ground floor of a building computed by measuring the exterior faces of the exterior walls of said building.
   Proof of Parking - Demonstration on the site plan that parking equal to Ordinance requirements is satisfied on the lot, some of which is not improved, but may be required by the Township to be improved if parking demand warrants at a later date.
8. Amend Article XII, Administration and Enforcement, Section 12.1 F. 2., replacing Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with Township Board.

You may appear and testify at the hearing, either in person or by duly authorized agent, or you may provide written comments to the Township Clerks Office prior to the hearing and they will become part of the hearing record. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance and Amendments are available for inspection in the Township Clerks Office on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Carol Martin, Township Clerk

Council looking into new conflict rule

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to Charlevoix City Council Member Shirley Gibson, city residents are concerned with possible conflicts of interest taking place with council members and city projects and it is time for the city to have a solid policy on it.

Gibson has asked Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young for a conflict of interest policy to deal with council members who get work from the city. However, a policy he created in early March was not to Gibson's liking.

"I think it is pretty simple. I think it should just be no elected official can do any work for the city unless it is approved by council," Gibson said at the March 14 City Council meeting.

"I've gotten complaints from citizens that there could be conflicts of interest."

Under current city rules, council members can compete for sealed bid projects along with other businesses. Those bids must be approved by city council before they are granted.

However, Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner has the ability to hire anyone he feels is necessary for any job under $10,000. In the past this has benefited Charlevoix Council Member's Sherman Chamberlain who co-owns a surveying business and Charlevoix Council Member Bill Haggard who owns a plumbing and heating company and others.

Under the proposed new policy created by Young, a city official, city employee or member of that official or employee's family can not enter into a contract with the city without prior approval of the city council.

This means Wiesner could no longer just use one of the businesses owned by a city council member to take care of city projects under $10,000. He would instead have to get permission from city council.

However, this proposed policy does not apply to situations where the city officials or employee is a subcontractor to a third-party that has a bona fide contract with the city.

For example, this means if an outside company gets a contract to construct a new park, that company could hire Chamberlain's surveying company to work under it on the project without the approval of council.

The proposed policy also has an exemption for emergency work.

Young said he created this draft policy based on concepts from the Michigan Municipal League.

The section on emergencies was added on the request of Wiesner, Young added.

But, Gibson was not happy with this proposed policy at the March 14 meeting.

"I bet there will be a lot of emergencies," she said. "To me it is very vague."

Gibson stressed she does not want to drop council members out of the bidding process.

She said she only wants the council to be aware of other council members who are doing work for the city.

She pointed out East Jordan has a policy where no elected official can do any work for the city during their time serving the community and for one year after.

Young disagreed that the proposed policy is vague. However, he said he would take the policy he created and a policy based on East Jordan's and submit them to the Michigan Municipal League for its opinion on which covers the state conflict of interest law.

Young was not sure when that answer would be back before council.

Seelye to perform at center

Crooked Tree Arts Center presents another Sunday Series performance at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 3 . in the Edith Gilbert Gallery at the downtown Petoskey arts center.

Singer/Songwriter Kristine Seelye will perform on the Yamaha piano and feature her own music and lyrics. A reception will follow the performance, allowing audience members to chat with Seelye.

Seelye has been singing for as long as she can remember. Seelye's songwriting talents for the song, "Speak the Words" earned her national recognition. An earlier endeavor, "Open the Door" was produced as a local award-winning music video.

She is influenced by everything from Classical to Rock, Jazz to WNMC's "Good Moanin' Blues," and she plays an eclectic blend of musical styles.

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The hearing is on a request from Wojan Window & Door Corporation to approve an Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in accordance with P.A. 198 of 1974 on property located at 217 Stover Road in the City of Charlevoix.

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Boyne City Police, Sheriff team up for DARE

The Boyne City Police Department and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department will be hosting the annual DARE Golf benefit and Dinner fund raising event on May 12 at Boyne Mountain.

Tee time is noon on the Alpine Course and dinner is at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center at Boyne Mountain.

There are prizes awarded on the par three holes, longest drives, most putts and closes to the pin. A hole in one on 17 is worth up to $5,000 cash, and is being sponsored by Korthase Insurance in Boyne City.

The golf tournament is a four person, shotgun start scramble. Dinner follows at 5 p.m. and is part of your entry fee, and will include prime rib being served. The cost of golf and dinner together is $80 per person, and will also include a group photo for each member of your team.

If you don't care to golf, dinner can be purchased for $14.50. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Boyne City Police Department.

The departments are also seeking hole sponsors. For $100 you or your business can sponsor a hole and have a professionally produced sign by Mitchell Graphics posted on that hole. For a $300 hole sponsorship you will receive an engraved plaque and two dinner tickets in addition to the advertising sign.

If you cannot participate, but still wish to support the DARE program you can send a cash donation.

The DARE association is also seeking items to be given away at the dinner as door prizes. If you have items you wish to donate, you can drop them off at the Boyne City Police Department or call 582-6611 and let them know you have items that need to be picked up and someone will stop by.

There are a limited number of spaces for golfers, so if you are interested in golfing please get your entry fees in soon.

Anyone who is interested, and needs more information or an information flyer, should call the Boyne City Police Department at (231) 582-6611 and ask for Bardel Belford or Assistant Chief Jeff Gettel.

The proceeds from the fund-raiser are used to purchase educational materials, train DARE officers, purchase graduations supplies and instructional equipment used for the DARE program.

Camera catches break-in suspect

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a break-in around 3 a.m., Saturday, March 26 at the Argonne Supper Club on Boyne City/Charlevoix Road that was caught on a surveillance camera.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said a video camera at the restaurant caught a man kicking in a side door to the business and stealing several bottles of wine.

Lasater said the office is hoping to identify the man from the video tape in the near future. In the meantime, he is asking anyone with knowledge of the event to contact the sheriff's office at (231) 547-4461.

The suspect who was caught on video tape is encouraged to do the same.

Northwest learns about crime labs

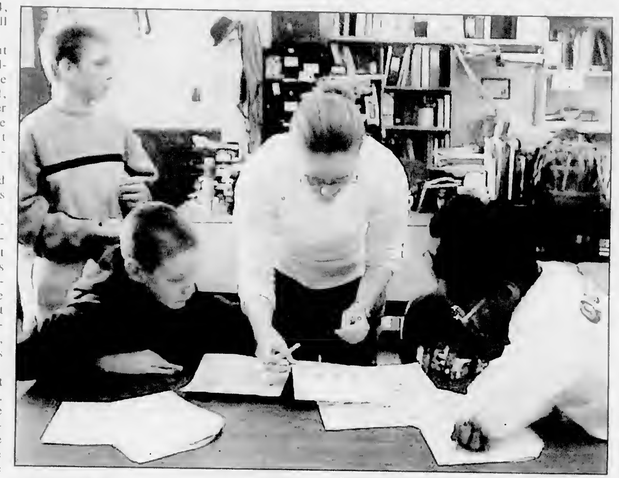
On Tuesday, March 24, Northwest Academy had an all day crime lab.

Students were to figure out who and what "killed" their administer/principal. The crime lab included: check fraud, blood stain tests, clothing fiber tests, evidence check, bone matching, lip and fingerprint tests, powder tests and chromatography.

"It was interesting, fun and educational," some students have said.

Michelle Utley, staff member, put together this experiment to show students different career options. The teachers helped present the labs and encouraged students to explore the options. This experiment was also used to have the students use their math, science, and reasoning skills and it was for a hands on experiment.

Utley joked, "The suspect that was incriminated is Mr. Eric Richardson, the science teacher. We will find out Monday if it really was him. The school will be going to the Charlevoix County court house for the trial. It looks as if we may need a new math/science teacher."



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(Above) Evan Themm, Ms. Ross, Gabe Hankins, Sam Keehn, in the back row is Jon Way checking fingerprints.

Play to have staged reading April 2

The public is invited to be a part of the production of a new play to be premiered by Crooked Tree Arts Center, by attending a staged reading of "No Problem" 8 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Arts Center in downtown Petoskey.

The staged reading is free and open to the public for the purpose of holding a discussion about the play between the audience and the cast in the presence of the playwright, immediately following the reading.

A staged reading is the final step in the process of work-shopping the script before the final version of the play debuts at Crooked Tree Arts Center in June. Dale Hull, Executive Director of Crooked Tree Arts Center, will be directing the production.

For more information about the upcoming public reading on April 2 and the subsequent premier performance of the original play, contact Hull at 347-4337 or dale@crookedtree.org. Writer Bill Wheadon can be reached at (231) 228-5920, or at bwheadon@earthlink.net.

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Thank you for your help

Editor:

On Sunday, Feb. 13, we left Charlevoix for Sri Lanka with the Medina Mission of Mercy, out of Medina, Ohio. We arrived back home on Sunday, March 6. It was a wonderful experience. We worked hard while we were there, but had a great time. The Sri Lankan people were very welcoming and loved Americans. They were grateful for any kindness. There was much devastation and incredible sense of loss for many of the people. Many lost everything. Their homes, family members, absolutely everything. Amazingly enough, there was a great sense of hope. Perseverance. One could see this hope in the faces of the children. Their lives were turned upside down, many of them, yet they continue to go to school, work and try to make their lives better. These people were terrific.

Because the financial burden fell upon each member of the mission, our trip would not have been possible without the prayers and assistance of many local donors. We would especially like to thank: St. Mary's School children, St. Mary's parish, Father Tom Nefs, Rita Orlowski, The Charlevoix Lions Club, Northern Michigan Hospital Lab and Laundry (for the scrubs), John's coworkers at Tallberg's Service and Sales departments, James Jeakle MD, Marc Lame MD, Dave Strawbridge DDS, Superbowl partygoers, Dennis and Flo Wojan, Joelle Beaudoin, Dennis and Joy Halverson, Ron and Cathy Agnello, Paul and Mary Ann Stephan, The McCormick family, Bill Supernaw, Diane's coworkers at North Country Community Mental Health, Michalene Wright, Kristy Furguson, Andrew Sahara, Donna Wheeler, Mary MacNaughton, Natalie Weber and Larry Warner. Last but not least, we would like to thank our family, Michael, Patrick and Matthew, for their love and support.

This was a chance of a lifetime, and we are truly grateful we had the opportunity to help some of the victims of the disaster in Sri Lanka. Thank you all for your support.

As there is still a lot of work to be done, please continue to pray for the people of Sri Lanka, and consider a donation to the Medina Mission of Mercy Foundation, 738 E. Smith Road, Medina, OH 44256, as their mission will continue as long as there is a need.

Diane and John Kilkenny
Charlevoix

Editor:

A big thank you from the Charlevoix Senior Center goes to:

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I also wish to thank those many members of our great senior center, who took from their savings, to see a great addition to the center completed. This is a great and much needed addition to the Charlevoix area for many lifetimes to come and is well on its way to being the "Diamond of the North" senior center of Michigan. Also, a big thanks goes to Sheriff George Lasater and the two officers, along with some very talented workers, who helped finish the drywall and painting.

Earl Munn
Director
Charlevoix Senior Center
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Editor:

A big round of applause and appreciation to all who supported the Ragamuffin Theater & Company's Open House in Charlevoix on Feb. 26.

Scovies (cake), Friskies (cookies), Wooly Bugger (coffee), Grey Gables Inn (desserts), Morning Glory (napkins), Charlevoix Floral (floral Arrangements), Kathy Mays (art work), J. Arnold Painting, VanDrie Home Furnishings, Dean Behan Window Cleaning, Whitley's Floor Covering, Tom Foley (mirrors), Tom Schraw (sound system), Carolyn Hoover (VanDrie spokes Person), Ember Winthoeft (window treatments) Rik Lobenherz, Arch Wright and Richard Georgi (owners of the building), Eric and Matt, our Ragamuffin moms and families.

Thank you so much.

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Electors who wish to vote in the school election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2005. If you are not currently registered to vote, or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live, you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

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Electors who wish to register with the county or city/township clerk are advised to call ahead for the location.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the following proposition(s) (if any) will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

Jane E. Brannon
County Clerk/Election Coordinator
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Chamber to get $18,000 for concerts, promotion

Chamber

Continued from page 1

summer concert series.

DDA Chairman Hugh Mason said the DDA has supported the chamber with an annual $13,000 since 1992.

DDA Member John Taylor said he supported providing the Chamber with $13,000, but not all in one lump sum. He also said they should be held accountable for the use of that money through economic impact reports on the events they host.

Discussion surrounded the job description of the chamber and the Downtown Coordinator.

Mayor Norman L. Carlson Jr. said he doesn't mind the Downtown Coordinator helping with chamber events, but that the chamber is responsible for events such as the Easter Egg Hunt. Whereas, the Downtown Coordinator is responsible for bringing business downtown.

Charlevoix resident John Campbell suggested that the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the chamber sit down to talk things through.

These meetings would he closed to the public.

DDA Member John Yaroch handed out a write up of what he felt are the Downtown Coordinator's responsibilities.

The responsibilities proposed by Yaroch included the coordination of activities that impact the downtown with local businesses and organizations and providing for communication between all parties involved.

The second responsibility is to explore the resources available at the county, regional, state and federal levels to find programs that may exist that could in turn help in marketing and funding of various downtown projects and initiatives.

The third responsibility is to pool resources in the community to adequately fund the position of the Downtown Coordinator on a sustainable basis.

Downtown Coordinator Cindy Martin said she had already been doing many items on the list.

After much deliberation, Carlson made a motion that the DDA form a contract with the chamber for $13,000 to help fund their downtown promotions. This money will be contracted for the 2005 to 2006 budget year for the DDA.

The chamber also has to be willing to participate in mediation and to supply the DDA with a written report every two to three months to show what the funds are supporting.

All members voted in favor of giving the chamber $13,000.

The next decision made toward the chamber dealt with whether or not the DDA would grant the chamber $10,000 to fund the summer concert series.

Many DDA members said the summer concert series in the park is wonderful to have, but aren't sure about the price attached.

"I think we should help the chamber get through this crucial period but for one year only," DDA member Fred DiMartino said.

DiMartino made the motion for the DDA to give the chamber $5,000 this year and this year only in order to fund the summer concert series.

The motion was seconded by Yaroch and supported by all members, but Jeff Porter.

Porter said he doesn't see how the summer concert series is something the DDA should support.

He said it's a wonderful attribute to the community during the summer, but shouldn't be paid for by the DDA.

Instead, Porter said the summer concert series should be paid for by the Conventions and Visitor's Bureau, the chamber or individual sponsors.

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SPORTS

Middle, elementary wrestlers end season

The Charlevoix Rayder Middle and Elementary School wrestling teams finished out their season on Saturday at the Petoskey Tournament.

While competing against over 30 schools, both Rayder Teams were awarded the Best Sportsmanship Trophy, (Ages 8-12 and 13-14).

Another trophy was received for Most Participation in the 8-12 age group.

Individual highlights include:

• First place — gold medal winners: Eli Daman, Brad Rizzo, Jacob Sharrow and Lucas VonLau.

• Second place — silver medal winners: Zeke Daman, Austin DeVries, Tanner Geer, Clay Heise, Sam Hovie, Joey Left, Jake Novotny, Justin Perkins, Hunter Turner and Vinny VonLau.

• Third place — bronze medal winners: Aaron DeVries, Jamie Eakes, John Kagabitang, Curtis Russell, Avery Penfold, Ryan Penfold, Tabitha Penfold and Casey Swadling.

Being awarded the Best Sportsmanship Trophy (in both age groups) is a great honor, and shows the commitment of the coaches to the program.

The wrestlers and parents would like to thank Coaches Craig Golovich, Nick Gould, Casey and Samantha Penfold and Kirk Daman for all of their hard work and volunteer efforts. Special mention to Greg, Jason and Pat Whitley, as well as Greg Bryan for all of the additional support.

North Country Community Mental Health to have classes

North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) in partnership with the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Northern Lower Michigan (AMI) is continuing the series of "Families in Action" classes that began last fall.

The new series will start in April. The classes consist of PowerPoint presentations and discussion over various aspects of coping with mental illness. The material is designed for families and consumers. The training was developed by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan and involves members of our NAMI chapter and North Country Community Mental Health staff members providing the instruction. The classes will be given on April 13 and 27, May 11 and 25 and June 15

The meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and are at the Petoskey Club, 555 W. Mitchell Street, Petoskey. Individuals or families can register by calling North Country Community Mental Health, Community Support Services at (231) 347-0740.

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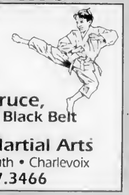

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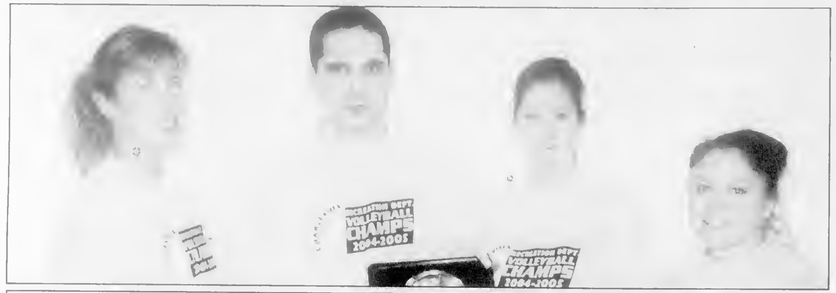

(Left, above) The Charlevoix Recreation Department's Men's Volleyball League was won by Flight Deck this season with a team that included several women. Team members include (from left), Carolyn Loper, Marshall Oakley, Vanessa Oakley and Marlene Gasco. Absent were Laura Kemp, Heather miller, Casie Parker and Nick Denison. (Left below) Lakeview Maintenance took top honors in the Charlevoix Recreation Department's Coed Volleyball League post season tournament this season. Team members are front (from left), Audra Randall, Terry Largent, Scott Johnstone; back, Kristin Eaton, Laura Farmer and Shelly Holecheck. Absent was Karen Largent.

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(Left, above) Time Out won the Charlevoix Recreation Department's Coed Volleyball League regular season title. Team members are front (from left), Dale Meredith, Bob Borths, Joe Borths; back, Sandy Meredith, Cookie Borths and Cheryl Osborn. (Left, below) Johnecheck Brothers won the Charlevoix Recreation Department's Men's Basketball League for the just completed season. Team members include (from left), Travis Garrett, Bo Reinhardt, Jason Rozycki, Sean Pethers and Bryan Bradford. Absent were Kevin Fitzpatrick, Matt Johnecheck, Matt Stuck, Jim Raymond and Noah Stanek.

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	W	L
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Ferguson & Chamberlain	387	263
Paul Bunyan Lanes	379	271
Mark White Paint & Stain	331	319
The Inner Circle	309	341
Lutherans	275	374
R & C Roofing	266	384
St. Mary's	255	395

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Don Potter		243
Chuck Pop	603	234
Larry Potter	574	
Larry Darrah		223
John Fiedorek	567	

Men's Senior League - March 21, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	32	12
J Arnold Painting "A"	26	18
Weebowl-Wobowls	26	18
Kerr's Racing	23.5	20.5
Central Drug Store	19.5	24.5
J Arnold Painting "2"	18.5	25.5
Selph Trucking	15.5	25.5
Cemex Cement	15	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	647	231
Jon Kiernan	608	226
Eric Williams		224
Roger Vanniman	603	

Young at Hearts League - March 24, 2005

	W	L
Sparetime	38	10
Half & Half	33	15
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Irish Rollers	21.5	26.5
Alley Cats	19	29
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenherr	580	238
Ray Brown	512	191
Eldon Potter	500	182
Beverly Smith	492	202
Shirley Flower	492	178
Zette Kitson	457	172

Tuesday Night Ladies - March 22, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	33.5	18.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	33	19
Twin Lakes Enterprise	28	24
Paul Bunyan Lanes	26	26
Central Drug Store	23	29
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	17.5	34.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	15.5	36.5
Don's KOA	15.5	36.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Lasanna Moscoryak	602	235
Diana Spelgi		213
Marlene Evans	550	199
Cathy Sullivan	546	

Gutter Gals League - March 24, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	123	97
Burger King Charlevoix	117	103
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Express Yourself	85	135

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

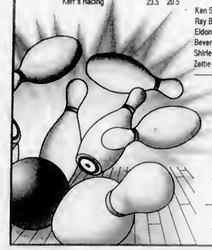
	Series	Game
Jane Holm	520	193
Bennie VanHelens		165
June Kunkle	461	
Debbie Yager		165
Mary O'Brien	429	

Double Deckers Mixed League - March 20, 2005

	W	L
Spencer	34.5	13.5
Blanchard/Crain	33	15
Russell A & J	31	17
Bradley	29	19
Hovolony	28	20
Ferguson	29	20
Wittboett	26.5	21.5
Blanchard	26	22
Stein	25	23
Sladek	23	25
Russell C & R	23	25
Koffman	22	26
Webb	19.5	28.5
Parton	19	29
Nordman	12.5	35.5
Hart	4	44

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Blanchard	540	195
Gary Spencer	541	190
Jeff Novotny	488	184
Amy Russell	486	175
Carrie Blanchard	459	166
Deb Blanchard	474	164



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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

THIS IS to inform Frank Porter, last known address: 14945 Brookview Dr., Building #5, Apt. 302, Riverview, MI 48192, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #022. A brief description would be- bike, speakers, tool chest, stereo, power washer, and vacuum. You have until April 23, 2005, to reclaim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.

(3-23-2-076)

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RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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(3-23-8-171)

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(11-1-tf-171)

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(3-31-tf-174)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 04-010761-DE

Estate of Phyllis H. Morris
Deceased

Date of birth: March 30, 1919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Phyllis H. Morris, who lived at 1376 Graham Rd., Flint, Michigan, died June 26, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marjorie Turner, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 1, 2004

Marjorie Turner
311 Crain
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-9782

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010800-DE

Estate of James Huffman Hisey
Deceased

Date of birth: August 23, 1919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Huffman Hisey, who lived at 14438 Ferry Road, Charlevoix, Marion Township, Michigan, died February 19, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jerold R. Hisey, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 25, 2005

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Veteran's Affairs to be closed

Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs office will be closed for spring break from April 4-8.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross asks you to donate blood at the Charlevoix Area Hospital blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Thursday, April 7. The hospital is located at 14700 Lakeshore Drive. Please call Rebecca at 547-8651 for details and appointments. Please remember your donor card and identification. If you have donated within 56 days of the drive date you are not eligible. Help save a life.

Salute military families

Join the Char-Em Vets and others in saluting military family members at 6 p.m., Saturday April 16, at the VFW Hall on West Conway Road in Petoskey for an evening of food, entertainment, kids' games, door prizes, and encouragement from a grateful community. The evening is planned to give military families from northern Michigan a chance to connect. For complimentary tickets call Charlie Conn at (231) 487-0556 or e-mail crconn@charter.net

Spring Carnival

The all new Charlevoix Schools Spring Carnival is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 22 at Charlevoix High School. There is a theme basket silent auction, prizes, raffle, food and concessions. It's a new location with new games and lots more fun for the whole family.

Hymn Sing

A Hymn Sing sponsored by the Northern Michigan Holiness Camp Association begins at 6 p.m., April 24, at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene located at 12023 Waller Road. All are welcome to attend.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Food Pantry is open by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. They are located at 05291 M-66 N. Please call the church office at 547-6430 to schedule a time.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Street Legends meeting

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Guild changes meeting time

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has changed the meeting time to 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Area meetings

Editor's note: We are attempting to update this section.

If you would like to see your organization in this section or would like to change your organization's information in this section please call (231) 547-6558 for more information.

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting.

For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant.

For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road.

For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Resturant on Bridge Street.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month.

For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln.

Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital.

For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix.

Call (800) 337-3827 for more information.

Historical groups —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House.

For more information call 547-0373.

Community activities —

There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

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Kilkennys try to help in Sri Lanka

KILKENNY

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to tears.

"The devastation was incredible," she said.

Strewn along the shore and hung up in trees were pieces of women's sari's. Diane said she also saw the remains of a doll half buried in the sand. Sari's and dolls only scratched the surface of what people lost, as some neighborhoods were completely destroyed and everyone was gone.

"It was so much bigger when you're right there than anything you can see on the news," Diane said. "It was heart breaking."

Despite losing everything, Diane said the people were very resilient.

One man Diane came upon, in his best English, showed her where his house used to stand and that he had lost his entire family.

"I don't know if I would be strong enough to say, 'Oh, well, it happened, move on,'" Diane said.

John said people were rebuilding what remained of their homes if the foundation was not structurally damaged.

However, some people's houses were completely destroyed and they could rebuild 200 meters in from the beach. This proved to be a problem, John said, as 200 meters in put them on their neighbor's property or in a freshwater lake. These people took up residence in refugee camps.

"A lot of people in refugee camps will be there for a year while people find where they can build a home," John said.

One refugee camp called Kudinelathydal Sagamam Camp, located near the capital Colombo, is where Diane and John spent a lot of time helping out.

Diane said all the water had to be filtered even if it came in a sealed bottle. John helped with the filtering process and said that after about four days into the process the filter became clogged from cleaning the area's bottled water.

John also gave his time to teaching the children at the camp how to play Frisbee. The game wasn't the easiest for them, but John said they enjoyed themselves.

Diane said the children were very bright and hard working. She said after they came home from being in school all day, many of the children would attend evening classes where English was taught.

"It's really a beautiful country," Diane said. "The people were just awesome. I really like them a lot."

The entire culture was an experience in and of itself starting with the local cuisine.

"It was curry," John said. "Unless you're a fan of it, you don't like it."

Diane said the presentation wasn't the most attractive as food came in a howl lined with plastic wrap and the food was just dumped in. She said you're supposed to eat it with your hands, which are dirty, and you don't really know what you're eating.

"You can only be so brave," she said.

The culture is also completely different, Diane said, as men come first, then women and children, hut police and everyone they know come first and foremost.

The group Diane and John were traveling with had a taste of the military presence there. One night while on their way back to their sleeping quarters several armed military people came aboard their bus. The group didn't have an interpreter that night and Diane said she could reach out and touch the AK-47 slung over one soldier's shoulder.

Diane said the entire bus was quiet until the soldier's got off the bus. She said they waved and walked away and had only used the bus to hitch a ride.

"You can't help but be scared because you don't know," she said. "That was the quietest our bus had ever been."

The highlight of the trip, Diane said, occurred at a hospital the group was passing through. There were two pregnant women waiting in the hall and Diane said one of the doctors asked her to show her stomach. Through sign language and kind smiles, Diane said the one woman finally did so.

The doctor rubbed jelly on her stomach and then used an instrument that allowed the woman to hear the heart beat of her unborn child.

"No one had ever heard that, including the nurses," Diane said.

The other pregnant woman asked for the same to be done to her and Diane said the entire area was filled with excited voices and happy smiles.

However, there were the darker things that made the trip unpleasant. Diane and John went to an orphanage where most of the residents are either physically or mentally handicapped.

John said out of 25 children, six were actual orphans, most from the tsunami. The other children were abandoned by their parents due to their disabilities.

John said there were only 14 to 16 beds and the rest of the children had to sleep on the floor.

"You wouldn't have your dog sleep on this floor," Diane said.

John said the group built a merry-go-round and painted it bright red. Diane said it was the happiest thing in that dirty, dark and depressing place.

"The tsunami sites were devastating, hut that was haunting," she said of the nightmare the children lived in. "I won't forget it."

After all they did and saw, Diane and John came back home ready to help out again if financially able.

"I went in not even looking for anything for myself," John said. "I went in with the intentions for helping people."

John said he doesn't feel like the experience has changed him, but he is glad to have made a difference even if it was a just a small dent on a larger scale.

Diane said she truly values the things she has more and the little things in life that people in the United States let build up don't seem so important.

"I guess I felt like I knew that I had things pretty good," she said. "But coming back I am so much more incredibly grateful for what we have here, what I personally have here."

Diane said the people touched her heart and she will always remember the hope they carry with them even when they have nothing.

"As ready as I was to come home, I felt there was so much more that could be done if I had more time," she said.

Courtesy photos

(Above) John Kilkenny helped to teach children in Sri Lanka how to play Frisbee. Kilkenny and his mother, Diane Kilkenny went overseas to help with the tsunami relief effort. (Below) The devastation brought upon the land by the tsunamis that hit Southeast Asia was overwhelming for Diane Kilkenny who saw bits and pieces of what was once a neighborhood.

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Resignation

Charlevoix City Council Member Karen Campbell resigned from council Monday night.
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In a cutline on page 29 of the March 23 edition of the Courier for a picture of a t-shirt at the Charlevoix St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl, [illegible] have [illegible] of Quality [illegible] of the [illegible] green [illegible] River [illegible] the Chamber and its board about the incident before dropping its investigation.

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Sweet principal

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

(Above) On March 31, Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Richard Swenor slid down a slide covered in whipped cream into a pool of Jell-O to honor the hard work his students did during the "Walk Across America" program. The students placed 2,950 footprints around the school and then read 80 minutes per footprint. (Below) Swenor is cleaned off by a firefighter.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Council votes for check probe

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

An independent investigation has been approved by the Charlevoix City Council on the CCMS check mistake that cost the city over $220,000.

Council member Bob Timms made a motion for the investigation at Monday night's city council meeting saying, "I kind of hate to see this thing swept under the rug. Even if the insurance company pays us 100 percent, it still looks like someone was asleep at the switch."

Timms said he wanted someone to look into the check matter that was from outside the city.

He was joined in support for this motion by Council Member Shirley Gibson and Karen Campbell. Council member Sherman Chamberlain voted against the investigation.

Council member Bill Bellows abstained from voting because he was sitting in for Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, who was absent from the meeting. The mayor normally does not vote, unless it is to break a tie.

Council member Bill Haggard was also absent from the meeting.

Timms said the work done so far on finding out what went wrong with the check mistake did not seem to be going anywhere.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said the city was planning on presenting a report on the matter from the insurance standpoint of the check at the next city council meeting April 18.

Because of that, Chamberlain suggested the council wait to vote on the matter until after the presentation. But, Timms said whether or not insurance pays for the mistake he would still like an investigation on why it happened.

"Don't you think it should be followed up to see whose desk this landed on?" he said.

Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young said he could present a list of names of retired police detectives who live outside of Charlevoix County that could do the investigation for the city.

This issue started when a check for over $220,00 was mistakenly written to contractor

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Bruce G. Barton Jr., 52, Brighton. Operating under the influence of liquor/ per se/ second operating and impaired driving, second offense. One year probation; 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days, 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 294 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,680 in fines and costs.

Jamie Ann Ciarkowski, 24, Gaylord. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Marc Richard Jacobs, 26, East Jordan. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Jean Mary Landry, 34, Alanson. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Daniel J. Little, 28, Shelby Township. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Jose Angel Tristan-Baldonero, 30, East Jordan. Retail fraud, third degree. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for six days, serve 87 days.

Daryl Gene Robtoy, 19, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property under $200. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 93 days; $550 in fines and costs.

Abby Jane Everest, 19, Boyne City. Retail fraud, third degree. Three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Matthew Lee McClanaghan, 41, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 62 days held in abeyance; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Sean Michael Downey, 18, Canton. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Dennis Ronald Hughey, 47, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 52 days held in abeyance, must attend substance abuse classes, must attend Impact Weekend; $1,205 in fines and costs.

Bryan Manning Burns, 22, Petoskey. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Heather Ann Scheetz, 27, Elmira. Non-sufficient funds less than $100. Nine months probation; 31 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 25 days held in abeyance; $994.74 in fines and costs.

Erik Richard Ziegler, 20, Coldwater. Minor in possession of alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work; must attend substance abuse classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Martin Leo Ernst, 46, East Jordan. Sports fishing-obstructing or interfering. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Dennis Wayne Buchholz, 33, Waterford. Impaired driving. Six months probation; sentenced to 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Nicolas Ryan Hersha, 21, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 34 days in jail with credit for one day, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $730 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 18, Boyne City. Motor vehicle-unlawful use. Sentenced to 61 days in jail with credit for 61 days, serve 61 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 18, Boyne City. Probation violation-larceny in a building. Sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for 169 days, serve 169 days.

Daryl Gene Robtoy, 19, East Jordan. Larceny in a building. Twenty-four months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for 90 days, serve 90 days; $3,343.78 in fines and costs.

Tyler Franklin Rose, 18, East Jordan. Litter-infectious waste, malicious destruction of personal property less than $200 and children-contributing to delinquency. First offense-sentenced to six months in jail with credit for 71 days, serve six months; second offense-sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 71 days, serve 90 days; and third offense-sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 71 days, serve 90 days; $200 in fines and costs.

Tawana Marie Williams, 23, $730 in fines and costs.

Eric Michael Dionne, 36, East Jordan. East Jordan ordinance dangerous dog at large. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 18, Boyne City. Motor vehicle-unlawful use. Sentenced to 61 days in jail with credit for 61 days, serve 61 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 18, Boyne City. Probation violation-larceny in a building. Sentenced to 11 months in jail with credit for 169 days, serve 169 days.

Daryl Gene Robtoy, 19, East Jordan. Larceny in a building. Twenty-four months probation; 90 days in jail with credit for 90 days, serve 90 days; $3,343.78 in fines and costs.

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Tawana Marie Williams, 23, River Rouge. Attempted uttering and publishing. Two year probation; sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 42 days, serve 60 days, must complete rehabilitave services; $4,465.11 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

the following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

C2 Gallery, 327 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Cheryl Carey.

Wilson Sales, 12599 Richardson Road, Charlevoix, by C.R. Wilson.

Beaver Island Music Festival, 28955 Beaver Island, by Daniel E. Burton.

Water Whispers, 403 State Street, Charlevoix, by Gordon Selph.

Putzes Entertainment, 12805 US 31 North, #5, Charlevoix, by Ben Macks and Matthew T. Smith.

Atlas Construction, 5590 M-32, East Jordan, by Raymond Hines.

Fruit Delights, 00188 North Ranney Road, East Jordan, by Marvin Christner.

Brett Perry Printing, 1504 Pleasant Valley Road, Boyne City, by Brett William Perry.

Parker Lofts, White Dove Releases, 4952 Loeb Road, Charlevoix, by Rebecca Parker.

MrMOPEDS.com, 07586 Old US 31 North, Charlevoix, by Rick A. Simon and Simon Sez Inc.

Correction

In the March 23 edition of the *Charlevoix Courier* on page 25, a cutline under the picture of Katrina Martin should have said the man with her was Kyle Wojan.

And on page 21 of last week's Courier, due to incorrect information given to us, it should have been reported that Clay Heise won first place, gold medal in the Petoskey wrestling tournament.

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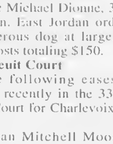
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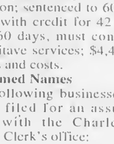
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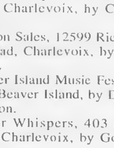
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Cement plant now owned by St. Mary

Twelve loose their jobs in transfer

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The former Cemex Cement plant in Charlevoix Township officially has new owners — Votorantim Participacoes S. A. out of Brazil.

As of Friday, April 1, the plant is part of the company's St. Mary's Cement Plants, which it owns throughout the Great Lakes region. While this sale brings another new name to the cement plant located near Fisherman's Island State Park, it also cost 12 workers at the plant their jobs.

According to Dave Lumsden, president of the cement division of St. Mary's (Votorantim), the company was able to keep 94 percent of the unionized workforce at the former Cemex plant — a total of 102 unionized workers — however 12 positions were eliminated.

"It certainly saddens us that everybody did not come with us," he said. "Our vision is not to find certain people to get rid of."

Lumsden said the company based the current employment figure on standards the company needed in order to make the plant a long-term facility for St. Mary. The decisions on employment came from "extensive" interviews the company had with the workers, their managers and reviews of files.

Under the terms of the sale, Cemex had to release its workers at its Charlevoix plant. It was then up to St. Mary whether to hire those workers back.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, he was given a list of the 12 Cemex employees who were not hired by St. Mary by the new security firm overseeing the Charlevoix plant — Huffmaster out of Detroit. He said this list was sent on March 29 in anticipation of any problems at the plant due to the new owners not bringing everyone back.

Lasater said there were no problems that he was aware of. He added he could not think of any comparable instances but a company has never sent him a list like this in the past.

Lumsden said the list was sent based on the advice of the security company.

"We were only doing what we were instructed to do by the security group. We did not anticipate any trouble," he said.

A union official with the company could not be reached for comment before press time.

Lumsden stressed, the company intends on owning the former Cemex plant for quite a long time and this purchase enhances St. Mary's operations on the Great Lakes.

"We are determined this is the last change they (workers) will have to make," he said. "We are probably the largest cement supplier and manufacturer on the Great Lakes now."

In addition to a change in the number of workers at the plant, Lumsden said the company is also making a few other changes, such as technological upgrades to increase the reliability of the facility, starting with an $8 to $10 million bag house.

"The previous owners did not have the technology we would choose to use," he said.

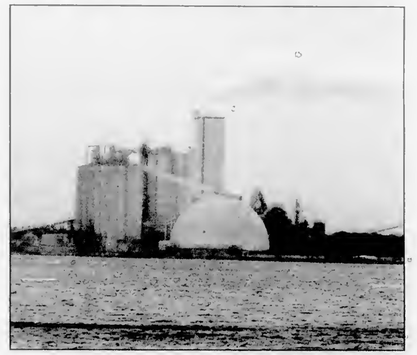
A bag house, according to Lumsden, will help reduce admissions out of the facility.

The plant will also have a new plant manager. Dirk Cox, a Michigan native from Manistique, has been selected to replace outgoing manager Bud McCormick. McCormick decided to stay with the Cemex company and was transferred to another Cemex plant.

According to Lumsden, Cox has been in the cement business since 1979 and has run various plants in the United States. He has a bachelor of science in civil engineering. Monday was his first day at the Charlevoix plant.

Lumsden said this deal has been 14 months in the making. He said Cemex actually came to St. Mary's to inquire whether it would be interested in buying the Charlevoix plant.

He said Cemex is interested in consolidating its plants on the southern side of the United States and was looking to get rid of its northern plant.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This cement plant in Charlevoix Township was recently bought by a Brazilian company. It now goes under the name St. Mary's Cement.

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Kilkennys donate their time to tsunami victims

EDITORIAL

Sometimes it seems the world is too big to make a difference.

Sometimes it seems the things you see or read in the news across the world are not real. It is hard to separate the Hollywood from the reality.

Take for example the tidal wave that struck Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and other Indonesian countries in December. While the rest of the world was relaxing after another wonderful holiday, a monstrous wave swept the shores of these countries, killing and injuring thousands.

Children were left orphaned, parents had to suffer the loss of their children and people were left without shelter, food and clean water.

Television reports of the disaster seemed like a horror movie being played over and over on the television news. Stories of the loss in newspapers seemed like the latest disaster tale from a big-time author.

But it was all real.

Soon Americans and the world jumped to action. Donations of food, clothing, medical supplies, money and other necessities started to be collected. Volunteers converged on the disaster site to help give aid through providing food, helping rebuild or just supplying a shoulder for those affected.

Joining in on this was Charlevoix's own Diane Kilkenny and her son John Kilkenny, along with her mother-in-law Edna Kilkenny. Instead of just sending money or clothing to these poor people, the Kilkennys sent themselves.

Through the Medina Mission of Mercy, the Kilkennys visited Sri Lanka, one of the countries struck by the tidal wave, and they provided all the help they could.

Diane and Edna helped with medical issues — both are registered nurses — and John — a mechanic — helped with mechanical, electrical and carpentry construction.

And the Kilkennys did this just to help out. No one paid for their trip — they raised the money to go themselves — and they did not go to sell anything. It was all to provide aid to people living across the world from our little town of Charlevoix.

We salute the Kilkennys for their efforts in Sri Lanka. They make Charlevoix proud with the kindness they have shown for others.

The world seems like such a smaller place with good people like them in it.

Letters Policy

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The magical, mysterious plant habits of spring

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

On the occasion of the spring equinox, what we call the first day of spring or the last day of winter, I like to look around me for evidences that living plants have survived the winter and are ready to make another year's leaves, roots and oxygen.

On this spring equinox, there was very little green to be seen. I mushed around the south side of our house, which is not by the driveway or the sidewalk and is available only in high boots or on snowshoes for most of the winter. And there they were, the first two inches of our daffodils up and apparently thriving.

Nights in late March were still well below freezing (about 20 degrees) and I was forced to think again about how it is possible for those tender green shoots to look so fine when they should have frozen to death like the tomatoes did last fall. After a little investigating, I found mostly that no one really knows how green, tender plants can not only survive, but grow at temperatures well below freezing. More than that, my (and your) daffodils manage to adjust to night temperatures in the teens and daytime temperatures up to 50 degrees while marching steadily toward the blooms that already show as buds.

If we knew exactly how those daffodils resisted freezing, we might be able to produce frost resistant tomatoes, or corn or cucumbers or even bananas. Those garden inhabitants and most plants with tropical ancestry don't even need to be frozen to be harmed. All of them and many more besides are damaged by any persistent temperature below 50 degrees.

The genetic engineers have certainly tried. As I recall there have been attempts to introduce cold-resistant genes from flounders and other cold-water fish into tomatoes. And genetically altered, harmless bacteria of the proper kind can be sprayed on strawberry plants, where they keep frost from forming on the leaves. I expect great and interesting things in the future.

The real champions of cold and frost resistance are to be found in places like Siberia or the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, where there are Tamarack trees who's exposed buds can survive down to minus 90 degrees.

In all cases, it is not the freezing that harms plants or animals, it is the thawing out. You need only watch what happens to that beautiful frozen raspberry as it nears room temperature to appreciate the truth. Tiny live things like sperm gametes, human or otherwise, can be frozen at hundreds of degrees below zero, stored for years and thawed out with no harm at all, but anything much larger cannot survive thawing. I don't expect long-term survival and resuscitation of us humans until Star Trek becomes real.

By the time we all get to April, it is safe to talk about things like freezing and thawing. Happy spring.

Roger Knutson is a Charlevoix resident and columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. His columns appear every two weeks in the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached by calling the Courier at (231) 547-6558 or by writing him at 408 Burns Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Letters to the editor

Take over millage payment

Editor:

Let's see I now learn that as a "seasonal customer" (May 15 to Oct. 15) I am responsible for Charlevoix's higher year-round electricity rates. This is regrettable. I feel guilty. Here's how I suggest setting things right. I'll be glad to pay your electricity premium if you will take over the excessive millage I pay for your schools (24 mills versus 6 mills).

John R. Bradbury
St. Louis, MO and
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

On behalf of the Charlevoix Community Skate Park, we would like to thank the staff at Mt. McSauba and all the participants in the Snow Challenge on March 13. It took a combined effort to make this event successful. We also want to thank all the parent volunteers who helped with the event. It was a huge success and great fun! We raised over $500 that day for the skate park building fund!

Vickie Daman on behalf of
The Charlevoix Community Skate Park Executive Board

Alcohol screening

Editor:

"Where do you draw the line?" Trying to figure out the risks and benefits associated with alcohol use is not easy. To help residents get the facts on alcohol, BASES is participating in national Alcohol Screening Day on April 7.

National Alcohol Screening day, held in April as part of Alcohol Awareness Month, is a national, one-day outreach, education and screening event designed to educate the public about alcohol and allow individuals to seek help in a non-

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threatening, easily accessible manner.

As part of the screening, attendees will be able to complete a written questionnaire, watch a video, take educational materials, and talk one-on-one with a health professional for free. Referral resources for local treatment facilities and support services will be provided to those who need further assistance.

Northwest lower Michigan area residents can now learn the facts on April 7 on National Alcohol Screening Day.

Some things you may not know:

• Heavy drinking raises the risk for high blood pressure, heart disease, certain cancers, car crashes, unintentional injuries, violence, suicides, birth defects and overall mortality.

• More than 150 medications can interact harmfully with alcohol. These interactions may result in increased risk of illness, injury and even death.

• Alcohol can alter blood sugar levels and exacerbate diabetes; impair reproducing functions; and interfere with calcium metabolism and bone structure, increasing the risk of osteoporosis.

• Researchers have identified no safe threshold for drinking during pregnancy.

Readers can call (231) 547-1144 for more information.

D. Scott Kelly
Executive Director
Bay Area Substance Education Services

Be aware of sexual assaults

Editor:

"Standing for right when it is unpopular is a true test of moral character." — Margaret Chase Smith

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan would like to remind area citizens that April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sexual assault affects children, women and men of all ages, races and income levels.

Statistics show that:

• Someone is being sexually assaulted every 2 minutes somewhere in America.

• 75 percent of rapes are committed by someone the survivor knows.

Sexual assault affects a large number of individuals, but researchers argue that only one in every ten cases is ever reported. Of those reported, only two percent of rapists are ever convicted in the United States. As a community, we need to respond to this alarming issue. To help prevent sexual assault we need to increase community awareness by dispelling myths that place blame on the survivor, abolish gender role stereotypes in our society, make a point to say something when sexist things are said and encourage parents to communicate with their children.

To learn more about sexual assault, our educational program can be brought to schools for students and parent groups, as well as area churches and community organizations. For more information, call (231) 347-0082; our 24 hour crisis and information line is (800) 275-1995.

Christie Kaczynski
Community Prevention Educator

Use wind energy

Editor:

Are you concerned about our earth? Windmills save money and conserve fossil fuels, and, unlike electric plants, do not pollute the air.

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Windmills would save us money and fossil fuels, also they wouldn't pollute. This is why I believe we should use wind energy.

Noah Matchett
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Need an Arby's

Editor:

Do you think we have enough fast food restaurants? I don't. I think we should get an Arby's in town. It would be a good family restaurant. Arby's would have more variety of food, and we would have more restaurants so they won't be so full.

First of all, if we got an Arby's we wouldn't have so many people at just one restaurant. It would bring more people from different places like Ellsworth and East Jordan. It would provide more jobs like a cook, a manager or a cashier. It would be a good family place. It would bring friendly and good citizens to eat there.

They will have a better variety of food. One kind of food they have is the famous Arby's Roast Beef Melt. It is a lot healthier and it has less calories and less fat than a Big Mac from McDonalds. They also have superior deserts and the best part is you get to make it yourself.

In conclusion, if we get an Arby's it will help Charlevoix get money and help people get more jobs. I hope this letter changed you mind about getting an Arby's in Charlevoix.

Gavin Russell
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Allow dogs at Ferry Beach

Editor:

I think dogs should be allowed on the left side of Ferry Beach. Right now, dogs can only swim on one side of Michigan Beach. It would be nice if the left side of Ferry Beach was open to dogs because many dogs love to swim, and there is only a small place open to them. Also, Ferry Beach is where everyone goes, and finally, small dogs get hot in the summer and they can't swim at Michigan Beach.

First off, most dogs love to swim and there's only a small place available to them. The far side of Michigan Beach is not big enough. There are many dog breeds that swim, such as the Portuguese water dog and most of the hunting breeds. There are many dogs living in Charlevoix, and there isn't enough room for them all.

You might be wondering, why it should be Ferry Beach that has to change? Well, Ferry Beach is the most popular, and everyone likes to go there. On one side of the beach, the left side, hardly anyone ever swims there. It would be the perfect place for the dogs. All dogs would have to be on a leash so they could be controlled quickly.

Last, small dogs get hot in the summer and they can't swim at Michigan beach. The water there is too cold, and the waves are too large. The little dogs cannot swim in those conditions. However, Ferry Beach is much calmer, and not as chilly.

In conclusion, the dogs need a different area to swim, and Ferry Beach would be the ideal place for it.

The small dogs would have a place to swim and Michigan wouldn't be the only beach you could take your dog. So, shouldn't dogs he allowed to swim at the main Charlevoix Beach?

Karinne Smolenyak
Sixth grade
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Engagement

Beck — Berlage

Penny Lee Leitner Beck of Harrison, Tenn. and James S. Berlage of Charlevoix announce their engagement to be married on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2005.

Penny is the daughter of Ms. Patricia A. Leitner of Charlevoix and Mr. And Mrs. Carol B. Leitner of Muskegon.

Jim is the son of Mrs. William Feldkircher of Las Vegas, NV and the late Mr. Donald J. Berlage of Charlevoix.

Tilley honored for distinguished service

Capt. Tim C. Rod, Seventh District Commander of the Michigan State Police, announced recently the Department of State Police has given the "Distinguished Service Award" to Lt. Michael J. Tilley, emergency management coordinator for the Seventh District.

This award is given to members of the Michigan State Police who demonstrate extraordinary efforts through diligence and perseverance in performance of activities beyond what are normally expected outside of crime prevention, life and property protection, or criminal apprehension.

This citation was awarded to Lt. Tilley for his efforts and dedication in establishing new language for homeland security training and exercise grants regarding the reimbursement policy of overtime and backfill payment of part-time and volunteer first responders on a national basis. Lt. Tilley showed compassion, initiative and persistence in working with Representative Bart Stupak and his office to get the legislation rewritten.

This has helped to ensure the money and personnel resources are effectively and efficiently used to help ensure our homeland security.

John Bawol, president of the Seventh District Emergency management Association, said, "We always felt that we had the best district coordinator in the State and this award solidifies those feelings".

Lt. Tilley, is a recent graduate of the FBI Academy and a 26 year veteran with the Department of State Police. He is currently the Seventh District Coordinator for 17 northern Michigan counties for the State Police Emergency Management Division.

Lt. Tilley and his family reside in Charlevoix County.

Lt. Tilley will be receiving his award at the April 7 meeting of the Seventh District Emergency Management Association. The meeting will be at 10 a.m. at the Grayling City Council Chambers, located in the Grayling City Hall, 1020 Boulevard, in Graying.

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Anniversary

Lawrence and Jeannette Boss

Lawrence and Jeannette Boss will be celebrating their sixtieth anniversary on April 14.

They were married April 14, 1945 at the Atwood Reformed church by the Rev. Gradus Alherts and the Rev. Ellsworth Dykstra.

Lawrence was born in Marion Township and Jeanette (DeYoung) was born in Atwood. They met at a youth group event between their two churches, Atwood Reformed and Barnard Reformed (Community Reformed Church). They have made their home on the Boss homestead where Lawrence was born.

Jeanette worked as a nurse's aid at Charlevoix hospital and later worked as a cook for a couple in the Belvedere Club. Lawrence has been a farmer all his life, raising turkeys, registered "Shorthorn" cattle and crops. He also worked for 25 years, at the "American Mold and Engineering" DME where he retired from in 1983.

They have three children: Beth Ann Broadwater of Minnesota, Wilson "Bud" Boss and Jan Boss of Charlevoix, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

They have been and still are very active in all their granchildren's sports and other activities. They continue to be very active in their church. They will be celebrating with their family and friends at 10:15 a.m. on April 10 at the Community Reformed Church between the two services.

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Garner graduates from Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman First Class Corey M. Garner has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Garner's mother is Melissa Garner of Charlevoix.

Stephen Speigl

Phillips arrives for duty in Fargo

Army Reserve Sgt. First Class Brian D. Phillips has arrived for duty in Fargo, N.D.

Phillips, a recruiter, is the son of David R. and Gale S. Phillips of Charlevoix.

The sergeant is a 1988 graduate Charlevoix High School.

Speigl graduates from officer school

Stephen Speigl, of Charlevoix, graduated from the Michigan Conservation Officer Recruit School March 11.

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Area catholics remember Pope John Paul II's legacy

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Courtney E. Pace

Father Tom Neis, of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, stood next to a panting the church has on display to honor the late Pope John Paul II.

With Pope John Paul II's death at 84 years of age, the Catholic church is mourning someone they loved and awaiting who will he next to take his place.

Father Tom Neis of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, said the pope wanted everyone to deepen their own faith whether it be Christianity, Judaism or Muslim to name a few.

"We're praying his was a lasting legacy of faith for all people," Neis said.

That legacy entails garnering the interest of the world's youth through World Youth Days and also by traveling.

Pope John Paul II made more than 170 visits to over 115 counties in the span of 20 years, which is something Neis said set him apart from other popes.

The pope could speak several languages and understand even more. The pope's linguistic skills enabled him to travel and preach in the native language of the people he found himself surrounded by.

Bishop Patrick R. Cooney, of the Diocese of Gaylord and who is in charge of overseeing all 81 diocese in northern Michigan, said in a statement that Pope John Paul II lived an interesting life that touched the lives of others.

"For me, and this is a personal insight, Pope John Paul's most outstanding attribute was that he really cared about all of God's people," he said. "That was his most important quality as a man, as a Christian, as a priest, as a

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Obituaries

Susan Ann Mackin: March 28, 1953 - April 3, 2005

Susan Ann Mackin, 52, of Charlevoix and formerly of Manistee, went to be at the Lord's side on Sunday April 3, 2005 at the Munson Hospice House in Traverse City after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Sue was born on March 28, 1953 in Manistee, the daughter of Donald and Betty (Walkowski) Superczynski. She attended Manistee High School. On June 20, 1980 she married Philip Mackin. They would have celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary this year.

Susan has volunteered for the Manistee Recreation Association, Gift of Love, Love for Children, Crop Walk, Bowl-A-Rama, Northwest Pageant, St. Joseph Youth Group, Charlevoix Housing Commission, Charlevoix Commission on Aging and past member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Manistee.

Sue was a past board member for the MRA, Manistee County Humane Society and Manistee PEG Commission. In the past few years Sue found joy in volunteering, gardening and working at Curves in East Jordan.

Susan is survived hy her husband Philip Mackin of Charlevoix; Daughter, Lisa Revolt and friend Brian Moore; two sons, Michael and Andrew Mackin of Charlevoix; three grandsons, Cody Revolt of Charlevoix, Nathan and Devin Garland of Manistee; mother, Betty Superczynski of Manistee; two brothers, Donald and Bryan Superczynski of Manistee; two sisters and brother-in-laws, Karen (Donald) Alfred of Onekama, Judy (Richard) Superczynski Lonsbury of Manistee; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Susan will he missed by her many special friends in Manistee and around the Charlevoix area. She touched so many lives, and hecause of her we all are hetter people.

She is preceded in death hy her father Donald Superczynski in 1992.

A Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals for Susan will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Manistee with father William Zwiefka Celehrant.

The family will receive friends for visitation at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service. Cremation has taken place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee. Final interment will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee.

Memorial contributions in memory of Susan may he directed to Munson Hospice House in Traverse City.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove Cremation Center.

Sandra Marie Barr: Died April 3, 2005

Sandra Marie Barr, 65, died April 3, 2005.

She was the beloved wife of Gaitskill Spayd and dear mother of Brendy Pas (John), Christy Harris (Steve) and Suzy Brown (R.J.). Grandmother of Madison, Chandler, Jack and Cameron. Daughter of Norma Beaudoin.

Sister of Sharon Butler (Tod) and Michael Beaudoin (Sue).

Former owner of the Village Barn in Franklin.

A funeral service will he at 11 a.m., Friday at Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington, in Franklin. Interment will be in Franklin Cemetery.

Memorial tributes to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 51 Locust Ave., Ste 201, New Canaan, CT 06840. View obituary and share memories at www.Desmond-FuneralHome.com.

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Pope remembered for his work around world

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bishop, as the Holy Father. I believe that the world is a little better because he lived what he believed and did it well."

Pope John Paul II related to everyone, Neis said, but was more traditional in his view of women in society. However, Neis said it's up in the air as to whether the new pope will be progressive, conservative or a combination of the two.

"It's a mixed bag. Choosing the president is similar," Neis said. "We would like someone to be effective whether they are conservative or progressive."

Effectiveness comes with being able to preach to others where they understand and can then apply it to their lives.

Neis said each generation has undergone a change due to a war, such as the conservative 50s giving way to the liberal 60s and so forth. However, a war isn't necessary to make change.

"We'd like to have whatever change comes about without having to have a war," he said.

Neis said Pope John Paul II was a man of peace who even shook a finger at President George W. Bush for the war in Iraq.

Peace has to exist in the church as well as out in the world, Neis said, because a revolution in the church is just as undesirable as a revolution outside in the streets.

Neis said the pope's effectiveness helped bring down communism in Poland and helped break the wall down in Germany.

Born Karol Jozef Wojtyla in 1920, the pope grew up in Poland and eventually entered the priesthood in 1949 and worked in Krakow. He was inaugurated as pope in 1978 and visited Poland again in 1979. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years with his predecessor being Adrian VI in 1523.

When he became pope at 58 years old, Pope John Paul II was the youngest pope in 132 years.

He reigned as pope for 26 years.

Sue Goodwin, of Charlevoix, said she misses the pope already and thought he was a good pope.

"I'm so honored to have lived in his lifetime and to have had him as my pope and leader," she said.

Goodwin said she hopes the next person to take the place of Pope John Paul II will address the issue of the shortage of priests in the United States.

"We cannot continue with Catholicism as we know it without the priests to do the sacrament," Goodwin said.

She said there are many services and functions in the Catholic church that no one but a priest can do such as daily mass and other sacraments.

Bev Zabawa, of Charlevoix, said she is sad by the loss of the pope, but glad that he is no longer suffering.

"For me, it was really looking at it as, what it means to him to he with Christ now and not what it means to me directly," she said.

Zahawa said it's been really heartwarming for her that non-Catholics have realized what a wonderful man the pope is and are mourning him.

The next pope has big shoes to fill, according to Zabawa, who would like the next pope to continue promoting peace.

"I think that there doesn't need to be such a division of people of different faiths," she said. "A Christian is a Christian."

In regard to the new pope, Zabawa said she isn't worried as the right person will be chosen.

"I believe that the person who is supposed to be in that position will he in that position," she said.

Neis said the process for choosing the next pope takes 10 to 15 days and involves colored smoke and secret ballots. He said the cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church will be gathering in order to pray and decide who will be the next pope.

If two-thirds of the majority votes isn't met, then the hallots are gathered up and burned in a special stove that shoots out hlack smoke to signify they are still without a leader.

However, if the two-thirds vote is met then the hallots are gathered, burned and white smoke is seen above the Sistine Chapel in Italy announcing a new pope was chosen.

Neis said St. Mary's Catholic Church is one of 81 diocese in Northern Michigan and will celebrating the life and mourning the death of John Paul II at 7 p.m. on April 6 during a special mass.

Neis said he isn't sure what other Catholic churches are doing, hut he said they will all he offering something to conmemorate the life of Pope John Paul II.

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Golf tournament to benefit county DARE

The Boyne City Police Department and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department will be hosting the annual DARE Golf benefit and Dinner fund-raising event on May 12 at Boyne Mountain.

Tee time is noon on the Alpine Course and dinner is at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center at Boyne Mountain.

There are prizes awarded on the par three holes, longest drives, most putts and closest to the pin. A hole in one on the 17 is worth up to $5,000 cash, and is being sponsored by Korthase Insurance in Boyne City.

The golf tournament is a four person, shotgun start scramble. Dinner follows at 5 p.m. and is part of your entry fee, and will include prime rib being served. The cost of golf and dinner together is $80 per person, and will also include a group photo for each member of your team.

If you don't care to golf, dinner can be purchased for $14.50. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Boyne City Police Department.

The departments are also seeking hole sponsors. For $100 you or your business can sponsor a hole and have a professionally produced sign by Mitchell Graphics posted on that hole. For a $300 hole sponsorship you will receive an engraved plaque and two dinner tickets in addition to the advertising sign.

If you cannot participate, but still wish to support the DARE program you can send a cash donation.

The DARE association is also seeking items to be given away at the dinner as door prizes. If you have items you wish to donate, you can drop them off at the Boyne City Police Department or call 582-6611 and let them know you have items that need to be picked up and someone will stop by.

There are a limited number of spaces for golfers, so if you are interested in golfing please get your entry fees in soon.

Anyone who is interested, and needs more information or an information flyer, should call the Boyne City Police Department at (231) 582-6611 and ask for Bardel Belford or Assistant Chief Jeff Gettel.

The proceeds from the fundraiser are used to purchase educational materials, train DARE officers, purchase graduations supplies and instructional equipment used for the DARE program.

Library looking for born to read baby

Several area libraries are looking for a baby that was born to read.

Alanson Area, Boyne District, Crooked Tree District, Jordan Valley District, and the Charlevoix and Petoskey Public Libraries, in cooperation with Northern Michigan Hospital and Charlevoix Area Hospital will be on the "lookout" for the fist babies born after 12 a.m., Sunday, April 10, which is the first "official" day of national Library Week.

These children will be declared the 2005 "Born-to-Read Baby" for their respective hospital.

The family of each baby will receive a bag of reading related items and the child and his/her family will be announced as soon as it is practical for the family to do so.

"This is the ninth year area libraries have collaborated with the hospitals in declaring a "Born-to-Read Baby" during National Library Week, said Valerie Meyerson, library director at the Charlevoix Public Library.

"National Library week is the perfect time for highlighting our libraries and the importance of pre-reading activities for our youngest patrons."

Photos of last year's winners can be found by visiting the web at www.petoskeylibrary.org/tranesety.phtml?parent=6.

Council member resigns, replaced by husband

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Council member Karen Campbell has resigned from her seat effective Monday night due to health reasons.

Karen made the announcement at the end of Monday's city council meeting by passing out a letter announcing her decision to council members in attendance.

Karen Campbell

Karen said she is hoping her health problems are "just a part of the golden years" and she is "working on it."

But, Karen will not leave the council without a Campbell on board. Immediately after her resignation, council voted to appoint former mayor and former council member Gabe Campbell — who is also Karen's husband — to the open seat.

After Karen's resignation, resident June Cross spoke to council in support of Gabe as Karen's replacement. She said she spoke with a few people in the ward after hearing that Karen was going to resign and they all supported having Gabe in her seat.

"I don't see a reason you can't make a motion tonight," Cross said. "We need a full council. I think the city is going to need all the help it can get."

Charlevoix City Council member Shirley Gibson made the motion to appoint Gabe to Karen's seat. Council Members Bob Timms and Sherman Chamberlain voted in support. Karen abstained from the vote.

Council member Bill Bellows abstained from the vote because he was sitting in for Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, who was absent from the meeting. The mayor normally does not have a vote, unless it is a tie-breaker.

Council member Bill Haggard was also absent.

Council only needs a majority of present council members to fill an open seat.

Karen said she will miss the "goings on" at council. She said she will not miss some of the long meetings.

As for Gabe being appointed to her seat, she said, "That is right up Gabe's alley. He likes council."

Karen had been a member of council for a little over two years.

Gabe, who lost in his reelection bid as mayor to Carlson in November 2004 said it was good to be back on council.

Photo credit

(Above) Gabe Campbell is sworn into office as a new city council member. He replaces Karen Campbell, who resigned Monday night. Karen and Gabe are husband and wife.

Gabe has attended every city council meeting as an audience member since his loss to Carlson.

"I feel bad that Karen had to resign, but it was on the advice of her doctor," he said. "I thought Karen was doing a good job."

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Offering of lease rights will begin at 9:00 a.m. at a minimum bid of $13.00 per acre, and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally at the auction's end and at the option of the DNR, parcels not bid in at $13.00 per acre may be re-offered at a minimum bid of $5.00 per acre.

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An auction catalog showing further auction particulars including a) the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered, and b) parcel classifications, is available after May 5, 2005, on the web at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr or by contacting DNR-FMFM-MLMS, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, telephone 517-373-7663.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description must be received by FMFM at the address specified above NO LATER THAN May 5, 2005. Any request for change in classification will be considered by the Department prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. (603-6)

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Charlevoix lighthouse officially available

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The city of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Historical Society have teamed up in order to hopefully take ownership of the lighthouse that sits along the South Pier in Charlevoix.

Steve Belko, of the Michigan Lighthouse Project State Historic Preservation Office, said the process to change ownership of the lighthouse on the South Pier in Charlevoix has begun.

On March 7 the property became available as the United States Coast Guard no longer needs the property and it is available at no cost to federal agencies, state and local agencies, non-profit corporations, educational agencies or community development organizations for use for education, park, recreation, cultural or historic preservation purposes.

All interested parties must submit a letter of intent by May 6.

Belko said right now the City of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Historical Society are the only one's he has received interest from.

"It's rare to have more than one applicant," he said.

This is true as Belko said they try to not have anyone compete for such properties and instead have people come together on such projects.

Once the letters of intent are submitted, an application will be sent by the U.S. Department of the Interior for the applicant to fill out.

Belko said the process is lengthy and so there is a 90 day application period. Also, the applicants are allowed by law to view the locations and an open house is planned for 10 a.m. on May 17 at the lighthouse.

Belko said the applications are reviewed on a point system and some questions may be issued and an extension given for the answers.

Once all is in place, the eligible applicant will be awarded the property.

Mary Adams, of the Charlevoix Historical Society, said the city is prepared to write the letter and will soon have it drafted, once city issues are taken care of.

The preservation of lighthouses, such as the one in Charlevoix, is possible through several grants such as one through the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program.

Belko said this grant is funded through the sale of license plates and renewals that feature a lighthouse symbol.

He said things are in the works to try and remove a sunset clause in order to allow the funds to be permanent. It also helps as the lighthouse grants can't be funded directly from the state due to budget cuts.

"I think we will be successful at it," he said.

The grants go toward roofs, foundations and any other maintenance work needed on lighthouses.

To date, Belko said the license plates have raised just under half a million dollars.

The Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program is the main grant, but there is also another available through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Management Program and also one through the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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The city of Charlevoix and the historical society are trying to get ownership of the Charlevoix south pier light.

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Winter business average

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Business over the winter is always a gamble in Charlevoix, but things don't seem to be as bad as they could have been.

Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, said a lot of downtown merchants said business was the same compared to the winter season last year or a little better.

Jeff Sprecksell, general manager for Stafford's Weathervane, said for the restaurant's fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1, each month they've been up, but January slowed things down.

However, the restaurant is even when compared to where they were at this time last year.

"We're happy with that because last year was a good year," he said.

Sprecksell said right now the restaurant is up $90,000 for the year from Oct. 1 to now. For the month of March, Sprecksell said things were up about $11,000 from last year.

From here the concentration will be on building the new deck, Sprecksell said bids are in and construction should begin June 20.

Harvey Coates, general manager of the Edgewater Inn, said business has continued to be slow.

"We've continued to experience a lower than usual revenue and occupancy," he said.

The weather played a part in that as Coates said he and other people have noticed that the seasons are taking longer to get underway.

He said they are delaying about two to three weeks from where they have been in the past, which is one factor that led to poor revenue.

September was a very busy month, but the hotel was charging its off-season pricing.

Coates said he had two guests who came up to shop in Charlevoix that wanted to leave because the only store open late was Momentum.

Dawn Gray, manager of Momentum in Charlevoix, said business was pretty average for the winter season.

"We were probably a little slower than last year, but last year was an exceptional year," she said.

"The weather will always bring business or detract from it.

But, Gray said the snow helped business because it brought a lot of skiers in to the city.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Spring is here

(Above,from left) Ben Riojas, 7, and Chris Riojas, 8, of Lansing, and Charlevoix residents Megan Long, Amy Pfluecke and Kate Ivan, 16, enjoy an ice cream Monday at Dairy Queen. The opening of the business is one of the signs of spring in Charlevoix.

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The class is designed for 2-and-a-half-year-olds, in order to acquaint them with the preschool setting. This is not a "playgroup," it is set up the same as the 3-and 4-year-old sessions. It will be a balanced program that will focus on age appropriate developmental activities, improve both large and small motor skills and stress learning while providing a friendly and sociable atmosphere.

The class will be offered from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Fridays, throughout the year. A maximum of six students will be enrolled, with one parent helper per session.

Registration will be from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14, in conjunction with registration for the 3-and 4-year-old session, in the Kids Corner Classroom located in the First Congregational United Church of Christ. If you have any questions please call Allison Filizetti at 547-0111 or Diana Baten at 547-5109.

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Prom kits available through Planned Parenthood

With high school proms coming up soon, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan is promoting responsible decision-making with free Prom Kits.

These kits can be used as a tool for parents to encourage their teens to have fun after prom without using alcohol or engaging in risky behaviors.

"We encourage parents to come in and pick up a Kit," said Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Director of Education Lori O'Neill. "The information and materials included will help them have discussions with their teens about responsible decision-making. We first offered the Prom Kits in 1994, and they have been very popular every year since."

The Prom Kits include brochures on Communicating with Teens about sexuality, drinking and driving, date rape drugs, abstinence and other important topics.

"While prom is a fun night for high school students, it is important for teens to understand how drug or alcohol use can reduce inhibitions, increasing the risk of irresponsible sexual activity. Teens also need information on communicating with their dates about sexual limit setting," said O'Neill. "Parents can help by reinforcing this before prom, and Planned Parenthood's Prom Kits can help parents begin conversations with their teen to help ensure a safe, fun evening."

Planned Parenthood encourages teens to make healthy, responsible choices. The Prom Kits are intended to give parents the information they need to have those important talks and to remind them that peer pressure is an integral part of teens' social life. The more skills and information our young people have, the better prepared they will be to stand up for their own values.

The kits include brochures on birth control and prevention of sexually transmitted infections. The kits do not contain condoms.

Prom Kits are available at Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan health center at 1003 Spring St. in Petoskey. They are free, while supplies last. For more information call (231) 347-9692.

Weather warms up in area, but cold spell on its way

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Keep the shorts and sandals ready but it's not quite the weather to wear them just yet.

Jeff Zoltowski, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Gaylord, said spring took a while to get here and the nice weather should last about another week or so.

The highs have been in the 60s, but today and Thursday are supposed to cool down with highs in the upper 40s and highs in the mid to upper 50s over the weekend.

Zoltowski said there's still a long way to go before shorts will be the standard outer wear, but there can be warm spells up into the 70s during April. However, the normal highs are in the 50s.

May is when the warmer weather may shine through more often, but it won't be until later that the warm weather is here to stay.

Zoltowski said this winter was a little colder than normal for most of the area.

It actually was too cold for substantial lake effects for a majority of the winter season, which caused less snowfall overall.

"Normally you have a few stretches when it gets really cold," Zoltowski said.

"It just happened more often this winter than is normally the case."

For the Charlevoix area, the highest recorded snowfalls were between 8 and 10 inches. Zoltowski said the two storms that brought on that snow in the Charlevoix area happened between Jan. 18 and Jan. 19 and then again between Feb. 27 and March 1.

All in all it was a fairly normal winter with the rarest things being the lack of snowfall and the warm, dry weather that has been anticipated in the area.

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DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

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City of Charlevoix Water Supply

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Here is this year's Annual Quality Water Report.

It is designed to inform you about the quality drinking water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Our water comes from Lake Michigan, considered surface water. The State has preformed an assessment of our source water in 2004. A determination of sensitivity and susceptibility to contamination was by made hy reviewing our source water geology, water chemistry, and potential contamination sources nearby the lake. The State has determined that our source water has a moderate sensitivity rating along with a moderate susceptibility to contamination. You may obtain a copy of the State report by contacting the City of Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant.

We are pleased to report that your drinking water is safe and meets all State and Federal requirements..

This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water we provided to you in the year 2004. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Michigan standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jim Caldwell at the *Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant*, (231) 547-3256, or Don Swem at the ***Charlevoix Water Department***, (231) 547-3278. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. The City of Charlevoix Water Supply routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to *Federal and State Laws.*

This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of **January 1 thru December 31, 2004.** *All* drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants, *which are naturally occurring.*

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

The State of Michigan and Environmental Protection Agency require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety.

We met all monitoring requirements for the year 2004.

Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System personnel sampled and tested for over 100 contaminants that were NOT detected in our water supply. The following constituents were detected at low but safe levels, well below the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)

In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in $10,000

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in $10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - A pico equals one part per trillion; the measurement of radiation in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Inorganic Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	*System* - water	Range of detections	Sample date	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (ppm)	4.0	4.0	1.2	1.2	2004	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.020	0.020	2004	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Turbiduy (NTU)	2	TT	0.030	0.010 – 0.030	2004	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Radionuclides							
Gross Alpha (pCi/l)	0	15	1.5	ND – 1.5	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	0	5	1.0	1.0	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine			**Quarterly Average**				
Total Chlorine (ppm)			0.360	0.25 to 0.42	2004	No	
Disinfection Byproducts							
Total Trihalomethanes [TTHMs] (ppb)	N/A	80	11.0	6.7 to 15.9	2004	No	Disinfection Byproducts
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	N/A	60	3.75	2.0 to 7.0	2004	No	Disinfection Byproducts
Lead/Copper		**AL** -	**90th %ile**				
Lead (ppb)	0	15	3	ND – 3	2003	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.300	ND – 0.360	2003	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Unregulated Contaminants							
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	8	8	2004	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	N/A	N/A	26	26	2004	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

n/a: not applicable.

n/d: not detectable at testing limit

***Lead and Copper - Lead and copper testing is on a three (3) year schedule, test results reported here are from the 2003 year; next round of testing is year 2006.*

NOTES

** Turbidity - turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is an indicator of our filtration system.*

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted

We're pleased that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not neeessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants ean be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)

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Please help us protect our water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future.

Girl starts school-wide fund-raiser with idea

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One third grade student at Charlevoix Elementary School inspired a school-wide event that raised almost $800 for the tsunami victims.

Lexie Barnes came up with the idea to make bracelets out of embroidery string to sell in order to raise money to help with the tsunami effort.

Her mother, Pam Barnes, helped Lexie and came up with the idea to have cans placed around the school in order to collect any loose change people had.

Pam said after the tsunami hit and pictures of the aftermath were shown, she started talking with her daughter about how nice it would be if the elementary school did something to help.

After talking with the third grade teachers, the idea became a third grade operation, but a school-wide event.

Lexie decided to make bracelets, which is something she learned while at Camp McSauba. Pam said she didn't think it would be too hard for third graders to make.

Third grade teachers Pat Garland, Cathy Silberhorn, Julie Bernhardt and Erik Lundteigen liked the idea and offered one station to become the tsunami station.

Stations are an area that students go to for an hour a day for extra work on reading and math, but one station became the area where bracelets were made and was supervised by a parent.

Silberhorn said the tsunami fundraiser allowed the teachers to tie humanities, geography and math into it such as tracking the fund-raising on a large thermometer, counting change and writing to children abroad.

"It was so rewarding," she said. "It is an awesome thing that they feel like they're doing something to help."

Silberhorn said the third grade students were actively involved from the beginning and wrote letters to

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Lexie Barnes and her mother, Pam Barnes, spearheaded a fundraising effort at the Charlevoix Elementary School that raised almost $800. The money was given to the American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter on March 30 by the third grade and will go toward tsunami relief. Pictured (from left to right) are Tristan Rudolph, Shelby Robinson, William Blackburn, service delivery coordinator for the American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter, Austin Cesaro and Barnes.

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$800 raised at school

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children affected by the tsunami and enclosed a bracelet with each letter.

The bracelets were all hand made in different sizes and colors and sold for $1 each during Friday's school store.

The majority of the almost $800 came from the bracelets, but money was also contributed from Lundteigen's bake sale, a student's sale of .25 cent wishing stars and money raised by collecting loose change.

"It was definitely the entire school that made it possible to come up with that amount," Pam said.

The event lasted for about eight weeks during which 500 bracelets were sold. The $800 was a welcomed surprise as Pam said they originally thought they would raise about $400.

"It's wonderful that we're such a small town, but raised that much money," Pam said.

The money was donated to the American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter located in Petoskey and will be dispersed how the Red Cross sees fit.

Pam said one will never know where the money went in terms of housing, clothing or medicine. However, it's the knowledge that some sort of relief will come that makes everything worthwhile.

"Just knowing that we made a difference (made if worthwhile)," Pam said.

William Blackburn, service delivery coordinator for the American Red Cross Northern Lower Michigan Chapter, said the total tsunami contributions that have been forwarded on by the chapter is more than $45,000 to date. Lexie said she is glad to have helped others across the world.

"It's good that I thought of that idea and the rest of my class joined in," she said.

Questions surround ship plan

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

City officials are continuing to work on a plan to replace the Coast Guard buoy tender Acacia with the ship Morro Bay, but questions on the city's current docks and if the new ship would meet the area's needs are being asked.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said he is still working on the politics of the matter. A letter has been sent to the United States Coast Guard detailing why types of facilities Charlevoix has to offer a new ship. He said he is not sure what types of changes would be needed at the docks for a new ship.

"We are looking at a technical solution first," Wiesner said.

Wiesner said the Acacia commander Keith Bills has suggested possibly a decking system where the ship could leave how forward. The Acacia typically backs out of its current city mooring space, but the Morro Bay does not have the same type of bow thrusters and would need a new design.

He added any new upgrades to the current docks where the Acacia currently moors could be paid for by grants.

"We don't anticipate it being a lot of money," Wiesner said.

To get the Morro Bay in Charlevoix will not only take the proper dock facilities, but it will also take some political maneuvering.

Wiesner said he has not gotten a direction from the mayor or council on that yet and he said calls to United States Representative Bart Stupak has not been returned.

However, Stupak did speak with the Courier on the matter. He said he found out about Charlevoix's wishes for the Morro Bay from a newspaper story on the matter in the Courier and has not received any contact from the city on it.

He added he and his staff have been traveling and have not gotten all of their messages.

Regardless, Stupak said the whole idea of getting the Morro Bay for Charlevoix is not a matter of "whether you can get it done, but does it meet the Coast Guard mission."

He said the Coast Guard's mission in Charlevoix will change after the Acacia leaves, perhaps to one of just search and rescue. If the Morro Bay fulfills that mission, then the city's plan would make sense.

"If it is just to get a boat, that won't fly," Stupak said.

He added, "The Coast Guard is not looking to create new missions around the Great Lakes."

Stupak said he does not know if the Morrow Bay would support the Coast Guard mission in Charlevoix yet.

He said the Coast Guard plan that gets rid of the Acacia in the Great Lakes was based on the construction and deployment of the new cutter Mackinaw in Cheboygan. This new cutter allows the Coast Guard to scale back its buoy tenders in the Great Lakes region.

The Acacia is slated to be decommissioned in May 2006. Officially there is no ship that is planned to replace the Acacia.

At a Charlevoix City Council meeting Bills suggested the city try to get the 140-foot Morro Bay to replace the Acacia. The Morro Bay is currently located in New York harbor, where it has been stationed since around Sept. 11, 2001, and is suited for ice breaking.

Bills said a request has been made for the ship to be stationed in Charlevoix.

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Mother, daughter team up to fight cancer

Photo by Courtney E. Pace
Katie Chanda (left) and Jackie Rozema will be participating in a marathon in San Diego as they raise money for cancer research through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program.

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One mother and daughter team is gearing up to raise money for cancer research and spend time together while completing a marathon.

Katie Chanda and her mother, Jackie Rozema, will participate in the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon on June 5 in San Diego through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program.

"I've always wanted to do a marathon," Chanda said. "But when my father-in-law was diagnosed that was the breaking point."

Chanda, a 1995 Charlevoix High School graduate, ran cross country but never participated in a marathon. However, a friend was participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program a few years back and Chanda gave money toward the cause.

A little while later Chanda was researching how she could participate in a marathon and found the Team in Training site. Once her father-in-law, Richard Chanda, became diagnosed with lymphoma, she decided to commit to the cause and run the marathon in his honor.

Rozema said her daughter asked her to join her in the effort.

"I felt really honored that she'd ask me to do it," she said.

Rozema said she isn't a runner, but instead is participating in the marathon by walking the 26 miles.

"It's a really good experience to do it together," she said. "And it's a good cause."

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program allows athletes a supportive environment to train in and compete in while raising money to help fund cancer research.

About 80 percent of all the proceeds from the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon go toward research while the rest is used to offset the cost of training, transporting and lodging those participating in the event.

Chanda and Rozema have lost five loved ones between both families and three of those losses were from cancer.

Jerome Chanda, Larry Chanda and Edmond McGee lost their fight with cancer. Chanda's husband's grandmother, Ruth Wynsma, also lost her fight with cancer.

However, Chanda and Rozema said in a written statement that all three men were able to live longer due to new medicines and technology that have been funded by charitable groups such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Since the money from charitable groups such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society help fund research for medicines and technologies for cancer, Chanda and Rozema are trying to raise $3,000 each

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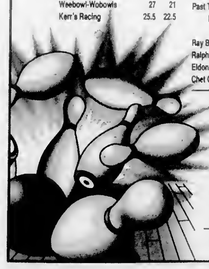
Scores from Local Bowling Leagues



Church League - March 30, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	424	276
State Farm Insurance	415	285
Ferguson & Chamberlain	407	293
Mark White Paint & Stain	361	339
The Inner Circle	314	386
Lutherans	313	387
R & C Roofing	298	402
St. Mary's	268	432

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	599	229
Ken Schoenholt	629	226
Randy DeYoung	608	215

Men's Senior League - March 28, 2005

	W	L
B Vanleo & Sons	36	12
J Arnold Painting "A"	29	19
Weebowl-Wobowls	27	21
Kerr's Racing	25.5	22.5
Central Drug Store	19.5	28.5
J Arnold Painting "2"	22.5	25.5
Cemex Cement	17	31
Selph Trucking	15.5	32.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kleman	678	261
Mo Dixon	602	244
Ron Grulke	601	243

Young at Hearts League - March 31, 2005

	W	L
Sparetime	41	11
Half & Half	33	19
Misfits	31	21
Twilighters	29	23
Irish Rollers	25.5	26.5
Alley Cats	19	33
Has Beens	16	36
Past Timers	13.5	38.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ray Browe	507	196
Ralph Kitson		186
Eldon Potter	438	
Chet Ornansowski		184
Mo Dixon	479	
Liz Meadows		185
Nancy Zimmerman	445	178
Theola Elzinga	438	158
Irene Celiner	410	

Tuesday Night Ladies - March 29, 2005

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	36	20
Grey Gables Inn	34.5	21.5
Twin Lakes Enterprise	30	26
Paul Bunyan Lanes	29	27
Central Drug Store	25	31
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	21.5	34.5
Don's IGA	16.5	39.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	15.5	40.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm		217
Cathy Sullivan	565	212
Diana Speigl	546	209
Cindy Pellagi	536	

Gutter Gals League - March 24, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	133	107
Burger King Charlevoix	127	113
Argonne Supper Club	125	115
Express Yourself	95	145

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	520	188
Jane Holm	456	188
Diana Speigl	510	196

Casino League - March 31, 2005

	W	L
Vegabounds	170	70
Crackpots	146	94
4 Fun	134	106
At Least a 6 Pack	126	114
T.K. & The Boozers	108	132
Brooklyn Rats	40	200

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	501	265
Joel Stradling	440	242
James Steen		198
Nathan Jones	294	
Rita Oliver	574	300
Carolyn Blanchard		267
Debra Blanchard	472	
Debi Towsley		265
Vanessa Petzak	471	

Paul Bunyan Lanes

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Team in Training raises money for cancer research

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for the marathon they will run.

Currently, Chanda and Rozema have raised $5,000 and only need $1,000 more to meet their combined commitment goal.

Chanda said some people don't realize the importance of funding cancer research, but one in two men and one in three women will get cancer. The funds from the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and other such functions help work toward a cure.

"They're not just contributing to our cause," Chanda said. "But the whole battle against cancer in and of itself."

Chanda said she would run another marathon again, but not right away.

However, whether she's actively participating or not, Chanda said she will always support it.

Rozema said she would not do it again only because the time it takes to train removes her from spending quality time with her grandchildren and family in the area.

However, like Chanda, Rozema said she will absolutely support the program.

The best part of all the training and fund-raising, Rozema said, is that it benefits someone other than yourself.

"To think you can be a part of something that can help someone out," she said.

Chanda and Rozema are still taking donations and appreciate any help they receive.

For more information on the race or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society call Chanda at 544-8770.

Donations are accepted and checks can be made out to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and mailed to Katie Chanda and Jackie Rozema, 3275 Vance Road, East Jordan, Mich., 49727.

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THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR SEASONAL SUPPLY OF GARBAGE BAGS & RESTROOM PAPER PRODUCTS

The City of Charlevoix will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2005 for furnishing the season's supply of garbage bags and restroom paper products. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked and directed to the attention of Carol Ochs, City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Specifications can be obtained from Street Superintendent John Martin at 231-547-3276. The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of The City of Charlevoix.

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BIDS 210

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR PAVEMENT MARKING OF THE CITY STREETS

The City of Charlevoix will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2005 for pavement marking of the City Streets. Bids are to be sealed and clearly marked "Pavement Marking" and directed to Carol Ochs, City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Specifications can be obtained from and all inquiries are to be directed to Street Superintendent John Martin at 231-547-3276. The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and to accept the bid deemed be be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

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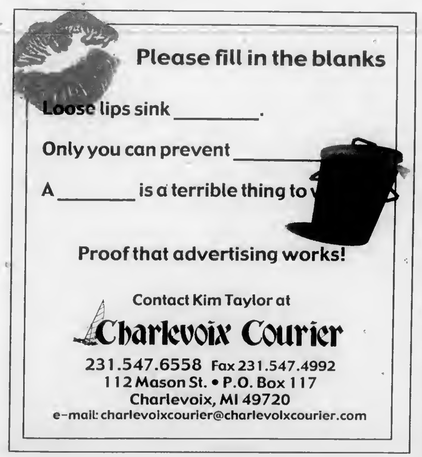

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 05-010800-DE

Estate of James Huffman Hisey
Deceased

Date of birth: August 23, 1919

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Huffman Hisey, who lived at 14438 Ferry Road, Charlevoix, Marion Township, Michigan, died February 19, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jerold R. Hisey, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: March 25, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 05-010802-NC

In the matter of Lynda Marie Bearss

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including those whose addresses are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Probate Court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The petition(s) to Change Name filed by Lynda M. Bearss requesting that the name of Lynda Marie Bearss be changed to Lindy Marie Bearss

Date: March 31, 2005

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Blood drive

The American Red Cross asks you to donate blood at the Charlevoix Area Hospital blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Thursday, April 7, in the lower level of the hospital. It is located at 14700 Lakeshore Drive. Please call Rebecca at 547-8651 for details and appointments. Please remember your donor card and identification. If you have donated within 56 days of the drive date you are not eligible.

Democrats to meet

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party meets at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7 at the Flap Jack Restaurant in Charlevoix. They will have a business meeting to discuss committee appointments, future activities and suggestions for future educational forum topics. Featured guests will be two high school students sharing their thoughts on political issues. There will be a Dutch-treat dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Genealogical society to meet

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 7 in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main Street, in Boyne City. They will have a video presentation on Preserving Your Family History with Multimedia. A discussion on the subject will follow. The public is cordially invited to attend. Please contact Joy at (231) 582-3440 for further information.

Pool to be closed

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will be closed on Tuesday, April 12. A company from Traverse City will be at the pool to replace the sand in the pool filters. This process should only take one day and should not affect the 6 a.m. opening time on Wednesday April 13 for lap swim. Please call the pool at 547-0982 and you will be updated with an answering machine message.

Skatepark meeting

There will be an executive board meeting for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 12, at the Flap Jack Restaurant. Anyone interested in this project is invited to attend.

Band rehearsals

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m., on April 13, at the Charlevoix Middle School bandroom. If you are new to the area or possibly would like to dust off that musical instrument and join like minded musicians, come play.

Salute military families

Join the Char-Em Vets and others in saluting military family members at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 16, at the VFW Hall on West Conway Road in Petoskey for an evening of food, entertainment, kids' games, door prizes, and encouragement from a grateful community. The evening is planned to give military families from northern Michigan a chance to connect. For complimentary tickets call Charlie Conn at (231) 487-0556 or e-mail crconn@charter.net

Capitalaires concert

The First Baptist Church is hosting a concert by the Capitalaires at 10:15 a.m., Sunday, April 17, at 06781 M-66 North. This is a southern gospel quintet from Lansing. The community is invited to the concert.

Spring Carnival

The all new Charlevoix Schools Spring Carnival is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Charlevoix High School. There is a theme basket silent auction, prizes, raffle, food and concessions. It's a new location with new games and lots more fun for the whole family.

Hymn Sing

A Hymn Sing sponsored by the Northern Michigan Holiness Camp Association begins at 6 p.m., April 24, at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene located at 12023 Waller Road. All are welcome to attend.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need.

This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Food Pantry is open by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

They are located at 05291 M-66 N. Please call the church office at 547-6430 to schedule a time.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Car club to meet

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Guild changes meeting

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has changed the meeting time to 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Area meetings

Editor's note: We are attempting to update this section.

If you would like to see your organization in this section or would like to change your organization's information in this section please call (231) 547-6558.

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting.

For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant.

For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road.

For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Flapjack Restaurant on Bridge Street.

For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month.

For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month.

For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln.

Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support Group —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix.

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Timms: Let's find out what happened

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CCMS who the city hired to work on some roads.

However, the city was suppose to write the check to the contractor's insurance company United Fire and Casualty — who was going to pay the people hired by CCMS for those road projects.

According to a report breaking down what happened that was given to city council in February, the mistake all comes down to communication problems within city hall.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi, who was on vacation at the time the check was sent out, was not aware that United Fire was to be paid for the road work instead of CCMS. A letter from United Fire was supposedly sent to the city before Brandi left on vacation, but he said he never got it.

Brandi said when he realized the check was in error, he called the city's bank to try and stop payment, but it was too late, CCMS has cashed the check.

Therefore, United Fire and Casualty sued the city of Charlevoix. In December 2004 the city agreed to end the lawsuit by paying United Fire the money it paid to CCMS.

In the meantime the city was seeking coverage of the mistake from its insurance provider.

But the insurance provider is balking at paying this bill.

The city is also looking into criminal charges against CCMS for cashing the check that was mistakenly written to it.

Brandi said the city has added a new procedure to try and keep this from ever happening again. He said both he and the city manager must sign all of the checks that are written by the city.

In the past, only he had to sign the checks.

Brandi said he is not sure if this new policy would have stopped the CCMS incident from happening, but it is a step in the right direction.

He said by having both he and Wiesner sign the checks, there is a greater likely-hood that mistakes will be caught.

Dinner, auction to help the Bergmann Center

Bergmann Center, Inc. will be having its third annual "Starlight Dinner and Live Auction of 2005" on May 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix.

This year's fund-raising event will begin with browsing the auction items at 12:30 p.m. along with entertainment by Chris Dominic. Dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. which is being catered by Guiseppe's Italian Grille and the auction will begin immediately following dinner.

Bergmann Center is excited to have Dominic donate his time and talents to entertain the audience. This is his third year singing at the auction, which provides an environment filled with music and dancing.

Some of the many auction items donated range from a woman's day out, golf packages, tools, handcrafted items and overnight trips to Mackinaw island. The auction is a wonderful evening by getting more than your money's worth from the purchases that you take home.

If you are intercsted in making a donation or purchasing tickets at $30 per person or $50 a couple call Kim Brock or Aimee Vander-Ark at (231) 547-2979.

Bergmann Center Inc. is a private non-profit organization founded in 1965 which provides services that enable the mentally and physically challenged adults to become active, involved members of the community. It serves 50 people from Emmet, Charlevoix and Antrim counties by providing them with community integration and work skills to help them get competitive employment and reach their highest level of independence.

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Chris Dominic sings while one of his fans at the Bergmann Center dances away at least year's dinner and auction

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Council agrees to state fine

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix City Council unanimously approved a consent order with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality costing the city over $20,000 at its April 4 meeting.

The consent order was in connection to problems at the city's wastewater treatment plant over a three year period. A DEQ investigation found several discharge exceedances into Lake Michigan, falsified report sheets and a breakdown in protocal at the plant.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiensner told council before it accepted the consent order with the DEQ, that if council agrees with it, the matter between the city and DEQ would be over.

"I think this is probably as fair a deal as we can get. It could have been a lot worse," Council Member Bob Timms said.

According to Wiesner, the MDEQ gave the city a consent order — basically an agreement between the city and the MDEQ on fines and actions over the wastewater issue — that says the city must pay a $20,000

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The return of the ferry

Photo by Jeremy McBain

The Beaver Island Ferry Emerald Isle returned to Charlevoix Monday morning from its winter hibernation on Beaver Island. The ferry stopped running for the winter season in December. It returned to the island around noon, after picking up a load of supplies and passengers.

Cancer survivor starts own triathlon

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Michelle Rick-Biddick will run a triathlon of her own creation, TRI 4 FUN, on May 20 as she attempts to garner involvement and awareness for cancer research and education.

Rick-Biddick has always been a healthy person and has always taken good care of herself, which is why she couldn't believe it when she was diagnosed with breast cancer on Jan. 29, 2004.

"I had no symptoms, no lumps, no family history," Rick-Biddick said in a statement.

Instead of sitting down and feeling sorry for herself, Rick-Biddick started taking the reins of her own health and not solely relying on a doctor or nurse to tell her information.

Rick-Biddick researched the Internet extensively and also contacted anyone, whether she knew them or not, about breast cancer and asked many questions.

She had three more doctors look into her situation and also took notepads and tape recorders into her consultations.

"I realized how important it is to become better informed and how desperately we need to find a cure," she said in a statement.

Rick-Biddick said an early mammogram detected her cancer and saved her life. Her hope is to get more people aware of the importance of having mammograms and yearly physicals, which just might save one more life.

Rick-Biddick chose to run her personal triathlon on May 20 in order to have it coincide with two groups she avidly supports: Charlevoix

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Brian Keith Brandow, 42, Elmira. Domestic violence, first offense. Nine months probation; 93 days in jail with credit for nine days, serve 21 days, 63 days held in abeyance; $500 in fines and costs.

Wendy Lee Chrysler, 22, Boyne City. Breaking and entering-illegal entry without permission. Six months probation; 31 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance; $700 in fines and costs.

Cory Edwin Downs, 24, Alma. Impaired driving. Nine months probation; 56 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Harold Roy Jensen, 67, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Six months probation; 36 days in jail with credit for one day, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, must attend Impact Weekend; $730 in fines and costs.

Jamie Charles Pruitt, 22, Mancelona. Use of morphine. Twenty-four months probation; 365 days in jail with credit for 55 days, 310 days held in abeyance; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Alvino Noyola Jr., 31, East Jordan. One year probation; 93 days in jail with credit for 45 days, 48 days held in abeyance; $950 in fines and costs.

Jason Frederick Gizowski, 18, Lake Orion. Minor in possession of alcohol, second offense. Nine months probation; eight days of community service work, must attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, 03430 Chula Vista Drive, East Jordan, by Carol S. Goodenough.

Lake Street Laundry, 420 North Lake Street, Boyne City, by Loren David Morrow and Julia Morrow.

Long Branch Farm Logging, 2495 Maple Hill, Boyne Falls, by Rex Bannister.

Creations by Amy, 00209 North Advance Road, East Jordan, by Amy Pankratz.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Chad Randall Matelski, 23, East Jordan and Leah Marie Bryhan, 22, East Jordan

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Wendy Lyn Wilson vs. Kerry Robert Wilson

Ronald Krusell vs. Bonnie Krusell

Michelle Lutz vs. Michael Lutz

Christin Lynne Gray vs. Joshuah Quinton Gray

Donald James Januszek vs. Angela Rhonda Januszek

Groups to co-host end of life teleconference

Charlevoix Area Hospital, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency are co-hosting the Hospice Foundation of America's annual teleconference Wednesday, April 20.

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care.

This year Hospice Foundation of America's 12th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference focuses on "Ethical Dilemmas at the End of Life." The subject of ethics at the end of life generates an array of opinions and responses on methods to improve or enhance the quality of life for the terminally ill.

Moderated by Coki Roberts, ABC News Political Commentator and NPR Senior News Analyst, the program will be broadcast from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20.

A distinguished panel of ethicists, educators and hospice experts will define, differentiate and demonstrate the interrelationships between values, ethics and law in health care settings, and examine how cultural differences may influence ethical choices. In addition, the social perspectives of medical ethics and how various health care settings may influence ethical decisions in hospitals, nursing homes and hospices will be explored.

A local panel will continue the discussion following the national teleconference. The panel members are: Professor David Payne, North Central Michigan College; Dr. Geralyn Doskoch, MD; Julie Spencer, social worker, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency; Sue Bush, director of nursing, Grandvue Medical Care Facility; Nancy Rhode, spiritual advisor, Northwest Miehigan Community Health Agency.

The teleconferenee will be at Charlevoix Area Hospital in the lower level. Please contact Linda Parsons at (231) 547-8569 to reserve seats.

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Local woman risks her life to save her dog

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

One Charlevoix resident willingly risked her life in order to save her dog from drowning.

On April 1, Nancy Grunch swam through a half frozen irrigation pond on the Belvedere Golf Club when her 6-year-old American eskimo, Kylee, fell through the thin ice while trying to catch minnows.

The incident occurred while Grunch and Kylee were out on their usual morning walk.

Grunch said the pond is one of Kylee's favorite places to go and so she let him enjoy his time there. However, when she turned to go back to the house she didn't see Kylee near her.

"I could hear him whimpering and he was in the water," she said.

The ice, which Grunch said was only a quarter of an inch thick, kept breaking when Kylee tried to pull himself out.

Grunch said she could see that his strength was leaving him and she knew he would surely drown if something wasn't done right away.

Kylee had been in the water for about three to four minutes when Grunch, wearing her boots, insulated pants and jacket, swam the 45 feet out to where he was. The water in that area was about 16 feet deep and 35 degrees.

"I went right in with no thought of myself," she said. "To see him crying and losing strength, I could see he was not going to make it."

When Grunch reached Kylee, she said he was so cold he couldn't swim back so she had to drag him back and help him home.

Even though the water was very cold, Grunch said she didn't realize the temperature until she was out of the water.

"And I complain in the summer when the water is 65 degrees," she said.

This isn't the first time Grunch has saved Kylee from harm while walking on the golf course.

One year, Grunch said Kylee got his foot caught in a trap, which she didn't think she could get undone. Also, another year there was a bear they came across on the fairway.

"He's a little survivor," she said.

Ever since the incident occurred, Grunch said their relationship has deepened. She said he won't let her out of his sight and she watches him just as carefully.

"This guy is special," she said. "You do fall in love with him."

Grunch said she would probably do it all over again because she couldn't live with herself if she didn't.

"He could have drowned," she said. "To see him drown, it would have been hard to live with."

Now Grunch is looking toward the future and wondering if Kylee will be afraid of the pond now or will go back to being himself and chase minnows and tadpoles.

Photo by Courtney E. Pace

Nancy Grunch rescued her American Eskimo, Kylee, from drowning when he fell through the ice during an early morning walk they took on the Belvedere Golf Course.

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The adventures of using new technology

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

With this paper, some of you may see a slight change — hopefully only slight if I did it right — in this newspaper.

You see, last week the *Charlevoix Courier* changed to a new computer program to lay out your beloved weekly newspaper.

Let me just say it was not my idea to change programs. Somewhere in the higher rungs of my sister publication, the *Petoskey News-Review*, a decision was made to change the program used to design and layout the *Petoskey News-Review* and the *Charlevoix Courier* to a nasty little program called InDesign.

I will spare you most of the computer mumbo-jumbo, but, you see, we have been using a system called Quark for many years to design and lay out this newspaper each week. Many papers across the nation use that wonderful little system.

Quark was beautiful. It did what you wanted — most of the time. Made the product look like what you wanted it to look like — most of the time. Was easy to use — after several college courses and a couple of years of solid use. And I liked it — since I knew how to use it. But, now, Quark is on the way out. In its place is this little bugger called InDesign. Basically it is like changing which language you use in your daily life from English to French.

Now, to be fair, the Courier was not slated to get this new system for a little while. But, because I knew that I would be leaving the Courier in May and that the *Petoskey News-Review* has made the switch to this new program, I thought it would be wise to start the Courier on this new program ahead of schedule so I could get some practice with it. We made the switch with the idea of using the new program for this week's edition of the Courier.

I hate it when I have bright ideas.

So, after a few days of practice with this new program and a couple of training sessions, I began my challenge of designing and laying out the *Charlevoix Courier* with it yesterday afternoon.

Please permit me to share this experience with you step-by-step:

Step 1) After having edited the stories that were turned in by deadline, I opened up the InDesign program ready to start my journey into this new world of design. However, my need for a cup of tea was great, thus after turning on the program, I take a break. No problem.

Step 2) With a cup of tea at my side, I go back to the program. I open a template copy of this week's paper that I had designed earlier in the day and it presents itself on my computer's screen, ready for me. It's time to make a text box for a story.

Step 3) About a half hour later, I am still trying to make that first text box. I note how funny it is to try and learn a new program.

Step 4) An hour into the journey the first stupid box is finally made and filled with copy. Of course, the copy is in the wrong font and the tabs are not working. I must fix that before moving on. "Stupid computer," I think. I get a new cup of tea.

Step 5) The first page is complete after an hour and 45 minutes. It is a beauty. I put in a couple of stories and even a picture with a cutline under it. Let's move on to the next page. "Finally," I think.

Step 6) Two hours and three pages — out of 28 total — into the journey, I realize that the program is not recognizing the font style I picked and it has put borders around every dang box I created. Therefore, I must go back and redo the pages. I am getting upset.

Step 7) I can't figure out how to fix the problem. I get up to get another cup of tea. "This would be better with a shot of whiskey," I think.

Step 8) Upon returning to the computer, I figure out the problem, but now the program has changed the number of columns in the text box. I grasp the computer monitor with both hands and shake it violently screaming several obscenities. My tea spills.

Step 9) I have figured out a way around the column problem. I move on with the design process. I am quiet...kind of like a lion before he rips out his prey's throat. Then I realize the type size is wrong on every page I designed so far.

Step 10) I cry in the fetal position for a half-hour on my office floor.

Step 11) After returning to the computer, I wipe my eyes and proceed to fix every $#%& page I have designed so far.

Step 12) After 15 pages of sheer anger, frustration and sadness, I give up for the night. I slowly scoot away from my computer as if it is a bomb that can be easily set off.

Step 13) I arrive home. I grab a glass of whiskey on the rocks, turn on the television and speak to no one. "I could be a farmer or a cowboy," I think. "I wonder if they have a good health plan?"

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Letters to the editor

Start school later

Editor:

Parents, are you tired of having to drag your kids out of bed? Kids, are you sick of having to rush out at 6 a.m. so you don't miss the bus? I have come up with the perfect solution.

I highly believe the Charlevoix Middle School should start later in the morning.

First of all, lots of students are tired during morning classes due to lack of sleep and breakfast. During first and second hour, very frequently, I see students yawning tiresomely.

If students had more time before school in the morning, they would have enough time to eat breakfast. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and is considered brain food.

It is very important for all children to have breakfast.

Second, students would have more time to do their homework in the morning.

Third, students would have more time to do their home work in the morning before school. This would lead to better grades.

In fact, at my school, according to a survey taken by a student, afternoon classes are proven to have better grades than the morning classes. This may be due to children being tired, hungry and unable to concentrate.

That is certainly something to consider.

Finally, many students are not getting the sleep they require. At our age we need about nine to 10 hours of sleep each night. A survey of 20 students I took proved that over most children go to bed around 10 to 11 p.m. and get up around 5 to 6 a.m. They are definitely not getting enough rest. "Just go to bed earlier!"

You might say, but children's bodies don't allow themselves to be asleep early.

Children start getting sleepy around 10 p.m. This causes them to not get enough sleep.

In conclusion, I think it would great if the people of Charlevoix would consider having the Charlevoix Middle School start in the mid morning.

Hallie Bills
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

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LETTERS

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Later start needed

Editor:

So many kids think we should at least be able to have one more hour to sleep since we all need to get to school at 7:45 a.m. I have the perfect solution. I think we should have the Charlevoix Middle School start later for many health facts and also to improve students' learning.

To start my strong opinion, I will tell you why most are getting bad grades. First, I know teachers want us to get at least eight hours of sleep every night, and all kids I know try to get that much, but when we lie down, it's hard for us to fall asleep. Then, when we go to school, we are so tired we concentrate on how much sleep we got and not on our school work. That is what causes us to get bad grades. It's like our brains are not working, but that leads me into my next discussion.

Also breakfast is the number one meal for you. For example, I know a girl who fights obesity and she needs to eat her daily meals in the morning because it helps her. Also a person not eating breakfast is not good at all. Eating breakfast gets our metabolisms working so we can fight obesity. Breakfast is also good because that is what gets your brain working for school.

Another health reason is personal hygiene. Some kids after school have lots of homework to do. Then after that they might have an activity to do, like me. Then after they get done with that activity, they get home and its 9 p.m. so they have to go to bed hoping to get nine hours of sleep. The kids think they will take a shower the next morning. After the kids wake up, do all the things they need to do to get ready for school, they end up not having enough time to take a shower. Lastly, I know kids fall asleep during school. If we had at least one more hour of time to sleep that would be a good solution because kids would have enough time to catch up on their sleep. All including, I think we should at least be able to have one more hour to sleep for our cause of health and for its effect on education.

Morgan McCarthy
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

More sleep means better grades

Editor:

Don't you think that we shouldn't go to school as early as we do now? The kids that go to Charlevoix Middle School would get more sleep, and then they would be able to concentrate better in their morning classes. Our school starts at 7:39 a.m. now; I think school should begin at 8:30 a.m. instead. I think the schedule should be changed because kids have trouble concentrating, they don't get to bed that early, and they don't have enough time to eat breakfast.

First, one reason is that students are too tired. They struggle to concentrate in their morning classes because they are always tired. For example, some kids lay their heads down on the tables and then they don't know all the directions to the assignments.

Another reason is that some of the kids don't get to bed that early. Some kids that go to bed at 10 p.m. or later would be too tired to get up. They don't want to miss their bus because it might be their only ride to get to school. For instance, some kids can't fall asleep until they have been in their bed for about an hour. Also, they wouldn't get the amount of sleep that they need at their age. Most kids have to get up at 6 a.m. or earlier just so that they don't miss their bus.

The last reason is that some kids might wake up later than what they're supposed to and not have enough time to eat breakfast. Sometimes kids don't eat breakfast, so they don't have that much energy for the day until lunchtime. Some kids only have breakfast three or four times a week, (school days) so they aren't getting enough energy to start them out for each day.

In conclusion, I think our school's starting time should be changed because it would give kids enough time to eat breakfast and still have enough time to get on the bus. With this new schedule kids would be able to concentrate better, maybe try to get to bed earlier, and will have more time to eat breakfast. I think this change will be more challenging for the students because then the teachers would be able to teach the students harder lessons.

They would also be able to do the harder work because then they would be able to think much better.

Sherry Boss
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Kids need sleep

Editor:

Are your kids not very cheerful in the morning? Well, if we started school later we couldn't have that problem. It would be more convenient for parents too, because they wouldn't have to wake us up early in the morning.

First of all, kids need nine to 10 hours of sleep a night. I surveyed the sixth grade and about half don't have breakfast in the morning because their bus comes early in the morning.

In addition, not getting enough sleep could be dangerous. If students do not get enough sleep, they probably are not as aware or as alert as they should be while crossing a street on the way to school. Plus, it's really dark that time of the morning, and it's hard for drivers to see kids walking or waiting for the school bus.

Another reason why school should start later is because in Minnesota their SAT scores rose 140-160 points, (that's about 25 percent better). This happened because Minnesota started school later, and they are able to get more sleep so they can pay better attention.

In conclusion, if we started school later, I bet kids would be more chipper in the morning. For some kids who live in the country, they have to be out for the bus at 6:15 or 6:30 a.m. That is too early. Help me to get school started later.

Matthew Klooster
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Great job

Editor:

Congratulations to the Crooked Tree Arts Center and the sponsors who made it possible for the Opera Verdi Europa of Bulgaria to perform the opera "Carmen" in the fine new performing arts theater at Charlevoix High School on March 25. It was a very enjoyable performance with excellent artists and orchestra who should all be complimented.

We made a special trip to Charlevoix from Ann Arbor to be sure we did not miss this northern Michigan performance, and it was a success!

Jeanne Heininger
Ann Arbor

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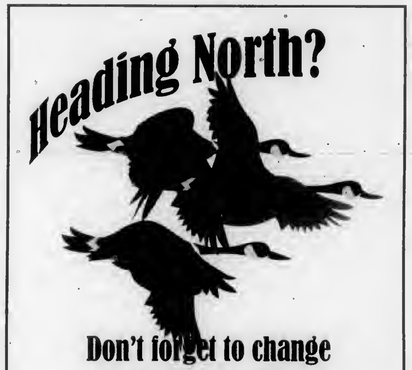

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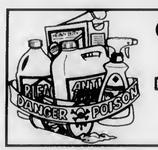

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Wedding

Dulaney — Tacktor

Cailin Dulaney, of Charlevoix, and Matthew Tacktor, of Ludington, were married June 26, 2004 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix in front of 100 guests.

The Rev. Larry Grooters performed the double ring ceremony.

Cailin is the daughter of Sharmon Dulaney and Pat Dulaney of Charlevoix.

Matthew is the son of Dennis and Diane Tacktor of Lundington.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of ivory chiffon, with a beaded bodice and sweetheart neckline. She wore her hair up and adorned with baby's breath and a red carnation. She carried a bouquet of white daisies and a single yellow sunflower accented with wisps of treetern and baby's breath. She also wore a pearl necklace and earrings.

The maid of honor was Leah Dulaney, sister of the bride. She wore a cocktail length, red silk halter top dress with a sweetheart neckline and a flowing high-low handkerchief style hemline. She carried a bouquet of white daisies accented with a single red Gerber daisy, fern and baby's breath.

The best man was Jon Schneider, a friend of the groom.

Ushers were Kelsey Dulaney, Adam Tacktor and Joshua Tacktor.

A reception was given at the Antrim Dells Golf Clubhouse in Atwood. The wedding cake was made by the bride's mother.

A rehearsal dinner was given at the home of Allen Dhaseleer.

The couple went to Chicago, Ill. on a wedding trip. They are making Essexville their home.

Matthew is a service writer at Labadie Toyota-Jeep in Bay City. Cailin is a student at Saginaw Valley State University.

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Marriage

Bragg — Wildman

Rebecca Bragg and Will Wildman, both of Charlevoix, were married June 25, 2004 at the Wildman Ranch, in Silver Cliff, Wis.

Rebecca is the daughter of Jeanne Sites, of Charlevoix, and Dan Bragg, of Boyne City. Will is the son of Carol Cormack, of Petoskey, and Billy Wildman, of Silver Cliff, Wis.

The matron of honor was Linda Burtt. Bridesmaids were Carrie Wakulat, Liz Dohn, Carrie Farkas and Marty Wells. Mikaya Dixon and Olivia Wells were flower girls.

The ring bearer was Brandon Clark.

The best man was Dave Kenwabikise. Groomsmen were Tony Pearsall, Corey Cauture, Beau Wildman and Kevin Wells.

A reception was given at the Wildman Ranch after the wedding. A rehearsal dinner was at Bombers Golf Course the night before.

The couple are making Charlevoix their home.

Will works for Pearsall Construction and Rebecca will be graduating from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science in education in May 2005.

Trout group to have dinner

On Thursday, April 28, the Miller-Van Winkle Chapter of Trout Unlimited will have its annual banquet at the Perry Hotel.

The cocktail hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with the dinner at 7:30 p.m. A loon 138 "Predator Kayak" will be raffled off (need not be present to win) and other activities include a silent auction, door prizes and other raffle items.

The banquet is open to members wwwwand non-members.

The ticket price is $35 for a single and $60 for two. Tickets for the event can be obtained from Boyne Country Books and the Grouse Feather in Boyne City, Central Drug in Charlevoix, Cutler Gifts in Petoskey, The Outfitter in Harbor Springs or you can contact Jim Howell at 582-7751.

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Obituary

Eugene Conklin Tower: Died March 13, 2005

Eugene Conklin Tower, 89, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at the Hospice of Palm Beach County (Bethesda Hospital).

He is survived hy his beloved wife of 61 years, Nancy Connett Tower, his loving daughter Tory Folliard (Tom Folliard) of Milwaukee, Wis., and two terrific grandchildren, Elizaheth and George Folliard. He was preceded in death by his devoted sister Dorothy D'Esposito of Evanston, Illinois.

Gene grew up in Hastings-on-the Hudson, N.Y. and attended St. John's College in Annapolis, Md.

He served during World War II as a Major in the U.S. Army and was awarded the bronze star and purple heart for his service.

Following the war he rejoined Uniroyal Tire where he had various marketing positions during his 35 year career with the company. Upon his retirement from Uniroyal in 1975 he founded the Banner Tire Company in Boca Raton, Fla.

During the last 23 years he spent his winters at the Country Club of Florida, Village of Golf, where he, over the years, served the golf program in various capacities. Over the last 60 years Gene spent his summers at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix, where he was a past president of the Belvedere Golf Club and a golf club champion.

Gene was a devoted and loyal friend to many.

He had a wonderful sense of humor, a very positive outlook on life, and great compassion for people. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Hospice to sponsor grief support meetings

Losing a spouse, parent or child due to death is sometimes more than we can bear. Also emotionally taxing is getting divorced, losing your job, moving, dealing with a chronic illness or even losing a pet.

Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designed to help people cope.

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on consecutive Tuesday from April 19 through May 17 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 207 Nichols Street, in East Jordan. The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly the Charlevoix County Hospice), Northwest Michigan community health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency.

The program is designed to help those grow through grief, and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitators for this program are Pastor Carl Litchfield, Hospice spiritual advisor and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator.

Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

The group would appreciate anyone interested in attending these classes to pre-register by calling the hospice office at 536-2842. There is no charge for this program.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Play time

Mary Rose Birch (left) and her daughter Jackie Remus, both of Chicago, Ill., were seen playing on Michigan Beach Monday with their dogs. They were waiting for the Beaver Island ferry's first trip of the year. Birch recently bought a home on the island.

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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m

Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m
Worship Service	11:00 a.m

Pastor:
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Sunday Service	11:00 a.m
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m
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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m
Evening Service	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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Emerald Ash Borer found in county

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Emerald Ash Borer has been detected in Charlevoix County.

An infestation was found at Young State Park. Survey crews are currently working to determine the extent of the problem.

Jennifer Quimby, spokesperson for the Emerald Ash Borer program, said once the survey is complete and the information is sent back to the Lansing office a work plan will he formed in order to determine how best to handle the infestation.

"It is probably due to the movement of infested firewood," she said.

The Emerald Ash Borer program is a cooperative venture between the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the Michigan State University extension, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Quimby said the survey crews can be expected to stay in the area for about two more weeks so landowners shouldn't be alarmed if they see anyone in bright vests walking about. The crews will also have state identifications on them.

The survey work takes as long as needed and depends on the density of the ash trees and the weather.

Once all the information is gathered, Quimby said a series of public advisories will be given before anything final is decided as to the treatment of the infestation.

The treatment will depend on the size of the problem and also available funding.

"We didn't get full funding as we'd hoped for, which also is a factor in our work plan," Quimby said.

The Emerald Ash Borer is naturally found in eastern Russia, northern China, Japan and Korea. However, in the summer of 2002 the exotic beetle was discovered in the Detroit area.

Until June 2002, the beetle had never been found in North America, according to information provided by www.emeraldashborer.info.

The Emerald Ash Borer isn't only affecting Michigan as it was also found in northern Indiana in 2004 and in Ohio in 2003. It has also been discovered in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Since 2002, the beetle has killed between eight and 10 million ash trees in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, but most of the devastation occurred in southeastern Michigan.

The main infestation occurred in six counties in southeastern Michigan including Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Since December 2004, the quarantined area now includes 14 counties: Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Saginaw, Shiawassee and St. Clair.

The adult Emerald Ash Borer is about half an inch long and a dark, green metallic color.

The adults don't do much damage as they eat some leaves, but the larvae get in between the hark and the inner wood of ash trees and eat all the nutrients.

Currently, all species of ash trees are susceptible.

Adult Emerald Ash Borers emerge in the spring and have a one, two or three year life cycle. Two weeks after emerging, the female beetles lay eggs, which hatch in one to two weeks.

When the larvae eat the nutrients, they harm the tree by interrupting the water and nutrient conducting tissues under the bark.

The ash tree then begins to thin in the canopy and eventually will start to die.

A large tree can be killed in three to four years while a smaller tree can be killed in one to two years, according to information provided by www.emeraldashborer.info.

For more information go to www.emeraldashborer.info or go to michigan.gov/eab.

Calls can be made to the Michigan Department of Agriculture's regional office in Traverse City at (231) 922-5210 or a local Michigan State University extension.

Calls can also be made to the Emerald Ash Borer Hotline at (866) 325-0023; The United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service can he reached at (866) 322-4512.

Chorale group sponsors scholarship

The Northern Michigan Chorale is sponsoring a vocal music scholarship. It is available to any Northern Michigan resident high school age or older.

Letters of application are due hy Friday, May 6. Please include your name, address and phone number. Specify the planned use for the grant, such as vocal lessons or music camp assistance. High School applicants should provide a letter of recommendation from your music instructor.

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St. Mary announces 2005-2006 registration

Registration is underway at St. Mary School for the upcoming 2005-06 school year.

St. Marys offers classes from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Open House and registration for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. Parents are invited to bring their children to meet the teachers and learn more about the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten programs.

Registration is open to the public and a $30 registration fee is required for new school families. If a parent is unable to attend the open house, they may call the school office at 547-9441 for registration information.

The pre-kindergarten class is from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and parents may choose a three-day or five-day program. It is designed to meet the needs of the developing 4- and 5-year-olds and is open to children who will be 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2005.

St. Marys offers a full-day Kindergarten program which is five days a week and incorporates academics with other activities, such as music, art, physical education, library and computers. If parents prefer to send their child only in the mornings, a half-day option is available for them. The kindergarten program is open to students who will be five years old by Dec. 1, 2005.

New at St. Marys this fall will be a day care program which will allow parents to drop off their children, ages 4 and up, as early as 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. The day care program is also available on those days from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. This service is not only offered to parents of St. Marys students but is available to any parents in the community.

For further information on programs offered at St Marys or to arrange a visit to the school, please call the school office at 547-9441.

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Health department offers end-of-life document

In the wake of the controversy surrounding Terri Schiavo's treatment, many people are thinking about how they would want to be treated if seriously ill and unable to speak for themselves.

The "Five Wishes" document does just that, in easy-to-understand language, not in "doctor speak" or "lawyer talk."

Copies of "Five Wishes" are available at health department offices in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord, and the office of Hospice of Northwest Michigan in East Jordan. Staff from the Health Department Home Health and Hospice program can help people to complete the "Five Wishes" form.

"We recommend that everyone, regardless of their age, discuss their wishes for end-of-life care with their doctors and their family member and put those wishes in writing. Five Wishes is the easiest way to do that," said Lynda Bockstahler, supervisor for Hospice Services for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Bockstahler says hospice does not make decisions for patients or families or sit in judgment of their choices, agreeing with a National Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) statement that, "hospice provides information on care options and compassionately carries out those decisions with respect for their wishes and the laws of the land. This land. This enduring focus on the patient's wishes and the provision of interdisciplinary care are the cornerstone of hospice."

Five Wishes is unique among all other living wills and advance medical directive documents because it looks to all of a person's end-of-life needs: medical, personal, emotional, and spiritual.

It lets your family members and doctors know which person you want to make health care decisions for you when you can't make them. The kind of medical treatment you want or don't want. How comfortable you want to be. How you want people to treat you. What you want your loved ones to know.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department and certified home health and hospice serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For additional information about end-of-life decisions and the "Five Wishes" document, telephone the Health Department at (231) 547-6092, Hospice of Northwest Michigan at (231) 536-2842, or visit www.nwhealth.org www.nwhealth.org.

Zonta offers 'Women in Business Scholarship'

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, which awards $400 to an outstanding young Woman living in Charlevoix County currently studying business at the undergraduate level.

Applicants must have completed 2-3 years in an accredited undergraduate program, demonstrate outstanding academic credentials, identify the relevance of the applicant's academic program to the business field and outline the applicant's professional and career goals as they relate to advancing women in the field of business.

Applications are available at the Petoskey and Traverse City college campuses or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is May 20 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in early June.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the district, which awards an additional $400 to the district winner.

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County reminds citizens of recycling rules

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee has been working hard to bring new programs to the area and to continue helping to save the environment.

Shirley Roloff, chairperson for the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee, said efforts have been underway for 25 years to bring recycling to the area and was successful in 2000 when the committee formed.

The committee is funded through a milleage that allows six different recycling sites to exist. The Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Beaver Island, Boyne Valley and Melrose Township sites all take in the same items, but some are able to offer more.

Currently, only the Melrose Township and East Jordan sites are operating a new program to recycle office paper and junk mail.

Roloff said in a statement that it's the hope of the committee to have the program expand to other sites this summer. Since many people recycle, the bins can become full quickly and Roloff said people should take care to not leave anything sitting on the ground.

People should flatten all items before putting them in the bins, especially cardboard, which allows more to fit in the bins and keeps the area tidy.

Roloff said the committee is going to issue tickets if recycling is left on the ground next to a bin in order to help combat the problem.

Aside from the new program that recycles office paper, the six recycling sites take in newspaper, magazines and catalogues that are dry and not yellowed.

Plastic items labeled numbers one and two are accepted, but not trays, clamshells, brown bottles or bags or tubs labeled numbers one or two.

Aluminum cans are also accepted along with clear class bottles and jars. Light bulbs, window glass and glass dishes are not accepted.

Blue, green and brown colored glass is currently only accepted at the Beaver Island and East Jordan recycling locations.

Cardboard such as boxboard that is used for cereal boxes and paper towel rolls are accepted. Cardboard items such as boxes meant for use in freezers or coolers, pop can cases and butter boxes are not accepted.

Styrofoam is not accepted at any location.

All items should be rinsed and flattened if applicable. Also, labels and stickers should be picked off aluminum cans.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day is on June 18 and Charlevoix County residents will be able to drop off any old appliances at no charge.

Starting June 1, calls will be taken to schedule drop off times for old appliances and voucher requests will also be taken by calling Kelly Martin of the Charlevoix Conservation District at 582-6193 or 582-7341.

Appliances will be dropped off at East Jordan Auto Parts located at 210 Elm Street in East Jordan.

In 2004, the 1,147.25 tons of newspaper, other paper products and cardboard that was recycled saved about 13,800 trees, according to information provided by the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee.

Also, recycling by the county saved over 12.3 billion BTU's of energy, which is enough to power 122 households for a year, based on average energy use figures from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information on recycling or the committee, go to www.charlevoixcounty.org/recycling.asp or call Roloff at 547-6169.

Police capture break-in suspect in two minutes

Within two minutes of the crime, Charlevoix City Police had a 17-year-old Charlevoix man in custody for a break-in around 3 a.m., Friday, April 8 at Don's Market on Bridge Street.

According to Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson, an alert neighbor to Don's Market's heard a front window being broken out of the store. The resident quickly called 9-1-1 and a city police officer was on the scene within two minutes.

"I am not sure if two minutes is a record, but it sure doesn't hurt our average," Halverson said.

According to police, the man, Raymond Thomas McManus, had entered the store and removed cigarettes. But, in the process of breaking out the window of the store, McManus received some minor injuries from the broken glass.

McManus refused treatment and was lodged in Charlevoix County Jail, where he awaits arraignment.

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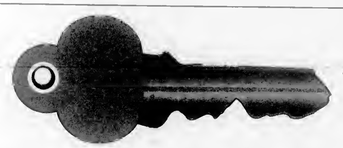
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Prom kits available

With high school proms coming up soon, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan is promoting responsible decision-making with free Prom Kits.

These kits can be used as a tool for parents to encourage their teens to have fun after prom without using alcohol or engaging in risky behaviors.

"We encourage parents to come in and pick up a Kit," said Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Director of Education Lori O'Neill. "The information and materials included will help them have discussions with their teens about responsible decision-making. We first offered the Prom Kits in 1994, and they have been very popular every year since."

The Prom Kits include brochures on Communicating with Teens about sexuality, drinking and driving, date rape drugs, abstinence and other important topics.

"While prom is a fun night for high school students, it is important for teens to understand how drug or alcohol use can reduce inhibitions, increasing the risk of irresponsible sexual activity. Teens also need information on communicating with their dates about sexual limit setting," said O'Neill. "Parents can help by reinforcing this before prom, and Planned Parenthood's Prom Kits can help parents begin conversations with their teen to help ensure a safe, fun evening."

Planned Parenthood encourages teens to make healthy, responsible choices. The Prom Kits are intended to give parents the information they need to have those important talks and to remind them that peer pressure is an integral part of teens' social life. The more skills and information our young people have, the better prepared they will be to stand up for their own values.

The kits include brochures on birth control and prevention of sexually transmitted infections. The kits do not contain condoms.

Prom Kits are available at Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan health center at 1003 Spring St. in Petoskey. They are free, while supplies last. For more information call (231) 347-9692.

Area hospital to offer CPR classes April 23

Would you know what to do in a cardiac emergency?

During the month of April, Charlevoix Area Hospital is teaching community members to know how to respond by offering a free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) class.

The class is being offered through a partnership with the American Heart Association.

The class takes place from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 23, at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive in Charlevoix. Residents interested in participating can call Connie Roland at 547-8570 to register.

Instructors will train participants using the American Heart Association's Family and Friends course.

This is a community CPR course and does not meet CPR certification requirements of employment or required professional credentials. However, the state Good Samaritan law protects all laypersons trained in CPR.

The course lasts about 3-4 hours and is based on the American Heart Association's longstanding guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency cardiovascular care.

In addition to training local residents, the American Heart Association's life support courses are used to train more than six million people each year.

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Public comment wanted over big box ordinance

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Residents can voice their opinions on a proposed city ordinance that would limit some retail buildings in the city to 45,000 square feet during a public hearing on May 2.

The ordinance was written in response to now-defunct plans to build a 150,000 square foot Wal-Mart supercenter in Charlevoix Township. Charlevoix Township is considering a similar ordinance.

The proposed ordinance states, "Any Single retail business shall not occupy a gross leasable area of greater than 45,000 square feet within a free standing or multi-tenant building, such as a shopping center."

The ordinance further states, "The intent of this section is to insure that large retail development is of a quality that enhances the character of Charlevoix, and does not overwhelm its surroundings, and protects and contributes to the health safety and welfare of the community. Large retail development can result in substantial impacts to the community, such as, but not limited to, noise, traffic, community character, environment and the local economy."

This ordinance impacts retailers with a gross leasable area of greater than 15,000 square feet.

The ordinance will face a public hearing at 7 p.m., May 2 in city council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall on State Street. If it is enacted, it will become effective 30 days later.

Area libraries looking for a baby that was born to read

Several area libraries are looking for a baby that was born to read.

Alanson Area, Boyne District, Crooked Tree District, Jordan Valley District, and the Charlevoix and Petoskey Public Libraries, in cooperation with Northern Michigan Hospital and Charlevoix Area Hospital will be on the "lookout" for the fist babies born after 12 a.m., Sunday, April 10, which is the first "official" day of national Library Week.

These children will be declared the 2005 "Born-to-Read Baby" for their respective hospital.

The family of each baby will receive a bag of reading related items and the child and his/her family will be announced as soon as it is practical for the family to do so.

"This is the ninth year area libraries have collaborated with the hospitals in declaring a "Born-to-Read Baby" during National Library Week, said Valerie Meyerson, library director at the Charlevoix Public Library.

"National Library week is the perfect time for highlighting our libraries and the importance of pre-reading activities for our youngest patrons."

Photos of last year's winners can be found by scrolling down at: www.petoskeylibrary.org/framesety.phtml?parent=6.

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A public hearing will be held by the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission on April 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at 12491 Waller Road, to take public comments on proposed Amendments to the Township Zoning Ordinance. The following language in bold face font represents the proposed amendments:

1. Amend Article V, Section 5.2 E. 1., Change one-family dwelling minimum lot area from 15,000 to **12,000** Square Feet.
2. Amend Article V, Section 5.6 B. Permitted Principal Uses. Land and buildings in the C Commercial District shall be used only for the following purposes, provided **no single-tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet and** the
3. Amend Article V, Section 5.6 C. Uses Permitted with Special Conditions. Land and buildings permitted with special conditions shall be used for the following purposes, provided **no single tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet,** the
4. Amend Article V, 5.6 D. Uses Permitted by Special Use Permit. Add the following: **5. SIngle tenant occupancies exceedlng a footprint of 20,000 square feet. No single tenant occupancy shall exceed a footprint area of 90,000 square feet.**
5. Amend Article VIII Special Land Uses, Section 8.3 F. 4. b. 4). Change the size of large buildings from 2,000 to 20,000 square feet.
6. Amend Article VIII Special Land Uses, Section 8.3 to add Subsection H as follows:

H. **Single Tenant Occupancies Exceeding a Footprint Area of 20,000 Square Feet in the C Commercial District.** In addition to the General Standards listed in Section 8.2 A of this Ordinance, the following conditions shall apply:

1. Purpose. The purposes of this Section are to satisfy the purposes and intents of the Township Master Plan which are to insure that large buildings and occupancies: fit the small town character and appearance of the community, do not become a blighting influence, are more readily able to be reused if abandoned, and do not adversely impact existing businesses, the community, or the neighborhood.

2. Design Standards.

a. Building Placement.

1) Buildings shall have a well-defined front facade with entrances facing the street. They shall be aligned so that the dominant lines of their facades parallel the line of the street.

2) The relationships between buildings and the street shall be parallel or perpendicular rather than oblique or diagonal. Front facades shall be parallel to the street with major roof ridges either parallel or perpendicular to the street.

3) New buildings and additions to existing buildings shall maintain and continue the "street wall" created by adjacent buildings.

b. Architecture.

1) Buildings or parts of buildings facing onto public spaces and streets, including canopies for accessory facilities, shall have peaked roofs with a slope of at least 8:12, except that hip roofs with a slope of at least 4:12 and flat roofs that are hidden by a raised cornice shall also be permitted.

2) Windows shall be vertically proportioned and balanced on facades, with width to height ratios ranging from 1:2 to 3:5. Horizontal windows may be used just below roof eaves ("eyebrow" windows) and as first-floor display windows.

3) Trademark architecture, which identifies a specific company by building design features, shall be prohibited, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the design is compatible with the historic architecture of Charlevoix.

4) Large buildings shall be broken up to provide the appearance of smaller volumes consistent with the use and building proportions found in the region's traditional architecture. Generally, facades facing a street shall have the appearance of several vertical buildings attached side by side.

5) Buildings shall have windows and doors at street level, on the street sides of the building, to encourage pedestrian traffic and commercial activity.

6) No buildings shall have more than 15 horizontal feet of wall facing the street without a window or door opening.

7) Building materials for the exterior walls of all new buildings that are visible from a street shall be wood, brick, stone or similar materials traditionally used in the Charlevoix area. Building walls and structures that are not visible from a street shall be constructed of wood, stone, brick, concrete block, metal, and similar materials.

c. Lighting. Lighting within parking lots shall be on low poles of 12 feet to 15 feet maximum height, with color-corrected lamps and cut-off luminaries designed to minimize glare and light pollution. Design of poles and luminaries shall be compatible with the style of the architecture and adjoining streetscape treatment. Sidewalks leading from parking lots shall be lit with bollard lighting and indirect illumination of buildings and vegetation.

d. Landscaping. Minimum three-inch caliper shade trees, measured at breast height, shall be provided along all streets and pedestrian ways at intervals averaging twenty feet on each side. Existing trees, lawns and shrubs shall be preserved to the extent practical. Landscaping shall not be required as buffers between uses unless the uses are determined by the Planning Commission to be incompatible.

e. Access and Connections. Access shall be provided in accordance with the Access Management requirements of Section 3.18 of this Ordinance.

f. Sidewalks. Sidewalks or defined walkways shall be provided leading from parking lots and along streets.

g. Parking and Loading.

1) The Planning Commission may reduce the off-street parking and loading requirements of Article VI if the applicant can demonstrate that full compliance is unnecessary because of the characteristics of the proposed use, the availability of shared or public parking, or other circumstances. The Planning Commission may also consider "proof of parking" in lieu of finished parking improvements provided the applicant agrees in writing to provide parking when it is deemed to be needed by the Commission.

2) On-street parking and shared parking shall be encouraged where feasible.

3) Parking lots shall be located to the rear and side of buildings, and shall be laid out to minimize visibility from existing streets, wherever possible. Parking in front of a building shall consist of no more than one bay width or sixty (60) feet.

4) Rear parking lots shall be connected to adjoining parking lots and side streets, if any, and shall have clearly delineated pedestrian paths leading to the sidewalks along the street.

3. Additional **Requirements For Buildings Exceeding a Footprint Area of 50,000 Square Feet.** The following shall be required:

a. Market Feasibility Study. A retail market study shall accompany the application that indicates the potential of the market to accommodate the project and the impact of the proposed project on existing retail businesses in the Charlevoix market area.

b. Traffic Study. A traffic impact study shall accompany the application indicating the effects of the proposed development on the level of service of all existing and proposed intersections within one mile of the project and how traffic impacts will be mitigated.

c. Adaptability For Reuse Plan. The building design for a retail use shall demonstrate how the building is designed for adaptation to a multi-tenant building in the event of the abandonment of the single tenant occupancy. The design may include, but is not limited to, compartmentalized construction, including plumbing, electrical, service, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and wall placement. The plans shall also demonstrate how the exterior of the building can be divided into separate tenancies, facades can be adapted to separate entrances, parking can be shared, and the exterior can be maintained as a multi-tenant occupancy.

7. Amend Article XIV, Definitions, to include the following new definitions:
Single Tenant Occupancy - The area of a lot that is used by a single tenant, exclusive of parking.
Footprint Area - The area of the ground floor of a building computed by measuring the exterior faces of the exterior walls of said building.
Proof of Parking - Demonstration on the site plan that parking equal to Ordinance requirements is satisfied on the lot, some of which is not improved, but may be required by the Township to be improved if parking demand warrants at a later date.
8. Amend Article XII, Administration and Enforcement, Section 12.1 F. 2., replacing Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals with **Township Board.**

You may appear and testify at the hearing, either in person or by duly authorized agent, or you may provide written comments to the Township Clerks Office prior to the hearing and they will become part of the hearing record. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance and Amendments are available for inspection in the Township Clerks Office on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Carol Martin, Township Clerk

March of Dimes to have annual fund-raisers

The March of Dimes, serving in Charlevoix and Petoskey, is asking that residents in northern Michigan join hundreds of their neighbors who will be participating in two coming fund-raising events.

Both of these events are important because they are the main source of funds for the March of Dimes.

The primary focus of the March of Dimes is the prevention of premature births. More than 470,000 babies, one out of every eight, are born prematurely in the United States each year. Some are so tiny they cannot even cry. Many of those babies die, while others face lifelong disabilities. Funds raised by the March of Dimes are used in research programs to prevent premature births and provide education and support to help affected families.

The first event will be on Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21.

Everybody is invited to Bowl for Babies at Northern Lights Recreation on the Harbor-Petoskey Road. The time reserved for this event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and, if they would like, bowlers can call ahead to reserve a specific, preferred time.

Each bowler contributes at least $50, typically raised through pledges and sponsors. Bowlers get two free lines and will be eligible for prizes. Pledge envelopes are available at Northern Lights Recreation.

The second event is the annual Walk America. This is a 5 mile walk, beginning and ending at the Winter Sports Park in Petoskey. The walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14.

For pledge envelopes or information, please call Bill Soellner at (231) 526-0301 or Pete Staelens at (231) 348-3708.

Golf tournament to support county DARE program

The Boyne City Police Department and Charlevoix County Sheriff Department will be hosting the annual DARE Golf benefit and Dinner fund raising event on May 12 at Boyne Mountain.

Tee time is noon on the Alpine Course and dinner is at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center at Boyne Mountain.

There are prizes awarded on the par three holes, longest drives, most putts and closes to the pin. A hole in one on 17 is worth up to $5,000 cash, and is being sponsored by Korthase Insurance in Boyne City.

The golf tournament is a four person, shotgun start scramble. Dinner follows at 5 p.m. and is part of your entry fee, and will include prime rib being served. The cost of golf and dinner together is $80 per person, and will also include a group photo for each member of your team.

If you don't care to golf, dinner can be purchased for $14.50. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Boyne City Police Department.

The departments are also seeking hole sponsors. For $100 you or your business can sponsor a hole and have a professionally produced sign by Mitchell Graphics posted on that hole. For a $300 hole sponsorship you will receive an engraved plaque and two dinner tickets in addition to the advertising sign.

If you cannot participate, but still wish to support the DARE program you can send a cash donation.

The DARE association is also seeking items to be given away at the dinner as door prizes. If you have items you wish to donate, you can drop them off at the Boyne City Police Department or call 582-6611 and let them know you have items that need to be picked up and someone will stop by.

There are a limited number of spaces for golfers, so if you are interested in golfing please get your entry fees in soon.

Anyone who is interested, and needs more information or an information flyer, should call the Boyne City Police Department at (231) 582-6611 and ask for Bardel Belford or Assistant Chief Jeff Gettel.

The proceeds from the fund-raiser are used to purchase educational materials, train DARE officers, purchase graduations supplies and instructional equipment used for the DARE program.

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Military news

(Editor's note: In an attempt to keep the community informed on Charlevoix citizens in the service, we have added this section to the Charlevoix Courier on a monthly basis. If you know of any Charlevoix residents that are currently serving in the military and are not listed in this section, please contact the Courier at (231) 547-6558.)

Several Charlevoix residents or relatives of area residents are currently serving in the military and are either overseas in Iraq or stateside. Their efforts are recognized here.

Currently Overseas:

ARMY

1st Lt. Anthony Doan, 26 — serving as a part of the 506th Combat Infantry; was stationed in Korea in 2003; could stay deployed in Iraq for 18 months to a year; been in the Army for three years; inspired Operation Beanie Baby after hearing a radio operator wish for something to give to the Iraqi children; currently stationed at Camp Habbaniyah in Iraq since August.

1st Lt. Waylon Gross, 24 — stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas; is a platoon leader and featured in Stars & Stripes Magazine because his platoon has been fired upon more times than all the other platoons in his division combined; currently stationed in Baghdad.

Sgt. Country J. Middleton, 28 — recently called back for deployment to Iraq for 18 months; previously served in active duty for four years and was a part of Task Force Falcon, a multi-national peacekeeping mission in the Kosovo Campaign, which led him into Bosnia and Albania; stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; currently stationed in Kuwait.

Sgt. Sean Roberts, 25 — serving as a part of 1st Division, 41st Infantry, Charlie Company; stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; is serving on his third tour in Iraq; is projected to come home sometime between the middle of June to the first week in July; currently stationed at Camp Cuervo in Baghdad.

Pfc. James Wiklanski, 26 — has served for almost two years; a member of the 3rd Infantry Division, 1-3 Attack Aviation Brigade, Delta Company; was deployed to Iraq on Jan. 21 for a year to 18 months; stationed out of Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Sgt. Todd Weaver, 41 — has served for 12 years; first time overseas for active duty; stationed out of Camp Grayling; sent to Fort Bliss, Texas and has been in Iraq since March.

AIR FORCE

Staff Sgt. Dane Crain, 25 — has served since 1998; stationed out of Moody Air Force Base, Ga.; was deployed to Saudia Arabia three times, once to Kuwait, once to Iraq and once to Qatar; was deployed to Qatar again in March 2005 for approximately six months making it his seventh tour to the Middle East.

Senior Airman Collin J. Keller, 23 — has served for over two and a half years as a member of the Security Forces; was first stationed in Cheyenne, Wyo.; recently completed a year tour in Kunsan Air Base in South Korea where he was selected to attend the Army's elite SWAT training program and completed it with high honors; is qualified to attend Military Dog Training School and is looking forward to advance his career in K-9; currently stationed at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany.

Staff Sgt. Timothy McWatters, 26 — currently stationed at Aviano Air Force Base in Italy; has been in for several years.

Airman Elizabeth Powers, 20 — stationed out of Fort Pope in Fayetteville, N.C. and is currently stationed in Balad, Iraq.

Senior Master Sgt. Troy Swegles, 37 — has served for 20 years; was in Baghdad at the beginning of the war in 2003 for 90 days; has been in the Middle East several times for tours of duty including Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Kuwait; was also stationed in Haiti, Cuba and the Philippines; currently stationed out of Molesworth Air Force Base in England for the second time.

Senior Master Sgt. Gerald Thompson, 41 — stationed out of Camp Darby in Italy; was stationed in Korea for about 18 months; stationed in Saudi Arabia this summer for about four months; could face possible deployment to Iraq.

MARINES

Staff Sgt. James Ciuk Jr., 36 — stationed out of Camp Pendleton, Calif.; did a six month tour in Okinawa; currently on his second tour in Iraq.

Joshua Popenhagen, 20 — stationed out of Camp Lejeune, N.C.; presently deployed in Iraq.

NAVY

Petty Officer 3rd class Matthew J. Campbell, 25 — was in Iraq for five months at the start of the war; has been stationed aboard the USS Kitty Hawk out of Yokuska, Japan since 1999.

Lt. Cmdr. Mark Lignell, 43 — has served actively for two and a half years, but has been involved for eight years while educating himself; serves as the department head of anesthesiology at the naval base at Yokosuka, Japan.

CIVILIAN CONTRACTOR

Jamey Spencley, 36 — previously served as an interrogation specialist from 1992 to 1996 with the Army; was deployed to Haiti as a part of Operation Uphold Democracy; has recently volunteered as a civilian contractor to do work as an interrogation specialist; shipped out of Fort Bliss, Texas; currently stationed in Afghanistan.

Currently Stateside:

ARMY

Sgt. Troy Drebenstedt, 21 — stationed out of Fort Riley, Kan.; serving as part of the Big Red One, First Infantry Division; was involved in Operation Generosity I, which supplied fun items to children; involved in Operation Generosity II, which will supply winter clothing for residents in the area; was stationed at Camp Anaconda in Balad, Iraq; is currently home.

Spc. Tara Gross, 24 — was stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.; is out of the Army.

Sgt. 1st Class Jimmie L. McWatters, 60 — has been in the Army for 23 years; currently stationed out of Camp Grayling, Michigan.

Sgt. Kent Newland, 24 — stationed out of Fort Richardson, Alaska; was on tour with a regiment for nine months in Afghanistan; served as a part of the Army Airborne 501st Parachute Infantry; currently faeing possible re-deployment to Iraq this spring.

Capt. Douglas E. Sloan, 38 — stationed out of Fort Drum, N.Y.; was deployed to Al Fallujah, Iraq; currently facing re-deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan in May 2005; took command of Battle Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry on Sept. 29, which he served with in Iraq; has received numerous awards and decorations.

Pfc. Nicholas Strong, 21 — serving as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, 3rd Brigade of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon; currently serving as grenadier for the 2nd Platoon; was deployed for one year and stationed at a camp near the International Green Zone in Baghdad; is currently home and stationed out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Curtis Theisen, 25 — currently home from serving in Tikrit, Iraq; was attached to an engineering corps out of Platteville, Wis.; inactive status, but could face possible re-deployment.

MILITARY POLICE — ARMY

Spc. Benjamin Frederick, 20 — serving as a part of the 1st Calvary, 545th Military Police Company, 4th Platoon; was deployed for about one year and stationed at Camp Victory in Baghdad; is currently home and stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

Sgt. Scott A. Campbell, 29 — has served for 11 years; served stateside in Homeland Security for six months at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (formerly Selfridge Air Force Base); currently stationed out of Camp Grayling.

Spc. Jeffery Riley, 20 — stationed out of Camp Grayling; serving as a firefighter; was stationed in Mosul, Iraq; currently home in Charlevoix.

Sgt. Gerald Zeitler, 41 — stationed out of Cheboygan; will be retiring in April 2005, served overseas in Egypt for about six months.

AIR FORCE

Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell, 25 — stationed out of San Angelo, Texas; in 2001 served in Saudi Arabia for three months; in 2002 was sent to Oman for six months, but came home the day the war started; is a firefighter instructor.

Airman Robert Helm Jr., 20 — stationed out of Montana; part of the Space and Missile Technology Program.

Airman 1st Class Christopher Loper, 21 — has served for almost two years; could face possible deployment to Iraq; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Staff Sgt. Marcus McWatters, 25 — currently stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida; has been in for several years.

Airman 1st Class Hayley Torres, 21 — has served for almost two years; is currently a medical technician; not currently facing deployment to Iraq; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Airman 1st Class Jesus "Skip" Torres III, 20 — will have served two years in February; currently a medical technician; could face possible deployment to Iraq in May 2005; first time overseas if deployed; currently stationed out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

Staff Sgt. Brett Vander Heide, 27 — was stationed in Turkey, Bahrain and Qatar; also served one year in Korea; was stationed at Pope Air Force Base at Fort Bragg, N.C.; has left the service after serving for six years.

Senior Airman Dale Williams, 21 — has been in for two and half years; is currently stationed out of Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Senior Airman Shannon L. Grayson, 23 — graduated from basic training on March 12, 2004 from Lockland Air Force Base, Texas; graduated from munitions systems apprentice course on May, 19, 2004 from Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and received the Ammo Warrior Award; unsure about possible deployment to Iraq; currently a member of the Air National Guard in Duluth, Minn. but on May 2 will go on active duty.

MARINES

Cpl. Daniel Bennett, 23 — served in Iraq for eight months; been in the Marine Reserves for over four years; is currently home but could face re-deployment starting in January 2005.

Cpl. Dawson Matter, 23 — was deployed to Iraq for eight months and stationed in Fallujah; received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; is out of the Marine Corps, but is subject to being called back for the next four years.

Mary Selph, 22 — currently stationed in California.

NAVY

EOC Kyle A. Louiselle, 22 — has served as a SeaBee for two years; is an Equipment Operator Constructionman (EOC); received the Junior Sailor of the Quarter Award from the Master Chief at Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.; received a letter of commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations at the Pentagon; a Top Honor Graduate in April 2003 from Construction Equipment Training School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; currently stationed in Monterey, Calif.

Senior Chief Petty Officer (EAC) Alvin Veenstra, 37 — will have served 18 years in February; serving as an Engineering Aide Chief (EAC) and with the SeaBees, a construetion battalion and currently serving with the 7th Naval Construction Regiment out of Rhode Island; works hand-in-hand with the Marine Corps; last year was stationed in Rota, Spain for six months with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26 out of Mount Clemens; is currently home from being in Fallujah.

Information is not known about the following individuals except for they are currently serving or did serve: (AIR FORCE) Dustin Albaugh, Crystal Beach, Kevin Beach, Jeff Schlinger, Paul Walker, (MARINES) Blake Renshaw and (NAVY) Christopher Hawk, Garry Miller and Phillip Slocum.

Information is not known about what branch of the military these individuals served with: Sophie Bootz, Jacob Clark, Nathan Clark, Tiffany Matter, Markus McWatters, Timothy McWatters, Garry Miller, LeEtta Miller, Leonard Nemeth, Christian Pashingbauer, Gregory Starr, Cody Thompson, Billy Werner and Steve Woodbeck.

Bradley Rykse is no longer in the Marine Corps and Kevin Ranum is home.

If anyone is interested in a free blue star flag call Joseph Seidel at 547-2181 or the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post at 547-9203.

Zonta to offer Mary Feindt Scholarship

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship, which awards a $500 scholarship to one female high school senior who will be attending college following graduation, and who plans to pursue a math or science-related major in college.

The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on financial need and her involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields, not on her GPA or academic record. This is excluding the fields of medical science and computer science.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the student must complete the Mary Feindt Scholarship application, submit a written essay and provide two letters of recommendation from a math or science instructor which confirms the student involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields. Also excluding medical and computer science.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is May 13, 2005 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Joan Buday, Scholarship Committee Chairwoman, 104 St. Mary's Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in May.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Bergmann Center to have dinner, auction

Bergmann Center, Inc. will be having its third annual "Starlight Dinner and Live Auction of 2005" on May 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix.

This year's fund-raising event will begin with browsing the auction items at 12:30 p.m. along with entertainment by Chris Dominic. Dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. which is being catered by Guiseppe's Italian Grille and the auction will begin immediately following dinner.

Bergmann Center is excited to have Dominic donate his time and talents to entertain the audience.

This is his third year singing at the auction, which provides an environment filled with music and dancing.

Some of the many auction items donated range from a woman's day out, golf packages, tools, handcrafted items and overnight trips to Mackinac Island.

The auction is a wonderful evening by getting more than your money's worth from the purchases that you take home.

If you are interested in making a donation or purchasing tickets at $30 per person or $50 a couple call Kim Brock or Aimee VanderArk at (231) 547-2979.

Bergmann Center Inc. is a 501c3 private non-profit organization founded in 1965 which provides services that enable the mentally and physically challenged adults to become active, involved members of the community.

It serves 50 people from Emmet, Charlevoix and Antrim counties by providing them with community integration and work skills to help them get competitive employment and reach their highest level of independence.

All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the IRS Code.

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Charlevoix family talks about meeting pope

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

Pope John Paul II touched many lives during his lifetime, but one family connected to Charlevoix experienced a personal touch.

Tom Kohler and his wife, Judy Runnels Kohler, and their children, John and David, were all in Rome together when they had a first hand encounter with the pope.

"It was something I will remember until the day I die," Judy said.

The extreme emotion felt by Judy and Tom came not only from their own encounter, but that of their children.

"It was quite a moment for all of us," Tom said. "The fact that the boys had a chance to meet him I'm especially grateful."

Tom, Judy, John and David were in Rome in March 1996 because Tom was giving a speech to the Pontifical Academy of the Social Sciences.

The audience was comprised of distinguished scholars from around the world. Tom said the pope listens to the members of the academy in order to obtain concrete advice about social problems afflicting the world.

The event spanned over a week and took place at the Vatican. The focus was on human work problems. The pope ended the session by talking to the scholars.

Tom said only expert scholars and members of the academy were allowed in, but their families were invited as well.

Despite being invited, Judy said she and the boys almost missed meeting the pope.

Judy said she met up with another woman who was with her daughter who spoke fluent Italian. They went with their children to St. Peter's Basilica and asked to be let into the private grounds.

The guards wouldn't let them and Judy said the woman's daughter tried explaining to them that they were invited and should be allowed in.

After what seemed like forever, Judy said they finally made a call and found out that the group was waiting for them.

A car came and took them to where Tom and the academy was gathered. Judy said she remembers Tom telling her the night before that the family might meet the pope, but she didn't really think it would happen.

When the family was united they, along with others, were escorted into a room to have their picture taken with the pope.

Tom and Judy said despite the pope being in a room with world famous scholars and other experts, he went straight to the children.

He called them by name despite having met several other people that day.

"He spent more time talking to them," Tom said.

"He genuinely loved children."

Judy said David, who is now 12 years old but was 3 years old at the time, said he remembers being carried on his father's shoulders into a room. She said he remembers the anticipation that everyone seemed to feel.

Judy's mother is Polish and spoke the language while Judy was growing up.

Judy said she isn't fluent, but understands the language.

David kept asking her how to say "hello" in Polish so he could great the pope in his native language.

However, Judy said when David got up to the pope he was so excited he forgot to say the Polish phrase he had been practicing.

John, who is 15 years old now, but was 6 years old at the time, remembers the cross that hung around the pope's neck.

Judy said he was just the right height to see it clearly and was mesmerized by it.

Tom said it meant a great deal to him personally as a Catholic, but it meant a lot more that his children got to meet the pope.

"One could have fewer graces of teaching them faith than coming in contact with him," he said. "(They had) direct contact with a saint."

Judy said the family wasn't allowed to take pictures as no one can when they are around the pope.

However, the Vatican had photographers there who took pictures and people could buy them.

When the photographs were being taken, Judy remembers one perfectly. She said her youngest, David, was being held by the pope and looking at the cameraman.

His little clip on tie had become loose and was hanging sideways. John, her oldest, was on the ground looking up at the pope.

That photograph ended up on the front page of the Vatican's official newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, the next day.

"I think it's a little hard for kids to appreciate that," Judy said of them meeting someone like the pope. "The more they're out in the world and meet other people they'll realize it was an experience they were lucky to have."

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, April 21, 4:30 pm at One MacDonald Drive, 1st floor, Conference Room, Petoskey, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

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WEED CONTROL NOTICE
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Pursuant to Section 6.71-6.74 of the City of Charlevoix Weed Control Ordinance, Chapter 63 of the Code of the City of Charlevoix:

Notice: No grass shall be permitted to grow higher than twelve (12") inches. No growth of noxious weeds is permitted on property within the City. The cutting, removing or destroying of such weeds or grasses at least once every three (3) weeks between June 1 and September 15 is deemed compliant. After June 1, 2005, the City may cut, remove or destroy grass or noxious weeds on property which is not in compliance with this Ordinance. The actual costs of compliance by the City of Charlevoix may be charged against the owner of the property pursuant to Section 6.73 of the Ordinance, and may be a lien against the property. A property owner who refuses to destroy noxious weeds may be subject to a fine of up to $100.00 or, if applicable, a municipal civil infraction. Flower gardens, shrubbery plots, vegetable gardens, small grain plots, easements, public lands and lands of indefinite ownership are exempt from this Ordinance.

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Rick-Biddick wants to help others with cancer

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Michelle Rick-Biddick will be running in a triathlon of her own creation in order to promote awareness and generate an interest in cancer research and education.

BIDDICK

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Area Hospital's "Circle of Strength" support group and the Charlevoix/Emmet County Relay for Life.

The "Circle of Strength" program provides support to people diagnosed with cancer, but also to family members and loved ones of someone facing cancer.

"Personally, I don't know where I would have been without the initial support from local people like Gay Pung, Kim Stevens, Nancy Ferguson, my family, close friends and several nurses from Ann Arbor," she said in a statement. "Those first few weeks were critical for me and they have been great supporters since."

Relay for Life is also important to Rick-Biddick. The group is in its eighth year and the 24 hour relay in May raises awareness and money for cancer research through the American Cancer Society. Rick-Biddick said they have raised over $400,000.

Rick-Biddick's TR14 FUN consists of her starting in Charlevoix County and ending in Emmet County. She will run 5 kilometers from Harbor Health and Fitness to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. At the pool she will swim a half mile and then bicycle 20 kilometers along the Traverse Wheelway, ending up in East Park in Petoskey.

Through all of her hard work, Rick-Biddick said her hope is to raise education, awareness and involvement.

"Whether it is getting people to support the Relay for Life and the Circle of Strength with financial gifts or as simple as taking action to create a healthier lifestyle, educating oneself about the threats of cancer or writing a letter in support of cancer research," she said in a statement. "I just hope to get people thinking."

Rick-Biddick advises people to take their health into their own hands and get as many second opinions as they feel necessary.

"It's your body and it's your decision," she said.

Rick-Biddick said the procedures she pushed for and received while at University of Michigan's hospital helped encourage Charlevoix Area Hospital to adopt them.

Next year Rick-Biddick hopes to have survivors and other supporters run her TRI 4 FUN, which is a non-competitive event designed solely to raise awareness, educate, involve others and have fun.

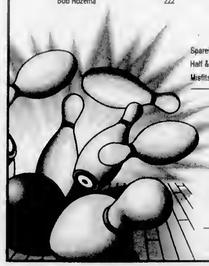
"My long term goal will be to help find a cure for cancer one step, one stroke and one pedal at a time," she said.

For more information on the TRI 4 FUN call 547-4369.

Financial support for the TRI 4 FUN can be sent to 7510 Dalton Road, Charlevoix, MI, 49720, attention M. Rick-Biddick. Checks can be made out to the American Cancer Society or the Circle of Strength-CAH Foundation.

For more information on the Relay for Life call 347-8967 and for more information on Circle of Strength call 547-8950 or e-mail them at circleofstrength@cah.org.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues



Church League - April 6, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	466	264
Ferguson & Chamberlain	439	311
State Farm Insurance	433	317
Mark White Paint & Stain	374	376
The Inner Circle	339	411
R & C Roofing	335	415
Lutherans	321	429
St. Mary's	293	457

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter	612	234
Randy DeYoung	590	226
John Fiedorek	602	
Bob Rozema	222	

Men's Senior League - April 4, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	37	15
J Arnold Painting "A"	32	20
Weebowl-Wobowls	30	22
Kerr's Racing	28.5	23.5
J Arnold Painting "2"	23.5	28.5
Central Drug Store	22.5	29.5
Cemex Cement	18	34
Selph Trucking	16.5	35.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	649	243
Bryan VanLoo		234
Jon Kleman	629	
Chris McCallum	611	230

Young at Hearts League - April 7, 2005

	W	L
Spareitme	43	13
Haff & Hart	35	21
Misfits	35	21
Twilighters	30	26
Irish Rollers	29.5	26.5
Alley Cats	22	34
Has Beens	16	40
Past Timers	13.5	42.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ken Schoenherr	540	224
Mo Dizon	537	200
Eldon Potter		173
Chet Olmansowski	486	
Dolly Coen	435	166
Irene Cellner	416	152
Sue Lochner	426	
Shirley Flower		148

Tuesday Night Ladies - April 5, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	37.5	22.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	36	24
Twin Lakes Enterprise	34	26
Paul Bunyan Lanes	32	28
Central Drug Store	26	34
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	24.5	35.5
Don's IGA	17.5	42.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	16.5	43.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Lisa Herriman		243
Leanna Mosoryak	612	215
Diana Speigl	573	220
Mary O'Brien	535	

Gutter Gals League - March 31, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	147	113
Burger King Charlevoix	139	121
Argonne Supper Club	133	127
Express Yourself	101	159

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	526	199
Mary O'Brien	559	192
Bennie VonHelens		195
June Kunkle	460	

Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the week: Lisa Herriman of the Tuesday Night Ladies bowled a 243 actual and a 675 handicap series.

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Firefighters trying to help one of their own

The Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Association is asking the community to help one of our Volunteer Firefighters and his family.

Brian McDonald and his wife Ellen found out on March 10 that their 8-year-old son, Parker Ebert, has Rhabdomyosarcoma. Parker is a student at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Rhabdomyosarcoma is a soft tissue cancer that arises in the muscles. It accounts for about 4 percent of all childhood cancer. It is believed to originate in the embryonic state of the development of children. The outlook is that if treated with chemotherapy he should have a full recovery.

Parker has been at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids to receive his treatments. He has been able to come home for a couple of days here and there but has to continue to travel to Grand Rapids on a weekly basis to receive his treatments over the next 40-50 weeks.

Since Brian and Ellen have not been able to work while being with their son they have not been able to receive paychecks. When they arrive back in Charlevoix between treatments Brian will be able to work as much as possible, but they will still have the weekly travel expenses to take Parker to Grand Rapids.

If you would like to make a donation to help support the McDonald family the association is asking that you send your donation in care of the Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Association, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Also, please keep an eye on the paper for upcoming fund raisers the association will be having for the McDonald family. If you have any questions please feel free contact them at 547-3279 or check on Parker at www.carepages.com/devos, register and sign in for "parkerebert."

Kids Corner to offer new program

A new program is being introduced by the First Congregational United Church of Christ "Kids Corner Cooperative Preschool."

Beginning this fall an "Introduction to Preschool" class will be available. The program is being implemented by Katherine Reed, the current program director/teacher, who will be returning next year.

The class is designed for 2-and-a-half-year-olds, in order to acquaint them with the preschool setting. This is not a "playgroup," it is set up the same as the 3-and 4-year-old sessions. It will be a balanced program that will focus on age appropriate developmental activities, improve both large and small motor skills and stress learning while providing a friendly and sociable atmosphere.

The class will be offered from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Fridays, throughout the year. A maximum of six students will be enrolled, with one parent helper per session.

Registration will be from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14, in conjunction with registration for the 3-and 4-year-old session, in the Kids Corner Classroom located in the First Congregational United Church of Christ. If you have any questions please call Allison Filizetti at 547-0111 or Diana Baten at 547-5109.

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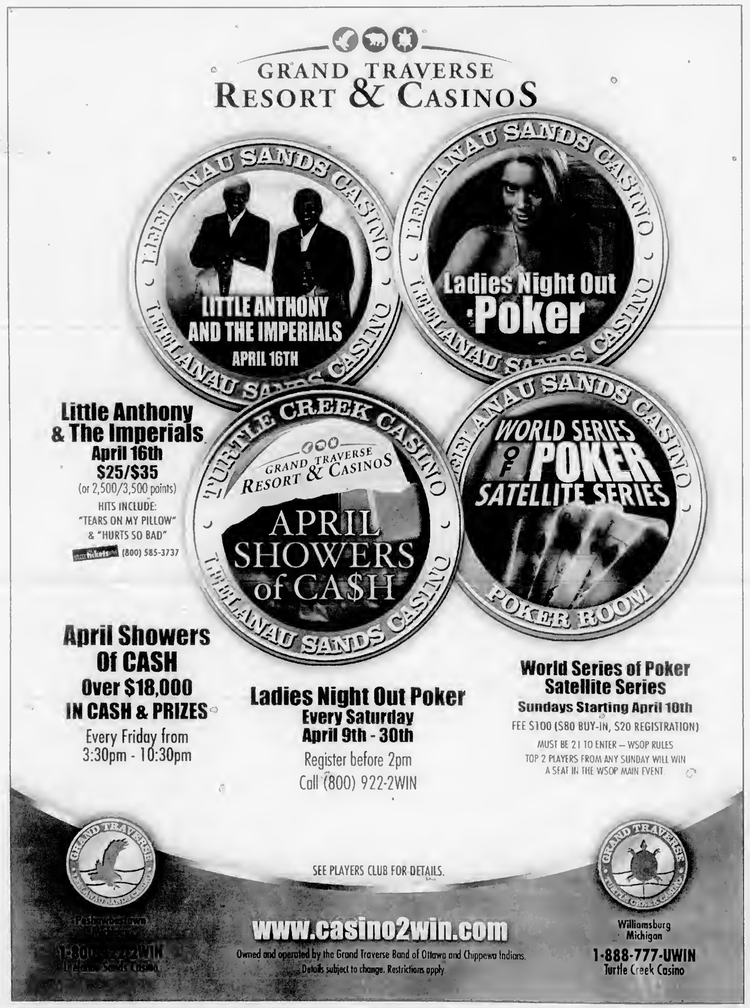

Council debates who is responsible for problems

FINES

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fine in addition to $3,363 in costs and implement a corrective action program. Wiesner said the city has already implemented the corrective action program, but council had to agree to the fine and sign the order.

Wiesner told council the $20,000 fine is what the city negotiated with the DEQ.

But, some questioned if the city has done enough with this matter.

Charlevoix resident Dave Scott said city council has not taken action over the last year in holding city staff accountable or even getting an apology for the problems at the plant.

"We need an investigation to make sure this doesn't happen again," Scott said. "The buck stops where?"

This prompted Council Member Shirley Gibson to ask how the city will know that these problems at the wastewater plant will not happen again.

Wiesner told her he would answer her question in writing.

But, Gibson was not happy with this answer and said the city manager needs to take more responsibility for the wastewater treatment plant's problems.

"The city manager should have been out there checking on things and getting reports. He is ultimately responsible as far as I am concerned," she said.

City Council member Sherman Chamberlain responded, "We (council) are ultimately responsible."

Timms added some of the employees at the plant that knew there were problems are still there. He said he would like some information on what kinds of reprimands were given out.

Wiesner said he would answer that request in writing, as well.

Problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant reach back over a three year period, which the city staff discovered last winter and then reported to the MDEQ.

An investigation by the MDEQ showed 31 total residual chlorine limit exceedences were reported to MDEQ as being in compliance.

It also stated that reports for 15 phosphorus results and 32 fecal coliform results were falsely reported to MDEQ. The report also stated that there were 27 days when monitoring didn't take place and other areas where proper protocol wasn't followed.

The plant also had problems with the pump.

For these, former Charlevoix wastewater plant superintendent Samuel Louis Creswell and former lead worker James Stanley Mazur were arrested in December and plead guilty in Charlevoix Circuit Court Friday morning to one count each of making false statements — a felony.

Sentencing for the two men has been set for 9 a.m., April 15 in the Charlevoix Circuit Court.

This arrest is considered separate from the consent order between the city and MDEQ.

As part of the corrective action plan, in May 2004, the city hired Tim Truax, a Traverse City based consultant, to identify what the problems were at the plant and to suggest ways to solve them.

Last fall, council members were given a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to view the updates that have been made in order to fix the problems that led to the possibility of fines from the MDEQ.

Jim Caldwell, current superintendent, said in a previous interview that a lot of the ways the records are kept and handled have been changed. He also said the Quality Assurance, Quality Control (QA/QC) manual is currently being updated.

Caldwell led the tour and informed council on what changes had occurred. One issue concerned a critical spare parts list. Caldwell said this list will include only those parts that are vital to the operation of the plant.

The list won't need to be incredibly long because the plant is able to run in two halves. When something breaks down on one side, Caldwell said the other half can handle the flow until the problem is corrected.

Council members Gibson, Timms, Chamberlain and Karen Campbell voted for the consent order. Council member Bill Bellows was sitting in for Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson — who was away on vacation — and could not vote. Council member Bill Haggard was also absent from the meeting.

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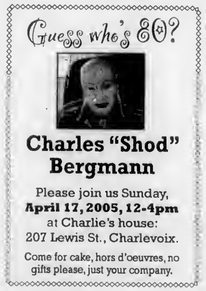

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 6, 2002, by James E. Karlskin and Mary M. Karlskin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on February 15, 2002, at Liber 458, Page 846, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $119,347.44 principal, $5,362.54 interest, and $150.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

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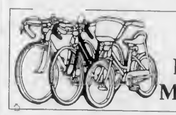

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Area events

Band rehearsals

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m., on April 13, at the Charlevoix Middle School bandroom. If you are new to the area or possibly would like to dust off that musical instrument and join like minded musicians, come play.

Stop smoking

Freedom from Smoking classes begin at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14. If you are ready to kick the cigarette habit Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking Program can give you the tools, techniques, and motivation to quit for good.

Offered in cooperation with the American Lung Association, Freedom from Smoking is a lively, interactive, step-by-step program with a proven track record. There is no charge for this new, eight-week series of classes.

Each week participants will learn how to break the nicotine habit; get practical tips for handling stress, maintaining weight and making changes in daily routines; and receive plenty of encouragement and support as they adjust to their post-smoking life.

Space in the classes is limited. To register, please call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

Salute military families

Join the Char-Em Vets and others in saluting military family members at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 16, at the VFW Hall on West Conway Road in Petoskey for an evening of food, entertainment, kids' games, door prizes and encouragement from a grateful community. The evening is planned to give military families from northern Michigan a chance to connect. For complimentary tickets call Charlie Conn at (231) 487-0556 or e-mail crconn@charter.net

Capitalaires concert

The First Baptist Church is hosting a concert by the Capitalaires at 10:15 a.m., Sunday, April 17, at 06781 M-66 North. This is a southern gospel quintet from Lansing. The community is invited to the concert.

Barnard Grange is inviting the community to celebrate Grange Month starting at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner on April 21 at the Barnard Grange located at the corner of Barnard and Klooster Roads. The open house event is to invite community members to learn more about their purpose, as well as their programs and activities. There will be an award ceremony to acknowledge the good work of a community citizen as an outstanding individual with the Grange Community Citizen Award.

Spring Carnival

The all new Charlevoix Schools Spring Carnival is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Charlevoix High School. There is a theme basket silent auction, prizes, raffle, food and concessions. It's a new location with new games and lots more fun for the whole family.

Spring cleanup

Friends of The Jordan River are planning a Watershed Spring Cleanup between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., on Saturday, April 23. The clean-up will start at Graves Crossing which is a beautiful place to volunteer for a few hours with a BBQ from 12 to 1 p.m. at Sportsman's Park immediately after the cleanup.

Hymn Sing

A Hymn Sing sponsored by the Northern Michigan Holiness Camp Association begins at 6 p.m., April 24, at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene located at 12023 Waller Road. All are welcome to attend.

Sock Hop

The Second Annual Sock Hop sponsored by AMVETS Auxiliary of Beaver Island Post 46, starts at 7 p.m. April 30 at the Holy Cross Parish Hall on Beaver Island. Come and rock and roll to the D.J. Joe Nagraba and enjoy the dance, hula hoop and best attire and singers contest. Admission is $10 with a cash bar, snacks, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Food Pantry is open by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. They are located at 05291 M-66 N. Please call the church office at 547-6430 to schedule a time.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Car club meeting

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Guild meeting

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has changed the meeting time to 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner preceded each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

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Glenn Crain is there every morning. He lives on Marion Center Road. He told a story which happened one morning on a winter day when a plane landed in the field across from his house. He believes this occurred in the winter of 1975, during the morning.

The plane was piloted by an instructor from Traverse City, who was teaching a student to fly. As they headed toward Charlevoix, the gas line froze and they were forced to land the plane in Joe Martinchek's field, near the place where our new high school is located today.

Glenn watched as the plane just missed the high power line that went cross country to the Medusa Cement plant. The pilot lowered the plane to get under the power line to keep from crashing into it. Garrett Potter, who lived across the road, and Glenn and his son, Roger, brought toboggans over to the plane and jacked up the wheels, placed the toboggans under them, and attached them.

They called the sheriff, Philo Sumner, and he was very skeptical about the snowmobile having enough power to tow the plane. However, with old fashioned ingenuity and common sense, they went ahead.

They tried various ways to hook the rope to the plane, deciding that hooking on the center front was best. After attaching the snowmobile to the plane with a rope, they pulled the plane out of the snowy field to the road. At that point, the Sheriff provided the escort as they pulled the plane down the road to town, a distance of two-and-a-half miles.

As they towed the plane, they had to turn it sideways to have the wings perpendicular with the road, so the traffic that had backed up could pass. This was at 11 in the morning. They proceeded to the corner of M-66 and Stover Road, and then down US-31, turning into the airport by Freedman Arteraft.

It was quite a feat, and they did it without a mishap. Many things were accomplished by using common sense in the old days, when permits were not required. Everyone relied on doing the job the most sensible way, and getting it done without wasting time and effort.

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, April 4, 2005, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Pro Tem William Bellows presiding. Council member Haggard and Mayor Carlson were absent. All other Councilmembers were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Public Hearing for Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate - Harbor Industries, 100 Harbor Drive.
- Public Hearing for Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate - Wojan Window & Door, 200 Stover Road.
- Motion passed to approve proposed consent order with the DEQ regarding issues at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and pay fines and fees of $23,363.
- Motion passed to set at public hearing on 05/02/05 for a proposed Ordinance to Add Section 5.82(23)(b) of Article IV, Chapter 51 of the City Code - Special Use in the "C-1" Zone District.
- Motion passed to approve Resolution 2005-04-01, Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate - Harbor Industries, 100 Harbor Drive.
- Motion passed to approve Resolution 2005-04-02, Resolution Approving Application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Wojan Window and Door Corp.
- Motion passed to approve Resolution 2005-04-03, Performance Resolution for Governmental Bodies.
- Motion passed to hire an Independent investigator to research the CCMS loss.
- Motion passed to accept resignation of Councilwoman Campbell, effective immediately following the meeting.
- Motion passed to appoint Citizen Gabe Campbell to complete the term of Councilwoman Karen Campbell.

Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Chamber Action

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The Chamber will sell special centennial flags to celebrate Charlevoix's 100th anniversary.

The Chamber is planning a "Charities Night" for spring of 2006.

Gruler's Customer Appreciation

Gruler's is celebrating their Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday April 30th at their Charlevoix store from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. They are offering free lunch and you can enter to win FREE dog food for one whole year! Great seminars! Great discounts all day! Great door prizes! Don't miss it!

Koucky Gallery Has Been Sold

The new owner of Koucky Gallery is C² Gallery (pronounced C-Squared). They will be located in the former Rocking Horse Toy Company building at 327 Bridge Street. Their opening day is planned for May 1st.

Rocking Horse Moving

Rocking Horse Toy Company is temporarily closed as they are moving to the former Koucky Gallery at 325 Bridge Street. Their opening day is planned for May 1st.

Starlight Dinner and Live Auction May 1

The Bergmann Center invites you to join them at their 3rd Annual "Starlight Dinner and Live Auction" on Sunday, May 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall with entertainment by Chris Dominic at 12:30pm. A buffet dinner will begin at 1:30pm with the auction immediately following. To purchase tickets call Kim at 547-2979.

Operation Petunia May 26

Spring is here, and it's time for the petunias to arrive. If you would like to join in the fun, simply show up on Thursday around 4:00pm anywhere along U.S. 31 from the Sleep Inn (north side) to M-66 (south side)... and look for an orange-vested block captain. As always, planting will be followed by a picnic in East Park.

Educational Wine Seminar Being Held at Weathervane Restaurant

Esperanee is hosting an educational Wine Seminar on April 24th from 4:00–6:00pm at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. Tickets are $50.00 each. Hors d'oeuvres will be prepared by Esperanee. Call 237-9300 for further details.

Scovies Celebrating their 2nd Anniversary

Scott and Vi Forreider will be celebrating their 2nd anniversary on April 17 and 18. They are remodeling their store and encourage everyone to stop by and celebrate with them. Happy Anniversary and congratulations!

Friske Orchards Annual Tree Sale

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Apr 18	Budgeting & Credit Education Workshop #2. 866-637-1834
Apr 24	Educational Wine Tasting Series Esperance 237-9300
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May 07-08	Walloon Lake Inn Cooking School 535-2999
Now-May10	Charlevoix Hospital Guild Geranium Sale 547-7034
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Business-After-Hours

The next Business After Hours is April 28 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club from 5-7 pm. Sponsors are Charlevoix Screen Masters, Inc., Nu-core, Inc., and Scovie's Gourmet.

Retail Meeting

The next Retail Meeting is April 21 at 8:45am at Stafford's Weathervane.

If you have information you would like to put in our Chamber Monthly please call us at 547-2101.

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More city council news, lady bikers form club and school election

More cuts on the horizon

By BENJAMIN J. GOHS
Staff writer

With over $1.2 million in lost revenue over the last three years, Charlevoix schools could face $554,00 worth of staffing and transportation cuts in the new fiscal year.

According to the Superintendent of Charlevoix schools, John Sturock, the lack of school funds is just another symptom of Michigan's enormous budget crisis. This year, in order to maintain critical school programs certain staffing positions were cut including aides, custodians and food service workers as well as a school nurse.

"We're still not in the position where we're going to hit the wall, but it's coming," Sturock said.

The proposed $554,000 cut will affect the upcoming 2005-2006 school budget.

"Five and a half teachers will retire. We are proposing not replacing three and a half," he said. "What it may mean is a higher class size."

But, he added, until they actually start scheduling kids it remains to be seen.

Additional cuts proposed include aides currently paid through the general fund, a bus which was planned for next year and field trip transportation which will be billed directly to the students.

The schools will also switch from a staffed substitute finder to a third party service.

Introducing a millage in order to meet the school's funding demands isn't possible due to proposal A — originally introduced in the early 1990s to help lower property taxes and equalize the amount of funding given to each school.

Sturock said, "There are only two ways to increase funding."

One of which is to increase enrollment in the school — however, Charlevoix's enrollment has been declining in the last couple of years. The other is to increase the basic foundation amount currently set at $7,878 per student, per year.

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Man murdered

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

According to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, resident Bill Brady, 79, was murdered sometime between 8-9 a.m., Tuesday, in an office near Brady's Carpet Cleaning on US-31 North. According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, Brady was shot and killed with a handgun fired by a suspect known by him. The suspect, a man in his 50s, is in custody and is expected to be arraigned today, Wednesday. The *Charlevoix Courier* will have more on this breaking story in next week's edition. (Above) Sheriff's vehicles near a taped-off area at the crime scene on US-31.

Campbell council seat in question

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Gabe Campbell's recent appointment to the city council may be in question.

During Monday night's city council meeting, Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said City Attorney Jim Young informed him there may not have been a enough council members at the April 4 meeting, where Gabe was voted in, to even nominate him. Thus, Carlson said, Gabe's appointment to the council could be challenged.

"I don't think this is a question of his (Gabe's) qualifications. I would support him for that seat. This is just paperwork," Carlson said.

At the April 4 meeting, Council Member Karen Campbell — Gabe's wife — announced her resignation from the council due to health reasons. Gabe was nominated for the open position after Charlevoix resident June Cross told council many people in the second ward — where the Campbell's live — support the nomination of Gabe for the open seat.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Jordan Lee Burke, 22, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied, second or subsequent offense. Served four days in jail with credit for four days, motor vehicle operator without security; $300 in fines and costs.

William J. Kibbey, 54, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day. Thirty days held in abeyance. Five days community service in lieu of five days in jail with six months probation; $930 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 28, Boyne City. Larceny under $200. Serve 15 days in jail; $550 in fines and costs.

Scott Michael Wiltjer, 19, Petoskey. Larceny under $200, minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day. 30 days held in abeyance with 10 days of community service in lieu of 10 days in jail. Six months probation, must submit to PBT/urine test, not to possess/consume alcohol nor controlled substance, letter of apology, attend BASES or Impact classes; $450 in fines and costs.

Joseph Wayne Bonebrake, 27, Boyne City. Operating motor vehicle while intoxicated, second offense. Serve 180 days in jail, 90 days on electric monitor, 150 days held in abeyance. 30 days community service work, two years probation. Not to consume nor posses alcohol/controlled substances. Must attend Impact weekend; $5,618.98 in fines and costs.

Todd Christopher Houtman, 20, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail, credit for one day, to serve 12 days, 15 days held in abeyance, five days in jail, one year probation, not to consume nor posses alcohol/controlled substance, submit to PBT/urine, attend Impact weekend; $1,335 in fines and costs.

Pamela Marie Odom, 25, Walloon Lake. Operating while intoxicated, 93 days in jail, credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 12 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, submit PBT/urine, not to consume/posses alcohol/controlled substances; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Charles Thrower Jadwin, 49, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. 93 days in jail with credit for 11, to serve 40 days in jail, 90 days on electronic monitor, 52 days held in abeyance, 30 days community service, two years probation, must submit to PBT/urine, attend substance abuse classes; $1580 in fines and costs.

Allan Eugene Johnson, 36, Boyne Falls. Possession of marijuana. Serve 180 days with credit for one, 179 days held in abeyance, six months probation, submit to urine test, not to consume controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Neil Harry Misner, 35, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service in lieu of three days in jail, six months probation, must submit to PBT/urine, must not consume alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Carl Micheal Bommarito, 29, Grosse Pointe Woods. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service or in lieu of three days in jail, six months probation, must submit to PBT/urine, no consumption of alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Matthew Thomas Gable, 21, Walled Lake. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service in lieu of three days in jail, six months probation, must submit to PBT/urine, no consumption of alcohol/controlled substances;$730 in fines and costs.

Eliasar Flores, 35, Lansing. Operating motor vehicle while intoxicated. 60 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 57 days.

Cody Daniel Pratt, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol second offense. $100 in fines and costs.

Cody Daniel Pratt, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol second offense. Submit to PBT/urine, no consumption of alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $300 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Richard Henry Towns, Jr., 21, Boyne City. Breaking and entering of a building with intent (attempt). Two years probation, 270 days in jail with credit for 19 days, to serve 120 days; $820 in fines and costs.

Russha Ray-Cal Grace, 19, River Rouge. Uttering and publishing (attempt). Two years probation, sentenced 180 days in jail with credit for 38, to serve 60; 12,667.28 in fines and costs.

John Christopher Pankow, 38, Boyne Falls. Fourth degree criminal sexual conduct with a victim between 13-16. Two years probation, serve 365 days with credit for 48 days, to serve 180 days in jail; $820 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Fraley Building and Remodeling, 05580 Barnard Road, Charlevoix. By Timothy Fraley

Center of Attention Photography, 04676 Skop Road, Boyne Falls, by Erika Jarema.

Muscle Menders of Charlevoix LLC, 12900 US-31 N., Charlevoix, by Jeffrey C. Hilligan.

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Ferguson Auto Sales, 7329 Upper Bay Shore Road, Charlevoix, by Christopher Ferguson.

Fear Not, 13379 Marnie Lane, Charlevoix, by Mary Susan Cohen.

Advanced Disc Jockey Service, 3056 Mill Street, Boyne Falls, by Kim Marie English.

Evans Contracting, 00283 Peck Road, Boyne City, by Nicholas A. Evans.

Gary Stehe Services, 11723, Boyne City Road, Charlevoix, by Gary Lee Stehe.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Clinton Winfred Cowles, 25, East Jordan and Amy June Mathers, 23, East Jordan.

Chad Randall Matelski, 23, East Jordan and Leah Marie Bryhan, 22, East Jordan.

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

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Births

Gabriel Johnathon Dyer, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to David Dyer and Donna Grutsch of East Jordan on April 5, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Nancy Gibson of Horton Bay, Gene Norton of Horton Bay and Debbie Grutsch of East Jordan and Jim Grutsch of East Jordan.

Trevor Lawrence, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and Adam Michael, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, were born to Don and Becky Streeter on April 5, 2005, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Courtney and Megan. Grandparents are Maudie Streeter of Charlevoix and George and Judy Melke of Charlevoix.

Annabella Rain McNew, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Chris and Monique McNew of Boyne Falls on April 2, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her brother is Collin. Grandparents are Ken and Martha McNew of Elmira and Sharon Langston of Hernando, Miss.

Hudson John Derenzy, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces, was born to Michelle Derenzy of Boyne City on April 2, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Dan Derenzy of Boyne City and Kim Norton of Boyne City.

Evan Nicholas Schmerber weighing 10 pounds, 10 ounces was born to John and Becky Schmerber of Cincinnati and Youngstown Ohio on April 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Evan's sister is Riley Schmerber.

John Martin Jarema (Jack) weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces was born to John and Krista (Martin) Jarema of Charlevoix on April 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. John has two sisters named Alison 6, and Caroline, 4. Grandparents are Stan and Carol Martin of Charlevoix and Walt and Mary Jarema of St. Clair Shores.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Sparkling clean

Charlevoix residents have been out and about lately, enjoying the warm weather that has descended on the area. Here, Brandon Stevens, 16, of Charlevoix, washes a car at a residence near Michigan Beach.

Weather

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April 13	60	31	—
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Writer leaves Charlevoix for military stint

Courtney Pace
Staff writer

Well, here I am, writing my last column for the Charlevoix Courier. I am leaving soon, not just the newspaper, but the city as well. I will be taking in my last few days of Charlevoix sunshine and weather before heading off to the adventure of my life.

As many of you know, I recently joined the United States Army as a journalist. I will not be going in as a private, but instead as a specialist because of my college degree and prior experience.

One might say that joining the Army or any military branch would take months or years of contemplation, but for me it took about two weeks.

During that time I interviewed several local veterans about what I should expect and about the truthfulness of most recruiters. They gave valuable advice, but I also contacted Operation Truth at optruth.org.

Once I had talked to everyone, gathered information and checked it against what my recruiter had told me, I decided to join. No lies were told, only the truth.

Deciding to sign five years of your life away is a big deal, but the adventure it offers is something one can't turn their back on. I will be doing the job I do now, getting paid more and will ultimately end up in Europe. At least I hope.

I want to be stationed in Germany so I can use all the free time I'll have to travel around Europe and engross myself in the culture. America is my home, but there's so much world out there that I want to explore before I settle down, if I ever do.

One does not know what the future holds, but by not getting up and taking a chance one will never experience all that life has to offer.

By no means does this experience have to come through military service, but for me it will enable my chosen career to flourish while I explore the world.

My time at the Charlevoix Courier has spanned 10 months and in that time I have grown as a journalist and as a person.

Being in the "real world" has been an experience and dealing with all sorts of stories ranging from city and school issues to features has prepared me for a long career in journalism.

I'm not sure if this is what I'll be doing in 10 years as there are so many dimensions to my personality, but at least it can support me while I try other ventures.

Writing will always be something I can rely on, but to lock myself into one thing seems like a waste of life and time to me. Not knowing exactly what will happen in life is half the excitement of living it.

I know that I will take all the lessons I've learned with me into the Army and will continue to do my best to report the truth and root up complicated issues that need to be brought to light.

I have written about several interesting people in my time as the reporter for the newspaper and I have enjoyed getting to know people in the community.

Even though I complain about my job sometimes, I have enjoyed my time at the Charlevoix Courier. I want to thank everyone that has helped me along the way and to extend a thank you to those who haven't. Together, all of you have enabled me to become a better journalist.

As I prepare to leave Charlevoix, I will miss the scenic little city even though I complain about how there's nothing to do in this town.

Charlevoix really is beautiful.

Home is where the heart is and my heart will stay connected to loved ones back home no matter where my adventure takes me. Whether I'm riding in a gondola along the waters in Venice or gazing up at the Eiffel Tower, I will always carry them in my heart and know that they are awaiting my return with open arms.

Well, here it is, the last time my voice will be heard in the Charlevoix Courier. I hope others won't be afraid to lift their voice, even if it means taking flak from someone else.

We all have one life to live and I hope everyone lives it to the fullest because everyone dies, but not everyone truly lives.

Love each other more and listen when others speak, for you never know what you might learn.

Whether an adventure takes you to foreign places like mine, or just to another city nearby, the real adventure begins within.

"Above all else, to thy own self be true." William Shakespeare.

Courtney Pace was a staff writer with the Charlevoix Courier.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

Charlevoix School Board meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School.

CLIP AND SAVE

Letters to the editor

No smoking

Editor:

Wouldn't if be wonderful to go out to dinner with your family and not smell or inhale the smoke of cigarettes? Would you like to go to a public place and not be second-hand smoking? That's why I think the city of Charlevoix should ban smoking in public places.

One of my reasons I think the city of Charlevoix should ban smoking in public places is that second-hand smoke causes cancer, emphysema and other serious diseases.

Another example is 153,000 second-hand smokers are diagnosed with lung cancer a year. Also, you shouldn't have to have a risk of getting lung cancer while you're in a public place.

Also, putting smokers in different places doesn't work. When you put smoking and non-smoking in different places, it doesn't help anything. Warm molecules rise and expand so other people in the restaurant are still second-hand smoking.

My third reason, is when you go to a public place and someone is smoking it makes your clothes smell.

So when you go home your clothes will really smell and so will your breath. Also, you could die or have seizures.

In conclusion, if you ban smoking in public places in the city of Charlevoix it would be a better and less smelly place.

Also no one would be second-hand smoking outside of their own home. That's why I think the city of Charlevoix should ban smoking in public places.

Jordan Dixon
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Wants snowboarding team

Editor:

Have you realized Charlevoix does not have a snowboarding team for us kids, even though there are a lot of kids snowboarding on the hill at Mt. McSauba? I think we should have a snowboarding team for Charlevoix because 70 out of 100 kids snowboard in Charlevoix. It would be fun for us kids, and the team would give us better things to do in the day than watch TV.

To begin with, I think it would be fun to have a snowboarding team for us kids. The team would let us get out of our houses. Also the team would be fun for kids to be in races, win medals and be proud of ourselves for participating.

Most important, seventy to eighty percent of kids snowboard rather than ski. I think kids today are getting kind of bored of just a ski team

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Letters Policy

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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than a snowboarding team. That's why I think Charlevoix needs a snowboarding team for kids of all ages.

The team also gives us exercise, and the team lets us compete in races. The team would give us a chance to show people how good we are at snowboarding and people and ourselves can appreciate that fact.

Many people in middle school snowboard, and we do not do skiing.

I think for those kids and others the snowboarding team would be fun and fair to have a snowboarding team.

That's why I recommend a snowboarding team for Charlevoix.

Hannah Doan
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Thank you volunteers

Editor:

"Volunteerism is the voice of people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud." Helen Dyer

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) is extremely proud of our many volunteers who make a difference for the northern Michigan community. In the past year, our multi-talented group of volunteers provided over 1,800 hours of service to the WRC. The volunteer staff serve on the Board of Directors, support families at the Safe Home, ring up sales at the Gold Mine Resale Shop, assist with agency mailings, answer the 24-hour crisis phone line, do facility upkeep and maintenance, style hair and provide makeovers at the Safe Home and other important tasks.

National Volunteer Week, April 17-23, is the ideal occasion for the WRC and the community to let each volunteer know how much her or his acts of compassion and dedication are appreciated.

The WRC was founded by a group of visionary volunteers 28 years ago and volunteers have continued to play an important role in providing services within the agency.

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Sincere appreciation goes out to all WRC volunteers, past and present, who have taken positive action to improve the lives of others in our community.

You bring promise and hope to the future of our community.

Jamie Winters
Safe Home Coordinator

Non-residents needed

Editor:

There seems to be a certain amount of anxiety between Charlevoix residents and non-residents. It appears that at least one of your local *Charlevoix Courier* readers feels that non-residents are costing them money. However, another reader recently stated that non-residents feel they are paying more than their fair share for city services that they rarely use.

Wake up Charlevoix! The fading local industry base, lagging local tourism industry and non-resident property owners are the city's financial lifeblood. Charlevoix should do whatever it can to appease the local industrial base and non-residents while trying to attract a steady flow of tourism. Service charges on utilities, excessively high property taxes and the lack of handicap facilities in the downtown area are just a few of the ways to not attract people to Charlevoix.

Furthermore, increasing boat launch fees, cancelling or reducing downtown holiday lighting, concerts in the park and firework displays are also not the way to solve Charlevoix's current financial problems. Unless Charlevoix chooses another financial path it will surely become just another "Up North Town" rather than its current reputation of "Charlevoix the Beautiful."

In closing, although we are currently considered non-residents we are in fact preparing to plan our retirement years in wonderful Charlevoix. We are certain that we not only provide more than our fair share of contributions to the city via our various local investments and shopping habits but we also financially assist several local charities.

Perhaps some of your readers should consider avoiding stereotyping before offending anyone else!

Daniel Fair and
The Fair Family
Troy and Charlevoix

Hire school nurse

Editor:

Do you think it is startling to find out someone handling your medication is not licensed? Well that is the way at Charlevoix Middle School and I think we need a nurse.

I think we need a nurse because kids will not get their school check-ups, it will be better to have a trained person to treat injuries, and kids who have to have medicine daily would be better to have a skilled person giving them medicine.

First of all, kids will not get their school check ups like they used to. The nurse would schedule programs for our health, like the dental. Now the nurse can't schedule programs and the office has to. They are already busy with the lahor they are paid to do. As you know, lice are a big problem, and now the school does not have a lice program anymore. What do you think we should do?

Second, I think it would be better to have a trained person to treat injuries.

The nurse knew what to do, but now the office treats the injuries. For an example, an incident happened this year when Curtis Russell went through the window. Where was the nurse then? Winter was here and everyone loves the ice, but when you fall you get bumps and bruises, where is the nurse then? Bumps and bruises are not horrible but if you sprain or fracture something, I think if would be better to know.

Also, kids who have medicine daily have a person from the office do it.

The people from the office are not licensed to give the medicine, so if something goes wrong, the office is in trouble.

It was safer when the nurse gave the medicine because she was more experienced.

In conclusion, you can see why we, Charlevoix Middle School, need a nurse.

Please assist and support me about having a nurse. Thank you for your time.

Linsea Jelinek
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Thank you

Editor:

On behalf of the Hospice of Northwest Michigan Board of Directors I want to personally thank each and every volunteer of our program for making it possible for those with a life limiting illness, and their caregivers, the opportunity to spend the rest of their days in the comfort of their homes.

National Volunteer Week begins April 17 and your service to the community is appreciated by this organization, and especially the families you serve.

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Patricia A. Johnson
Volunteer Coordinator

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Carol Martin

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Rebecca Bragg and Will Wildman, both of Charlevoix, will be married June 25, 2005 at the Wildman Ranch, in Silver Cliff, Wis.

Rebecca is the daughter of Jeanne Sites, of Charlevoix, and Dan Bragg, of Boyne City.

Will is the son of Carol Cormack, of Petoskey, and Billy Wildman, of Silver Cliff, Wis.

The matron of honor will be Linda Burtt. Bridesmaids will be Carrie Wakulat, Liz Dohn, Carrie Farkas and Marty Wells. Mikaya Dixon and Olivia Wells are the flower girls.

The ring bearer will be Brandon Clark.

The best man will be Dave Kenwabikise. Groomsmen are Tony Pearsall, Corey Cauture, Beau Wildman and Kevin Wells.

A reception will be given at the Wildman Ranch after the wedding.

The couple are making Charlevoix their home.

Will works for Pearsall Construction and Rebecca will be graduating from Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science in education in May 2005.

(Editor's note: This article is being reprinted due to an error.)

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Zonta Club offers Feindt Scholarship

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship, which awards a $500 scholarship to one female high school senior who will be attending college following graduation, and who plans to pursue a math or science-related major in college.

The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on financial need and her involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields, not on her GPA or academic record. This is excluding the fields of medical science and computer science.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the student must complete the Mary Feindt Scholarship application, submit a written essay and provide two letters of recommendation from a math or science instructor which confirms the students involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields. Also excluding medical and computer science.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snahes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is May 13, 2005 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Joan Buday, Scholarship Committee Chairwoman, 104 St. Mary's Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in May.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Planned Parenthood to have wills workshop

Planned Parenthood is offering a workshop on wills and advance medical directives.

Two-thirds of Americans die without a will and many with wills, have not updated them recently.

Even fewer people have advance medical directives instructing their families and loved ones how to make medical decisions on their behalf if they should become incapacitated.

To help its supporters plan ahead, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will offer a free workshop "Don't Let the State Decide your Fate!" from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27 at the Petoskey Public Library's downstairs conference room.

The workshop will provide information and do-it-yourself forms for completing a simple Michigan statutory will and for preparing advance medical directives which meets the requirements of state law.

Local attorney Michael Atchison, who practices in the areas of family law, probate and estate planning, will help explain the forms and how to complete them.

"Properly recording your end-of-life wishes is truly an 'ounce of prevention' situation, as the Terry Schiavo tragedy has clearly demonstrated," Atchison said.

Martha Laneaster, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan's director of Major Gifts, will also be on hand to encourage people to include a bequest to Planned Parenthood and other charities in their wills.

Refreshments will be provided. The workshop is free but space is limited.

Advance reservations are required by Friday, April 22.

To reserve a space, call (231) 347-3710 ext. 15 or e-mail martha.laneaster@ppfa.org.

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Zonta offering women-in-business scholarship

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, which awards $400 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County currently studying business at the undergraduate level.

Applicants must have completed 2-3 years in an accredited undergraduate program, demonstrate outstanding academic credentials, identify the relevance of the applicant's academic program to the business field and outline the applicant's professional and career goals as they relate to advancing women in the field of business.

Applications are available at the Petoskey and Traverse City college campuses or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969. The deadline for receiving applications is May 20 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in early June.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the district, which awards an additional $400 to the district winner.

The Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship was established to encourage undergraduate women to enter careers and seek leadership positions in business-related fields.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women.

Obituaries

Dr. Philip Cohen: Nov. 17, 1938 - April 9, 2005

Dr. Philip Cohen, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. and formerly of Detroit, died April 9, 2005.

Philip was born Nov. 17, 1938. He is the beloved husband of Vivian Cohen, dear father of Kristen Cohen and fiancé Thomas Toth and Gregory Cohen and Jason Cohen.

He was the loving son of Frances Cohen and the late Solomon Cohen and the brother of Robert (Paula) Cohen and Beverly (Marc) Hutton.

Services and interment were in Detroit.

For more information call the Ira Kaufman Chapel at (800) 325-7105.

Ireland Leigh Ann Hendrickson: Died April 6, 2005

Ireland Leigh Ann Hendrickson

Ireland Leigh Ann Hendrickson, 3 weeks, from Neenah, Wis. died April 6, 2005 at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Fox Valley.

Her parents are David Scott and Lisa (Lund) Hendrickson who will miss her deeply; her brothers are Tayler and Holton, her sister Alex, her grandparents, Judy Hendrickson and the late David Hendrickson, Tony (Patty) Fischer and Harry (Gwen Fisher) Lund, her great-grandparents, Pete (Lucille) Fischer, Gene Lessor, and the late Donald Lessor, her uncles: Joe (Lori) Lund, Tim (Laura Halbach) Lund, her aunts: April (Bryan Keepers) Fischer, Laura Hendrickson and Anita (Don) Salzer. Ireland is also survived by several cousins.

She was also preceded in death by her uncle, Steven A. Hendrickson. Funeral services for Ireland were, April 8, 2005, at Faith Community United Methodist Church, N1966 Julius Drive, Greenville, Wis. with the Rev. Thomas Lambrecht officiating.

Jeannette A. Loucks: Jan. 29, 1918 - April 9, 2005

Jeannette A. Loucks, 87, of Charlevoix, died April 9, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral was Wednesday, April 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Rev. R. Dale Magoon officiated and burial was at St. Mary's in Charlevoix.

Jeannette was born Jan. 29, 1918, in East Hampton, Mass., the daughter of Albert and Blanche (Sorel) Bernier.

On Oct. 3, 1936, she married John A. Loucks in Detroit, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1962.

She was a person you could always turn to for sound advice and she deeply touched the lives of her friends and family.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Jeannette is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Jack) Fisk of Albany, Ga.; sons David (Gloria) Loucks of Lincoln; Alan (Peggy) Loucks of Petoskey; Philip Loucks of Trenton; John (Sherrie) Loucks of Charlevoix; 24 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; brothers Urban (Theresa) Bernier of Irons; Edward Bernier of Detroit; and sister Blanche LaPorte of Detroit.

She was preceded in death by her brothers Arthur, Victor and Honorius.

Family suggests memorial contributions to St. Mary's Catholic Church of Charlevoix. Visitation was from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 12 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Carol L. Wells: Dec. 17, 1937 - April 12, 2005

Carol L. Wells, 67, of Charlevoix, died April 12, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A funeral was Friday, April 15, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. David Behling of the Family of Christ Church in Petoskey officiated and burial was at Brookside Cemetery.

Carol was born Dec. 17, 1937, in Northport the daughter of John and Bertha (Hubble) Clausen. She graduated from Boyne City High School in 1956 and on Feb. 21, 1959, she married John L. Wells in Boyne City.

She is survived by her husband John L.; son Randall L. (Tammy Mitchell) Wells; daughter Teri L. (Phillip) Wilkins; grandsons Jesse and Derek Wilson all of Charlevoix; brother Courtlan (Sandy) Clausen of East Jordan; sisters Pat (Stan) Whitley of Charlevoix and Mable (Lester) Howard of Vanderbilt.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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11906 US-31 North

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor:
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Father Jim Gunn 547-6322

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Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

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Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	7:00 p.m.

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Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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Norwood

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

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Crooked Tree to host Artrain in Petoskey

Crooked Tree Arts Center is listening for the train, the Artrain that is!

Artrain USA is chugging into Petoskey in May, and on board is its national touring art exhibition: Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture.

This contemporary Native American exhibition will be open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15 in Pennsylvania Park between Lake and Bay Streets in downtown Petoskey. Admission is free.

Crooked Tree Arts Center has hosted Artrain in Petoskey each time the train has toured the United States since 1971.

Tom Moran, chair of the Artrain Steering committee, said, "It's an honor to take part in this historic, proven community-building instrument, that educates, inspires and unites all who visit Artrain. The Native American theme of the artwork aboard the train seems made to order, given the importance of the history of our area."

The exhibition explores the ways Native American artists are influenced by popular culture and will offer mainstream America the opportunity to look at and consider different insights into contemporary society. In addition, the exhibition seeks to redefine Native American art by broadening the limits and stereotypes that currently define it.

Guest curator, Joanna Bigfeather (western Cherokee and Mescalero Apache) redefines Native art by broadening the limits and confronting the stereotypes that currently define it.

Visitors will discover the richness, complexity and breadth of contemporary Native American art while examining varying perspectives on society.

Artrain USA is America's Hometown Art Museum. A not-for-profit organization, its mission is to enrich lives and build communities through the arts. An art museum housed in vintage rail cars that travels via the nation's railways, Artrain USA brings world class art exhibitions and art education programs to communities and their residents.

For more information regarding Artrain USA's visit to Petoskey contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit their web site www.crookedtree.org.

Since its inception in 1971, Artrain USA has presented its exhibitions and related art education programs in 44 states and welcomed more than 2.9 million visitors during 730 stops. Communities as small as 300 and as large as 3 million residents have hosted Artrain USA.

Artrain USA's national headquarters are in Ann Arbor. For more information on Artrain USA and to see images from Native Views visit its web site at www.ArtrainUSA.org or its download page at www.artrainusa.org/downloads/downloads.html, or call (800) ART-1971.

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Megan Bush, 2, of Grand Haven enjoys a trip down the slide at Ferry Beach Sunday. Bush was playing alongside several other children at the park who were outside taking in the warm weather this week.

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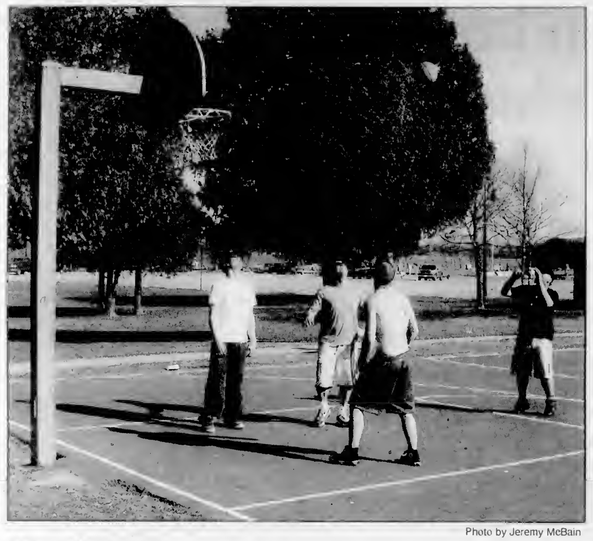

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Beach ball

Above, (from left) Jeff Clabby, of East Jordan, Harvey Coates, of Charlevoix, Josh Young, of Charlevoix, and Jamie Speer, of Charlevoix, enjoy a game of basketball Sunday at Ferry Beach. The group was just one of many out in the warm weather that has blanketed Charlevoix.

Official Notice

ELECTION NOTICE

Notice of Annual Election to the electors of Charlevoix School District to be held May 3, 2005

To the qualified electors of the Charlevoix School District notice is hereby given that a regular Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

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Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School Board Members

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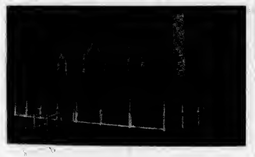

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School board candidates to face public at forum

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix Puhlic Library will offer people the chance to come and hear what the Charlevoix Public School Board candidates have to say during a forum on April 25.

Toni Felter, president of the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, said the public forums have been sucessful in the past and they will keep hosting them as long as there is public interest.

Each school board candidate has already been mailed two questions that they ean have time to prepare the answer for. However, the night of the forum the audience ean ask them questions and hear the feedback themselves.

Felter said school board candidate incumbents Barney Way and Scott Boss will be unable to attend the forum, but candidates Dean Speneley and Christine Michaud will be there.

Since Way and Boss won't be able to personally attend, the answers to their questions will be read for them.

The forum will start at 7 p.m. and will oeeur in the basement of the library in the large meeting room. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information on the forum call the library at 547-2651.

Lions Club of Charlevoix to give local scholarship

Through the generosity and interest of the Charlevoix Lion's Club, a college bound Charlevoix High School senior will be awarded a scholarship that will cover costs of books and materials for the recipient's freshman year.

Criteria inelude; eitizenship, positive role model, and the applicant must have heen a participant in the Charlevoix Junior Golf program.

King Lion, Vanee Wood, in announeing the award, praised the local junior golf program and said, "This is the tenth year anniversary of the program and we as a club are impressed with the quality individuals that have emerged and gone on to set high standards for all the younger program participants. We want to publiely recognize their accomplishments and emphases placed on honesty, responsibility, obedience to rules, competitiveness and development of social skills. These traits are elosely associated with prineiples Lions Clubs of American stand for and emphasize."

Dean Davenport, director of the Junior program, expressed gratitude to the Lion's Club for their recognition and interest in the development of Charlevoix youth.

"We have had a total of nearly 2000 juniors enroll during the past 9 years and many have done well in performing in both the classroom and in athletics," he said.

A joint committee with representatives from both the Lion's Club and the Board of Directors of the Junior Golf Program will review applications and determine the winner.

Graduating seniors may apply or gain information by contacting the high school counseling office.

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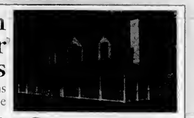

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News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

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Slide into some fun

Above, Tyla Olafsson, 5, of Charlevoix, takes a ride down the slide at Ferry Beach on Sunday.

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Charlevoix smoking ban in effect

A workplace smoking ban will go into effect mid-July in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

The fourth county needed to approve a workplace smoking ban in the four-county health district of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency voted to adopt the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation on Thursday, April 14. The workplace smoking ban was adopted by the Antrim County board of Commissioners in a 7-1 vote.

County boards in Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego had already adopted it.

The restriction goes into effect in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties 90 days following the final vote, or on July 13.

The Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation requires businesses in these four counties, except for restaurants, bars, hotels, motels and Indian-owned casinos, to provide an environment free of cancer-causing second-hand smoke for their employees and patrons.

"We have a lot of work to do now," said Gerry Chase, health officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. "We'll be contacting every business in our four-county health district to inform them about the new smoking ban. We'll be providing them with information about how to comply and 'no smoking' signs for their place of business. We'll also have resources to help their smoking employees quit, if they're ready."

Chase said that some people have had questions about enforcing the workplace smoking ban. But he said other counties who had enacted similar regulations had few problems.

"It's an educational process," he said. "We're expecting our experience to be similar to that of places like Genesee County or Ingham County, who have had smoking bans like this one for a awhile. That is, once everyone understands the restriction, there will be very few complaints."

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For additional information about the workplace smoking ban, visit www.nwhealth.org or contact Theresa Sington, Tobacco Reduction Coalition coordinator, at (231) 547-7659.

Planned Parenthood to have Roe presentation

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will he offering an advocacy briefing entitled "The State of the Supreme Court - Will Roe be Overturned?" at three of its health centers at 6 p.m. on April 20.

During this advocacy briefing, participants will discuss the current state of the Supreme Court, the impact of lower federal courts, the filibuster and "nuclear options" and threats to the Roe v. Wade decision.

The advocacy briefing is free and open to the public, but registration is required at least 48 hours prior to the workshop. The briefing will take place at the Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Health Centers in Petoskey. To register, or for more information, contact Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan at 1003 Spring Street, or call (231) 347-9692. You may also visit the web site at www.plannedparenthood.org/ppnm.

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Students to present new telling of Moses

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff Writer

The story of Moses just got a makeover.

St. Mary School will perform their annual spring program, but this time things are taking on a new twist.

Jodi Thompson, music teacher at St. Mary School, will he directing the students in Kathie Hill's musical, "Holy Moses!"

The spring program is a school-wide event and will include a performance by St. Mary School's string players followed by a presentation by the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes. Then comes the updated story of Moses.

The edgy aspect to this version of the story of Moses is that Hill designed her musical to tell the story of Moses set in the format of a fictional television show called Trading Places, which is similar to the real life show "Trading Spaces."

"Holy Moses!" follows two characters, Page Turner and Ty Kwando, who work with two teams led by Hildy Vine and Frank Incense. Frank's team goes to an ancient Hebrew home while Hildy's group goes to an Egyptian palace.

Instead of keys to access each place, Page gives the team leaders a Bible that they'll use to help them learn about the life of Moses.

Throughout the play the characters, and audience, learn about the life of Moses. Thompson said in a written summary of the musical that the end shows everyone can trade places after they die by leaving their sins behind and turning their attention and hearts to God.

Thompson said she chose Hill's play because she has enjoyed putting on other pieces by Hill in the past, but the play also allows the students to relate more easily to something that happened in history.

"I think the kids relate to them (Biblical stories) even more because they're put in a more modern setting," she said.

The school has put on some more traditional plays, but also a play called "Nic at Night" that told about Nicademus in the guise of a "Nick at Nite" format.

What Thompson also likes about Hill is that each musical she does makes the subject matter entertaining and easy for children to understand.

"She does a wonderful job with the message," she said.

This is the first time St. Mary School has put on a production of "Holy Moses!" and so far rehearsals are going well.

"I enjoy watching the kids share their talent with the audience," she said.

The performance will occur at 6:30 p.m. on April 28 at St. Mary School.

For more information call St. Mary School at 547-9441.

Photo by Courtney Pace

St. Mary School students will tell a new story of Moses.

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NORTHWEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 4, 2005

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties, will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed ordinance for Charlevoix County as follows:

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4, 2005
Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency
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The proposed ordinance includes point-of-sale septic system inspection and requirements for advanced waste treatment systems and off-site waste treatment systems. Proposed ordinance is available for review at www.nwhealth.org.

Also, written comments may be directed to Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services, before 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2005 at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, 49720.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – March 23, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:05 p.m. in Charlevoix on March 23, 2005. All Commissioners were present. Motion approved the minutes of the March 9, 2005 meeting as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #05-016, Whiting Park Renovation Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #05-017, Create New Fund-Crime Victim's Rights Fund.

Motion approved Resolution #05-018, GPS Unit Upgrade Purchase.

Motion approved Rsolution #05-019. Community Foundation Grant Application and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

The meeting was adjourned.

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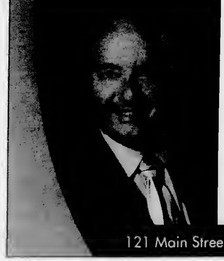

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Both of these events are important because they are the main source of funds for the March of Dimes.

The primary focus of the March of Dimes is the prevention of premature births.

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Funds raised by the March of Dimes are used in research programs to prevent premature births and provide education and support to help affected families.

The first event will be on Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21.

Everybody is invited to Bowl for Babies at Northern Lights Recreation on the Harbor-Petoskey Road.

The time reserved for this event is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and, if they would like, bowlers can call ahead to reserve a specific, preferred time.

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The second event is the annual Walk America.

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The class takes place from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 23, at Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Drive in Charlevoix. Residents interested in participating can call Connie Roland at 547-8570 to register.

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Health department hosts water essay contest for area students

"Our Household Water Cycle" is the topic of an essay contest for students from kindergarten through twelfth grades, sponsored by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, for Earth Day on April 23.

Students from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties are eligible to submit Earth Day essays by Friday, April 22.

Winners from three age groups — kindergarten through third grade, fourth through eighth grade and ninth through twelfth grade — will receive cash prizes with donations to their schools' libraries.

Essays should address the general concept that there is no such thing as "new water."

For the essay, students should discuss the importance of the water cycle in their own homes, how water flows through their homes, and how it affects their health and the health of their family members and neighbors. For additional information or for an entry form, telephone Jane Sundmacher at (231) 347-5041.

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Entertainment options sparce for youth

By COURTNEY E. PACE
Staff writer

According to those interviews, entertainment offered in Charlevoix is geared toward the older generations and the younger crowd are awaiting their turn.

Several Charlevoix residents talked about what they did for entertainment and whether or not they stay in Charlevoix when they have a day off or want to go out and have some fun.

Carrie Beemon, 23, enjoys staying local when she can, but knows that the entertainment offered in Charlevoix isn't usually something that interests her or targeted toward her demographic.

"I think that a lot of the restaurant owners are comfortable with the crowd they have," she said. "They've had the same acts for 10 years but it brings back the same crowd."

Beemon envisions restaurants, bars and even Castle Farms utilizing their facilities to draw in the college-aged crowd, which could make money as well.

Beemon said she will go out to Petoskey to hear local bands at City Park Grill with her boyfriend and friends, especially during the winter because they offer music she's interested in.

Aside from music, if Beemon wants to go out and dance with friends, she said she'll drive to Traverse City to go to clubs like Streeters as that is the closest place to offer that kind of atmosphere.

Occasionally, Beemon said she'll go see a band playing at the Villager Pub, Whitney's Oyster Bar or the Flight Deck, but it's typically not the music that she's interested in. However, she'll go to enjoy hearing live music.

Beemon said Charlevoix could tap into the youthful population. She said most of the entertainment is geared toward those in their 30s or older.

"There's a smaller demographic of my age group, but the group is large enough to be worth looking into other entertainment for," she said.

Beemon said Castle Farms should open its doors and provide entertainment for the younger demographic. She said music could be played there and dances could occur on Saturday nights.

"I'm sure they'd have a turn out," she said.

Also, the American Legion Hall and other such places could feature Battle of the Bands and the auditorium at Charlevoix High School could be used more to bring in plays and operas, Beemon said.

The local coffee shops could also feature some form of entertainment such as featuring a games night, like the coffee shops in Petoskey and Traverse City. Beemon said people come in and buy a sandwich or something and can then occupy a table to play a game with friends.

Charlevoix seems to close down at 6 p.m. in the winter, Beemon said, and if they utilized one night each weekend to stay open later or offer some youthful entertainment it could be profitable for them.

Darick Leitner, 24, said the only entertainment in Charlevoix seems to be either going out to a restaurant, bar or teen center because there aren't any clubs.

"If I were to do something there's nothing in this town that draws my attention," he said.

In the winter time, Leitner said he usually finds entertainment by playing video games or doing outdoor activities such as sledding, skiing and snowboarding. During the summer, he takes walks on the beach or cruises down back roads, but not much more.

Leitner said he is usually at work and doesn't have much time to go out, but the music Charlevoix features in the park during the summer is too folksy for his taste or something not from his generation. He said this easily puts him off and keeps him from attending.

"I think it's time for something new," he said of the entertainment offered each year at the same bars and restaurants. "Some people can only play only so many cover bands until it gets old."

Leitner said the generation below him is comprised of a lot of musical talents that should be given a chance to display what they have to offer. Charlevoix could become more appealing entertainment wise if they opened a club somewhere or an arcade, Leitner said.

A club that was 18 and up would be wise because it would draw more or a younger crowd, instead of just 21 and up, which could generate more revenue for the owner.

However, Leitner said when he goes out he usually goes to Petoskey because it's the closest

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Younger residents want more to do in area

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city to offer entertainment geared toward his age group. Also, even if there's not much to do there's the 24 hour Wal-Mart that people can walk around in.

Kellie Young, 16, said Charlevoix doesn't offer much for the teenage demographic.

She said there's a lot for children and older people to enjoy, but not those who can't yet go to the bars, but are older than the childish activities.

Young said if the city wants people to stay in Charlevoix, they should provide some place where people can dance, listen to music and do other activities. Currently, Young said bowling is pretty much the only option for her age group in Charlevoix.

Young plays the tenor saxophone for the Northwest Academy Jazz Band and enjoys that type of music. She said the local music is geared toward the older crowd, but that isn't so bad because a lot of it is jazz.

"I think jazz is coming back in because everyone listens to it," she said.

If she was to go out for a night on the town, Young said she'd probably go to Petoskey because they have more activities such as an ice skating rink. Also, she enjoys going to East Jordan as they have a roller skating rink.

The price of such activities matters and so if Charlevoix created something it should be affordable.

In the summer, Young said Charlevoix hosts a Battle of the Bands that usually displays good music. She said it's hard though for people her age to get gigs outside of a Battle of the Bands atmosphere unless they have connections.

Young said BASES Teen Center in Charlevoix is an option, but it isn't appealing as it is known as a place where troubled youth go to for help. Young said there should be a place that the younger group could go and listen to different bands play without having to wait until the summer time.

"The only time to do anything fun is when the schools throw dances," she said.

Celia Kelly, program director for BASES Teen Center, said the facility used to be called Club 77 and it used to offer dances. However, that stopped due to a lack of interest.

Kelly said there is a negative view on the teen center because troubled youth come there to seek assistance and attend programs. However, the center is open for everyone and offers an array of activities.

Logan Matter, 20, plays bass for Two Faced Heroes, but said there's not many options where they can play and showcase their talent.

Matter said there is absolutely nothing to do entertainment wise in Charlevoix, especially when you can't go to the bars.

For entertainment, Matter said he will go to Petoskey and Traverse City.

Matter said Charlevoix could become more appealing as a venue of entertainment if they created a pool hall or arcade or even put in a miniature golf course.

They should also have a place designated where local bands can hold concerts.

"I think a lot of kids would go to that because there's nothing else to do on a Friday night," he said.

The music scene in Charlevoix is also the bar band scene, Matter said. However, most local bars won't allow underage people to play in their establishment.

But, if they do, Matter said they won't let underage people come in to hear the music or support their friends.

Castle Farms could be utilized as a place to showcase local musical talent and Matter said he knows a handful of bands in the Charlevoix, Petoskey and Traverse City area that would willingly play.

However, Matter said finding a place to play is hard if it's not offered.

He said renting out a place such as the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix can run between $500 and $700.

This can become a hardship if enough people don't show up in order to make the band money. Otherwise, Matter said the bands are spending a lot of money to play for free.

Alan Lovelace, general manager of Castle Farms, said Castle Farms is open to doing something such as featuring local bands.

"From my perspective, we're open to doing anything we can to bring culture, music and arts to the area," he said.

He said featuring local artists and talent is something the facility is capable of doing since their upstairs can hold 500 people. It's also something they're interested in doing.

Lovelace said Castle Farms hasn't approached the particular market of a younger audience, but will look into it.

Castle Farms can be used all winter long and Lovelace said they encourage it to be a family environment.

Hosting concerts is something Castle Farms is looking into, but it will be more of a week-long festival instead of a one night event. Lovelace said he would like to host a celtic festival that would incorporate music, dance and food to highlight that specific culture.

Also, national talent and local talent would be brought in to entertain those who would attend.

"We're open to that," he said.

Dean Behan, 45, said he doesn't go out much to hear bands play and he and his wife like to stay local if they can.

However, he said he will go to Boyne City or Petoskey because they offer more dining options.

"I like a lot of natural resources this place has to offer," Behan said of Charlevoix.

Behan said one can walk, ride their bike or go to one of several different beaches.

Behan said he doesn't have much of an opinion on entertainment offered in Charlevoix since he doesn't go out much, but he does think the business owners do a good job of offering a variety.

He said the local coffee shops could offer something for entertainment, which would be a nicer environment than smoke-filled bars that aren't Behan's scene anymore.

Overall, Behan said he thinks having concerts in the park is nice and thinks Charlevoix could model themselves after Alden when it comes to music.

Alden shuts down their main street and brings the music out into the street.

Behan said he doesn't know how it would work to shut down a portion of Bridge Street, but it would be neat to have music filling the streets as Charlevoix does become a night town in the summer.

He said Alden does something different every week and it involves local families.

Behan said it would be good to involve local families in Charlevoix activities.

"Merchants can't survive on a three-month economy," he said. "They need locals coming here."

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SPORTS

Baseball team opens season with split

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders are off to one of their best starts in recent years in baseball, opening their season with a split at Petoskey, losing game one, 5-2 and winning game two, 4-1.

The Rayders then won their own Charlevoix Invitational, defeating Lake City, 18-2 and Petoskey, 16-9.

"It's the first time we've won our tournament in a long time," Coach Bryan Hawkins said. "One of our biggest concerns coming out of (the Petoskey) doubleheader was our aggressiveness at the plate and we answered any of those lingering doubts this weekend.

"We put the ball in play every chance we had and to have a thirty-four run eruption in two games is pretty exciting."

At Petoskey, Charlevoix only managed two hits in the opener. Freshman Cliff Jones scored the first run for the Rayders on a passed ball after leading off the fifth inning with a walk.

Ezra Bakker had the lone RBI for Charlevoix, singling in Tyler Bier in the top of the sixth. Bier collected the other Rayder hit.

Jake Teuscher started the game on the mound and took the loss, giving up three earned runs in four innings of work. Teuscher struck out eight while walking three. Bier pitched the final inning, striking out all three batters he faced.

In the nightcap, Bier threw a complete game, allowing only one run on four hits while striking out nine.

At the plate, Jake Teuscher led the game off with a double to the warning track in left field and later scored on a two-run double by Jones. Bakker also scored on the hit.

The Northmen scored on an error in the third inning to cut the lead to 2-1 but the Rayders responded with two runs in the top of the fourth. Matt Teuscher and Nate Dube scored the Rayder runs.

Sophomore Matt Heimbuch threw a three-inning complete game in his first varsity start for the win against Lake City. Heimbuch struck out four and gave up only three hits.

Charlevoix broke the game open with a 12 run first inning.

Jake Teuscher had three hits, two runs scored and an RBI. Bakker had two hits, an RBI and scored three runs. Matt Teuscher was two-for-two with three RBIs.

Eddie Waldron hit a two-run inside-the-park home run and had four RBI in the game. Michael Wojan singled, knocked in three runs and scored three as well.

In the championship game against Petoskey, Waldron was the winning pitcher in the slugfest. Matt Teuscher finished the game in relief. Petoskey had reached the finals by defeating Maple City Glen Lake, 11-1.

Bakker had two hits, two runs scored and two RBI. Bier had two hits, an RBI and a run scored. Matt Teuscher had one hit, two RBI and a run scored. Jake Teuscher scored three runs.

"This year our seniors will take us as far as we go," Hawkins said. "We've got a great group of seniors, probably the best group we've had in a while and I really look forward to great things to come."

The Rayder junior varsity team is also off to a good start, going 4-0 in their first week of play, sweeping Inland Lakes, 4-3 and 13-1, and Maple City Glen Lake, 14-1 and 15-2.

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SPORTS

Rayder tennis opens season with big win

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix Rayder tennis team opened its season April 16 with a win at the Traverse City St. Francis Invitational.

The team won with 17 points. Traverse City and Traverse City St. Francis tied for second with 15 points.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said, "This was a good way to start the year."

Individual results were:

• First, singles: Nate Turner beat Elk Rapids, 6-2, 6-4; beat Glen Lake, 6-0, 6-1; lost to St. Francis, 0-6, 3-6.

• Second, singles: Matt Novotny beat Glen Lake, 6-0, 6-1; beat Elk Rapids, 6-0, 7-5; lost to St. Francis, 4-6, 0-6.

• Third, singles: Adam Wager lost to Elk Rapids, 2-6, 6-2, 7-10; beat Glen Lake, 6-2, 6-1; lost to St. Francis, 4-6, 5-7.

• Fourth, singles: Justin Klooster beat Glen Lake, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Elk Rapids, 1-6, 6-2, 7-10; lost to St. Francis, 6-3, 6-1.

• First, doubles: Sparky Nitchman and Taylor Martin beat 6-1, 6-1; beat Glen Lake 6-1, 6-1; beat Elk Rapids, 5-7, 7-5, 10-8.

• Second, doubles: Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux beat St. Francis, 6-2, 7-6; beat Glen Lake, 6-1, 6-1; lost to Elk Rapids, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

• Third, doubles: Mike Greyerhiehl and Cody Wheat beat St. Francis, 5-2 and default; beat Glen Lake, 6-0, 6-1; beat Elk Rapids, 7-5, 7-6.

• Fourth, doubles: Dan Swenor and Dustin Dibble beat Elk Rapids, 6-3, 6-1; beat St. Francis, 6-3, 6-4; beat Glen Lake by forfeit.

There were also two exhibition matches. Those results were:

• Fifth, doubles: Ty Haske and Eric Deboe beat Elk Rapids, 6-1, 7-5; lost to St. Francis, 6-2, 6-1.

• Sixth, doubles: Bill Roloff and Tom Castiglione beat Elk Rapids, 6-1, 6-0; beat St. Francis, 6-4, 6-3.

Soccer team opens season with losses

The Rayders dropped 0-2 on the young season with a non conference loss at home on Saturday to Gaylord, 3-0.

Charlevoix played well against the older, more experienced Blue Devils but couldn't generate any sustained offense to counter Gaylord's attack.

Gaylord managed 18 shots and Charlevoix's keeper Laura Nitchman saved 15.

The Rayders managed only four attempts on goal.

Charlevoix stayed with Gaylord in the midfield and on the defensive end.

The Rayders received strong play from freshmen midfielders Kaleigh Blanchard and Becca Madison and strong defensive efforts from senior Madison McKenzie.

Senior forward Jamie Pettis worked hard throughout the match but couldn't break through the strong Gaylord defense.

"We've played two quality opponents to start the season and that will help us in the long run. We are making daily progress on learning a new system and melding our new freshmen into our strong returning nucleus," Coach Carol Madison said.

The Rayders hope to rebound in a conference match at East Jordan on Monday.

On April 14, the team lost to Elk Rapids 4-2. The Elks started the scoring 25 minutes into the first period to take a 1-0 lead.

Charlevoix answered just before the half when freshman Ariel Ramsey took a shot which was volleyed by the Elk Rapids keeper and rebounded to sophomore Lori Zimmerman who sent the ball home.

Charlevoix came out strong to open the second half.

Freshman Becca Madison put the Rayders ahead with an unassisted shot from 16 yards out.

A few minutes later, the Rayders were called for a foul in the box and Elk Rapids converted the resulting penalty kick.

The score remained two all until with just four minutes remaining in regulation, the Elks got behind the Charlevoix defenders and took the lead. The Elks scored again on a direct kick to ice the match with two minutes left.

Charlevoix's outstanding keeper Nitchman made 13 saves as the Elks outshot the Rayders 17 to 9.

Junior center back Stevie Murray played well and received the Rayders' Player of the Game award.

"This was a tough test for us in our opening match. We expect to challenge perennial powers Elk Rapids and Harbor for the Lake Michigan Conference this season. Elk Rapids beat us to the ball tonight and earned the win. We learned a great deal and know what we have to work on," Madison said

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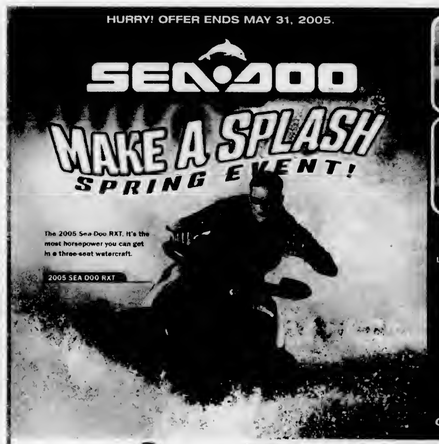

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Solitary setting

(Above) Indrid Frazier, of Charlevoix, and her daughter Isabella Frazier, 21 months, enjoy a trip to Lake Michigan Beach Sunday. Temperatures were in the 60s and expected to stay there throughout this week.

Ellsworth schools to have kindergarten orientation

Ellsworth Community School is hosting a Kindergarten Orientation Night at 6 p.m., on April 21.

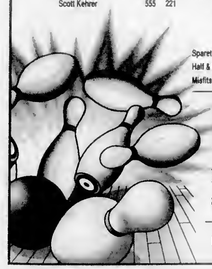
Supper and childcare will be provided. Families can learn the ins and outs of Ellsworth Community School's kindergarten program, while members of the Class of 2018 can meet and greet each other.

Kindergarten Registration is May 5.

Parents should call Brenda at 588-2544 to schedule an appointment.

On the day of registration, parents should bring the prospective kindergartener, immunization records and birth certificate.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues



Church League - April 13, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	500	300
State Farm Insurance	463	337
Ferguson & Chamberlain	455	345
Mark White Paint & Stain	394	406
Lutherans	365	435
The Inner Circle	363	437
R & C Roofing	361	439
St. Mary's	299	501

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	677	243
Ron Grutke	596	243
Scott Kehrer	555	221

Men's Senior League - April 11, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	41	15
J Arnold Painting "A"	33	23
Weebowl-Wobowls	32	24
Kerr's Racing	28.5	27.5
J Arnold Painting "2"	25.5	30.5
Central Drug Store	25.5	30.5
Cemex Cement	21	35
Selph Trucking	17.5	38.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bryan VanLoo	630	257
Chris Putman	620	227
Darrel VanLoo		222
Jon Kiernan	597	

Young at Hearts League
April 14, 2005

	W	L
Sparetime	45	14
Half & Half	39	21
Misfits	38	22
Irish Rollers	33.5	26.5
Twilighters	31	29
Alley Cats	23	37
Has Beens	16	44
Past Timers	13.5	46.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ray Browe	529	203
Mo Dixon	544	197
Ken Schoenhelt	503	178
Anah Potter		174
Zettie Kitson	432	156
Shirley Flower	416	156
Nancy Bambach	412	

Tuesday Night Ladies - April 12, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	38.5	25.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	37	27
Paul Bunyan Lanes	35	29
Twin Lakes Enterprise	34	30
Central Drug Store	29	35
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	27.5	36.5
Don's IGA	21.5	42.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	17.5	46.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Connie Wood	566	244
Linda Lake		200
Jane Holm	510	199
Mary O'Brien	501	

Gutter Gals League - April 7, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	157	123
Burger King Charlevoix	149	131
Argonne Supper Club	145	135
Express Yourself	109	171

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	519	189
Mary O'Brien	524	183
Jane Holm	492	183

Paul Bunyan Lanes

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FOUND & FREE ITEMS 072

GOLD & DIAMOND BRACELET Found downtown Charlevoix Area. Charlevoix City Police Department. 231-547-3258 to identify.
(4-13-2-072)

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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

THIS IS to inform Robert Kenwabikise, last known address: General Delivery, Beaver Island, MI, 49782, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #134. A brief description would be; washer and electric dryer. You have until May 20, 2005, to re-claim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.
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(4-6-3-159)

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LEGAL 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No. 05-010804-DE

Estate of Geraldine L. Goss
Deceased
Date of Birth: June 2, 1921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Geraldine L. Goss, who lived at 803 E. Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died March 7, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Toni L. Wood, named personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 18, 2005

Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State Street, Ste 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-4059

Toni Woods
03728 Lake Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
L(4/20)

LEGAL 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010807-DE

Estate of **Florence Jeane McDowell** Deceased

Date of birth: February 2, 1927

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Florence Jeane McDowell, who lived at 207 Echo Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727 died February 6, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Garry G. McDowell, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 14, 2005
Michael J. Corcoran P41254
203 Mason Street, P.O. Box 490
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-8990

Garry G. McDowell
84 Groveland Road
Ortonville, MI 48462
248-627-2058
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 6, 2002, by James E. Karlskin and Mary M. Karlskin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on February 15, 2002, at Liber 458, Page 846, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $119,347.44 principal, $5,362.54 interest, and $150.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 13, 2005 at 11 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

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This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with interest at the rate of 8.00% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated March 28, 2005

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

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Joel D. Wurster, PLC
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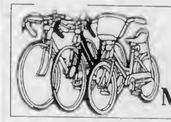

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Area events

Grange month

Barnard Grange is inviting the community to celebrate Grange Month starting at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner on April 21, at the Barnard Grange located at the corner of Barnard and Klooster Roads. The Open House event is to invite community members to learn more about their purpose, as well as their programs and activities.

There will be an award ceremony to acknowledge the good work of a community citizen as an outstanding individual with the Grange Community Citizen Award.

Spring Carnival

The all new Charlevoix Schools Spring Carnival is from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Charlevoix High School. There is a theme basket silent auction, prizes, raffle, food and concessions.

It's a new location with new games and lots more fun for the whole family.

Spring cleanup

Friends of The Jordan River are planning a Watershed Spring Cleanup between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m., on Saturday, April 23. The clean-up will start at Graves Crossing which is a beautiful place to volunteer for a few hours with a BBQ from 12 to 1 p.m. at Sportsman's Park immediately after the cleanup.

Hymn sing

A Hymn Sing sponsored by the Northern Michigan Holiness Camp Association begins at 6 p.m., April 24, at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene located at 12023 Waller Road. All are welcome to attend.

Sock hop

The Second Annual Sock Hop sponsored by AMVETS Auxiliary of Beaver Island Post 46, starts at 7 p.m. April 30 at the Holy Cross Parish Hall on Beaver Island. Come and rock and roll to the D.J. Joe Nagraba and enjoy the dance, hula hoop and best attire and singers contest. Admission is $10 with a cash bar, snacks, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

Bergmann dinner, auction

The Bergmann Center would be honored to have you join them at the Third Annual Starlight Dinner and Live Auction on Sunday, May 1, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bells Bay Road (at the corner of M-66 and US-31 go South on 31 for 1.3 miles to the right on Bells Bay Road).

Browse the display of auction items and enjoy entertainment by Chris Dominic at 12:30 p.m. A buffet dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. catered by Giuseppe's Italian Grille. An auction immediately follows with auctioneer Sam Kosc. To purchase tickets call Kim or Aimee at (231) 547-2979. Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple.

Teen challenge

Charlevoix Assembly of God will host the Lansing Teen Challenge at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 1. The church is located at 05291 M-66 North. For more information please call the church office at 547-6430.

Lifeguard training

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will be offering a Lifeguard Training Certification Course. The course will meet from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday evening May 2, 9, 16 and 22. The course will also meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday May 21. The cost is $150 for district residents (City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Charlevoix Township) $160 for all others. A $50 deposit is required to register. For more information about this class please contact Betsy Ganstra at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at (231) 547-0982.

Grief and loss support

Charlevoix Grief and Loss Support Group is being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay beginning Wednesday, May 4, at the First Congregational Church located at 101 State Street. The group will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays. This group is free of charge thanks to community contributions. To register, or for more information call (231) 487-4825.

Dems to meet

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will meet at the Flap Jack Restaurant with a Dutch-treat dinner at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Featured guests will be two high school students sharing their thoughts on political issues.

Anger resolution

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene (12023 Waller Road) is hosting an Institute in Basic Life Principles (IBLP) Anger Resolution Seminar, Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14. This is a video seminar conducted by Dr. Bill Gothard. The seminar will explore the causes of anger and reveal the Biblical remedies which enable us to "put off all...anger" (Col. 3:8) The seminar registration fee is $35, payable to Institute in Basic Life Principles. For more information or to register please contact pastor Dan Gilmore at (231) 547-5711.

Stover cleanup

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, with financial support from the Charlevoix Community Foundation, invites the public to join in the first Stover Creek Cleanup on Saturday morning, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., May 14.

Kevin Cronk the monitoring and research coordinator for the Watershed Council invites the public to join them in their first effort to help Stover Creek. If you are interested in joining this cause to help cleanup Stover Creek, please call (231) 347-1181 ext. 109, e-mail Kevin@watershedcouncil.org or visit the Watershed Council office at 426 Bay Street across from the Perry Hotel. The Watershed Council would appreciate volunteers registering by May 6 for the May 14 cleanup.

Spring retreat

Win-Some Women Christian Retreats has openings for the upcoming Spring Retreat to be on Mackinac Island. Registrations are being accepted for the Wednesday, May 18 and 19 retreat only. The theme for the retreat is The Revelation of God's Love. Keynote speaker and vocalist is Wintley Phipps along with featured speaker Jeannette Clift George and the theatrical performers A.D. Players. Please contact Juli Fryczynski at (231) 347-6179 or visit Country Clutter, 306 E. Lake Street, in Petoskey to pick up a brochure and registration.

Soccer registration

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Registration is from 5:30 to 7 p.m., May 19 and May 24, in the Charlevoix Elementary School Gym. Registration is for U-6 through U-14 divisions. Fees are $60 per child with a $40 discount for parent volunteer time applicable to all their children registering to play. Any registration received after June 1 is subject to a $10 late fee. Contact Marlene at 547-9452 if you need additional information.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Food Pantry is open by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. They are located at 05291 M-66 N. Please call the church office at 547-6430 to schedule a time.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

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Car club to meet

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Guild to meet

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Carlson: Campbell could be challenged

CAMPBELL

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However, because Gabe is Karen's husband, she could not vote on his nomination to the seat and she abstained. Adding to the confusion, Carlson and Council Member Bill Haggard were absent from the meeting, leaving only council members Shirley Gibson, Bob Timms, Sherman Chamberlain and Bill Bellows.

But, Bellows was sitting in for Carlson as mayor during that meeting and he could not vote according to city charter. This meant the only people who could vote on Gabe's nomination where Gibson, Timms and Chamberlain.

These remaining council members voted for Gabe unanimously and he was sworn in to the open seat after the meeting.

After the meeting though, city attorney Young began to check into the legality of the proceedings and discovered an attorney general's opinion stating that the three council members did not make a quorum — a majority of council members needed to vote on items. This means Gabe's appointment could be challenged if the process is not redone.

At the beginning of Monday's meeting, Carlson said Gabe had two options. First, he could resign from the seat and get renominated and council could have a revote. Second, he could stay in the seat and see if he is challenged in the future.

City Clerk Carol Ochs informed council that if Gabe resigned she would not be able to give him the oath of office because she did not have the oath book.

"I was not informed of this before the meeting," she said.

She added the earliest she could swear Gabe in would be Tuesday morning. This meant Gabe could not vote on any matters that came before council Monday night — luckily the council agenda was light.

Gabe decided not to resign during the meeting. After the meeting he said he would probably resign and try to get reappointed during the council's next meeting on May 2. Then Ochs would have the oath hook and he could be sworn in that night — if he is reappointed.

Carlson said, "I told Gabe I would stand behind him no matter what he did."

He added, if he was the tie-breaking vote on Gabe's renomination he would definitely vote in favor.

"I don't think anyone else would be more qualified," he said.

Gibson and Timms agreed. Bellows would not say how he would vote on Gabe's reappointment.

Chamberlain said he would vote however the residents of second ward want him to vote.

"If they want Gabe, then that is what they get," he said.

Chamberlain is asking residents of second ward to contact him with their thoughts on the matter at (231) 547-7046.

Haggard was absent from Monday's meeting.

Gabe has extensive experience on the city council as both a council member and mayor. He was beaten for the mayor's seat in November 2004 by Carlson.

Teleconference to focus on end of life ethical dilemmas

Charlevoix Area Hospital, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency are co-hosting the Hospice Foundation of America's annual teleconference Wednesday, April 20.

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite, to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care.

This year Hospice Foundation of America 's 12th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference focuses on "Ethical Dilemmas at the End of Life." The subject of ethics at the end of life generates an array of opinions and responses on methods to improve or enhance the quality of life for the terminally ill.

Moderated by Coki Roberts, ABC News Political Commentator and NPR Senior News Analyst, the program will be broadcast from 1 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20.

A distinguished, panel of ethicists, educators and hospice experts will define, differentiate and demonstrate the interrelationships between values, ethics and law in health care settings, and examine how cultural differences may influence ethical choices. In addition, the social perspectives of medical ethics and how various health care settings may influence ethical decisions in hospitals, nursing homes and hospices will be explored.

A local panel will continue the discussion following the national teleconference. The panel members are: Professor David Payne, North Central Michigan College; Dr. Geralyn Doskoch, MD; Julie Spencer, social worker, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency; Sue Bush, director of nursing, Grandvue Medical Care Facility; Nancy Rhode, spiritual advisor, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

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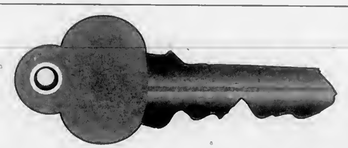

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Sturock: Please write your lawmakers on funding

CUTS

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According to Sturock, previous to the financial troubles, yearly increases were between $250-$300 per student, per year.

"What's really happened over the last three years is that we're trying to run a program while expenditures are going up," he said.

"It doesn't take rocket science to see you can't go into deficit spending."

Even what looks like some relief in the upcoming year is, at this point, only a possibility.

"In Lansing they are proposing a $175 increase for next year," he said.

"They haven't even dealt with it yet, it's just been proposed."

While academic programs are safe for now, if this financial mess isn't straightened out over the next couple years, more cuts may have to occur.

"The plan is that number one, we need to be prudent with our spending and hope that Lansing will get things in order," he said.

The most effective way for the average citizen to help, Sturock added, is by writing to their senator.

"When parents write it carries more weight than when I write," he said.

Some suggestions he had were to tell representatives in Lansing you acknowledge the states financial crisis, but emphasize how important it is for partisan politics be put aside for the well-being of the children. As more schools cut programs, increase class size and prepare for the worst, people around the state are beginning to take notice of this situation, Sturock said.

He added, "For now, we're going to work with the community to get the message out."

According to State Senator Jason Allen, what people may not have noticed is $17 billion of Michigan's $39.5 billion budget is allocated for academic concerns, in spite of which the public schools continue to face financial woes.

While Lansing feels the schools' proverbial pain, Allen said, Michigan is one of the top five spenders on education in the nation.

In addition, Michigan has one of the highest tax burdens and is ranked near the top of highest unemployment rates in the country.

"I think the first issue you need to take a look at is that we're trying to get new jobs in Michigan," Allen said.

He added, the state of the economy is tied so close to the struggling auto industry and things are in tough shape.

But, Allen said, he is optimistic there will be an increase in school spending next year of between $150-$225 per student, with a target number of around $185.

Cities, hospitals and small businesses are also experiencing financial problems, Allen said.

But, he added, "If anybody has any ideas on anything we're open to helping them."

To contact Senator Allen call (517) 373-2413 or e-mail senjallen@senate.michigan.gov.

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Swing into spring

(Above) Gena Gaudio, 15, of Charlevoix tries to reach the clouds on the swings at Lake Michigan Beach Sunday.

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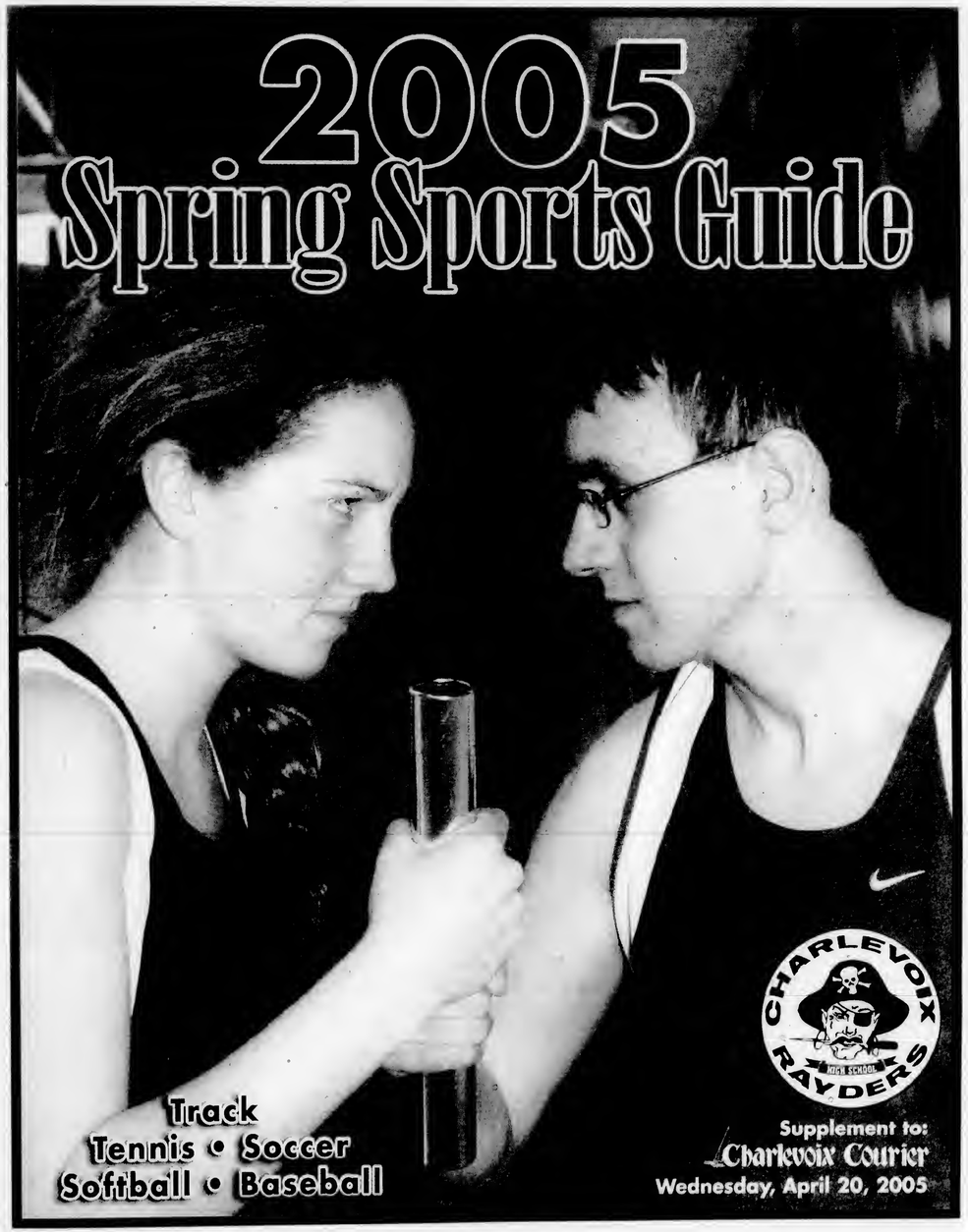

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BASEBALL

Large team could make for a good season

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

With the largest group of players he has ever coached, valuable field time in Florida under its belt and plenty of talent to pick from, Charlevoix High School varsity baseball coach Brian Hawkins has a lot to look forward to this year.

"This is probably the most talented group of players as a team (he has had) with a strong group of seniors," Hawkins said.

Hawkins said he has 17 students on the varsity team this year, with 18 on the junior varsity team. Those large numbers do not just mean lots of talent to pick from this year, but it means good things for the future.

"It gives us a pretty large group of kids to groom and develop over time," he said.

Of the 17 players on the team, nine are seniors and eight are juniors. Hawkins said there is some opportunity for some junior varsity players to come up, especially pitchers.

However, he added, "With depth at all the levels, we can keep the underclassmen on junior varsity where they will grow and mature."

The team will be lead by captains Jake Teuscher and Michael Wojan. Teuscher is a pitcher, plays third base and is a catcher. Wojan plays second base and in the outfield.

"They bring tremendous leadership and have brought us together as a group," Hawkins said.

Added to the size of the team and its great leadership, Hawkins provided some more ammo by taking the team to Florida for a week of spring training at the Disney Wide World of Sports.

This complex is the spring training home of the Atlanta Braves, but has baseball diamonds for high school teams to practice on. The trip was financed through fund-raisers by the team.

Hawkins said this trip enabled the team to get two to three practices a day for four days outside and on a diamond. This gives them an extra advantage over other northern Michigan team who must wait for the snow to disappear.

But, even with all these strengths, Hawkins said there are some areas to work on. The big one will be hitting. He said the team is a little slow right now, but he expects their skills at bat to pick up over the season.

"It doesn't concern me in the long run," he said.

As for the competition, Hawkins said it will be tough.

Boyne City, last years regional champions, is returning some really good players and Elk Rapids and Traverse City St. Francis are looking strong.

"It will be a free-for-all in this league," Hawkins said.

Photos by Jeremy McBain

The varsity baseball team is: (front, from left) Jeremy Godfrey, Logan Niswander, Jake Teuscher, Eddie Waldron, Will Kautz, Matt Teuscher, Brandy Way, Tyler Bier, (back) Billy Brodin, Jaiman Waha, Nate Dube, Kyle DeYoung, Cody Crain, Mike Wojan, Ezra Bakker, Shannon Gillespie and Steven Filipiak. The junior varsity baseball team is: (in no order) Sam Balasz, Matt Heimbuch, Travis Jakeway, Cliff Jones, Kyle Jones, Drew Klooster, R.J. Moore, Woody Nitchman, Zach Scharenbroch, J.D. Speigl, Ty Telgenhof, Ethan Towsley, Danny Waldron, Nic Williams, Jeremy Yaldo, coach Allen Telgenhof, Coach Kirk Heckendorn.

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SOFTBALL

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The varsity softball team is: (front, from left) Caitlin Mitchell, Desi Faust, Brittany Niswander, Genevieve Kochanny, Sasha Spencley, Leah Kelly, (back) Ashley Jones, Murphy Gillespie, Chelsea Nemchak, Anam Minhas, Sally Haselschwardt, Jessica Gauthier and Coach Liz Grunch. (Front, from left) Kim Rosen, Renneé Drew, Kara Ciesielczyk, Janay Drost, Charisse Rogers, (back) Omega Hang, Samantha Stebe, Bethany Brodin, Jill Loper, Katelyn Cole, Emily Yager, Kaylee Wells, Felicia Moses. Coach Dean Spencley is in the back. (Missing) Lauren Hough and Stephanie Milazzo.

Softball team young, but has potential

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Coach Liz Grunch may have a young varsity softball team this year, but she is impressed with their athletic ability and attitude.

"They have a lot of potential," she said. "In a couple of years they are going to be a good team, but now it is challenging because they are trying to learn so much."

Out of a team of 12, Grunch has only three seniors — with only one having played softball before. She has two juniors, two sophomores and five freshmen.

Returning players are Genevieve Kochanny, Sally Haselschwardt, Brittany Niswander and Sasha Spencley. Niswander is the only senior of the returning group.

Grunch said she had a large graduating class last year, which took away a lot of her experienced players. Added to this, she said, a couple of years ago the school did not have a junior varsity team. Therefore, the current varsity team is feeling the effects of this.

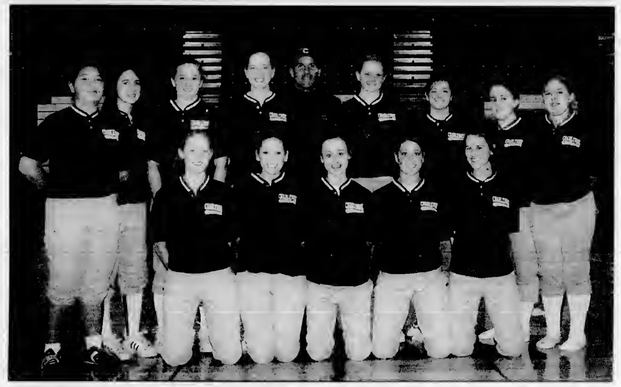
"It hurts when you don't have a feeder program," she said.

While she said she does not have any real standout players at this time, she said she has two freshman pitchers, Leah Kelly and Desi Faust, that are pretty accurate.

Plus, she added, "Everybody is trying to learn the game and go from there. I think people are going to stand out, but not right away. It will be a team effort."

Grunch said her goal right now is to improve the team's hitting and bunting, as well as their fielding and learning the ins and outs of the game.

"They need game experience, but that will come with time," she said.



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(Front, from left) Sonya Plude, Nicole Twining, Caitlin Ernst, Michelle Lemond, Robyn Petzak, Emily Heffling, Mia Matchett, Jasmine Witthoeft, Alina Dhaseleer, (middle) Ashley Pett, Kandis Way, Liz Madison, Krystal Comber, Lindi Edger, Brittney Lamb, Kim Way, Laura Larson, Caitlin Cole, (back) Theresa Martin, Mallory Mahoney, Amy Drew, Shelby Goss, Ellie Strong, Brittany Ward, Gabe Dhaseleer, Chelsea Biddick and Betsey Dennis.

Lots of depth, diversity on track teams

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

With the largest teams the school has had in a long time, Charlevoix boys' and girls' track coaches Ken and Mary Plude are excited about this year's prospects.

Due to the large teams, both are saying they have a lot of depth and diversity to pick from, creating well balanced teams.

"The depth means I have strong competitors in every event for the first time. That is great for 17 events," Mary said of the girls' team. "In a lot of them, I have two or three to pick from."

Mary has 30 students on the girls' team. Of those, 11 are seniors, seven are juniors, seven are sophomores and five are freshmen.

Because of this, Mary said she cannot name one single area where the team is stronger than others.

"I have sprinters, distance runners and field events," she said.

However, she said she still needs to make it all work in the meets.

"I can have all the talent in the world. I just have to be able to pull it together in time," she said.

Mary said the weakest area of the team, and this is a minor weakness, is the team only has one pole vaulter and one high jumper. Plus, one of the strongest members of the team, Lindi Edger, will be out for a while due to a surgery she has to undergo. Mary is not sure at this time how long Edger will be out.

But, she said, the team is focused this year. Mary said they want to qualify as many Rayders to the state finals as they can.

"The ultimate goal is to win the regional so they (the team) can go as a team to state finals," Mary said.

Mary will be looking to several experienced players to help achieve this goal.

She said seniors Sonya Plude, Theresa Martin, Betsey Dennis and Liz Madison have been with her for four years and are very hard workers.

She added she will also be looking to juniors Shannon Dibble, Caitlin Ernst, Jasmine Witthoeft and Caitlin Cole — all with three years of experience — for their leadership.

She added she is getting valuable help from her assistant coach Marilyn Morehead.

Mary will need this help as she faces some tough teams in the conference. She said Harbor Springs and Boyne City will be the ones to watch, in addition to Kingsley and Benzie Central.

But she added, it is early in the season, so you really don't know what team could be the one.

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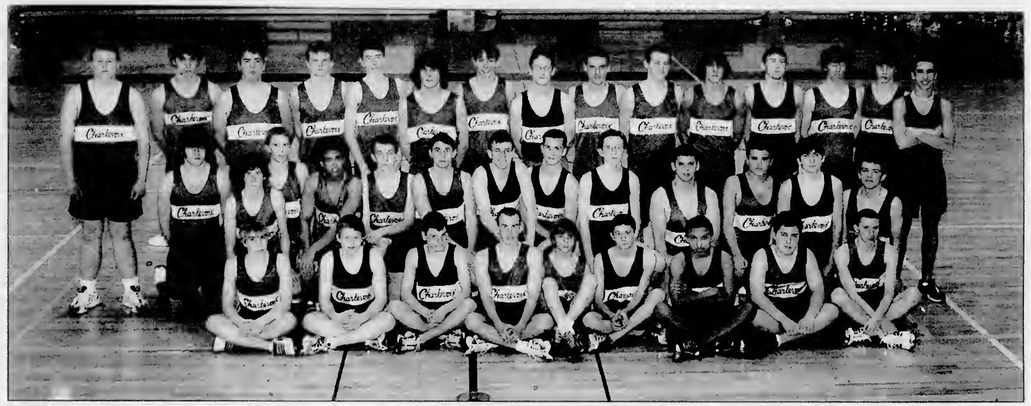

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(Front, from left) Garrett Troppman, Isaac Matchett, Nate Gilmore, Zach Scharenbroch, Nick Wimmer, Nate LaBlance, Darren Munson, Corey Ciesielszyk, Billy Roloff, (second) Travis Johnstone, Jacob Wimmer, Joe Graham, Jacob Hunt, Chris Wyniawskyj, Tom Aepelbacher, Andrew Tillotson, Dustin Arp, Joseph Thorp, Ian Thomas, Ben Castiglione, Chuck Green, (back) Caleb Arp, Jeff Golovich, Trevor Cole, Hunter Boss, Mitchelle Crandell, Mitchell Klooster, Mike DiMartino, Dan Elliott, Rob Shutler, Ben Bergmann, Jared Hunt, Nate Sotuyo, Scott Plude, Nick Gotshall and Brandon Stevens. (Missing) Ray Jones, Cliff Jones, Kyle Jones, Brandon Johnstone, Johnathan Boyko, Spencer Hankins, Logan Nutthull, Zack Lake, Zak Rankl, Ryan Seelye and Phil Steen.

Coaches: Great attitudes on this year's teams

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Ken also pointed to the size of his team giving him a competitive edge.

He has 47 students on the team, of which eight are seniors, 11 are juniors, 15 are sophomores and 12 are freshmen.

With so many underclassmen on the team, Scott said not only will he have a strong team this year, but he could get a lot of talent in the coming years.

"It is good to see so many kids come out," he said.

He added, "I thought it was going to be a down year, but I am thinking we will have a better team than last."

Ken said he is real strong in his field events.

He already has two boys that can clear 6 feet in the high jump.

And he said he has freshmen jumping 17 to 18 feet in the long jump.

As for his running, Ken is very impressed with the relay teams. He said he has seven candidates for relay, meaning he will not lose a whole lot if he takes one or two out of relay and puts them in other events.

But, Ken also has some challenges for the team. The biggest, he said, is eligibility due to grades.

"We will either be a great team or a good team depending on eligibility," he said.

As for goals, he said the team has not sat down and really decided on specific ones. But he said the team placed third in regionals last year and second in the conference and he believes it is just as good, if not better, this year.

Ken points to senior players such as Ben Bergmann, Mitchelle Klooster and Ryan Seelye as vital to the team.

He said Bergmann is the team leader, Klooster gives all he can to the sport and Seelye is really working hard and motivated.

In his juniors, Ken said he is happy with the work Jeff Golovich is doing with his throws.

Plus, Golovich is going to try some running this year, in addition to his field events. Along with Golovich in the field is junior Michael DiMartino, who Ken said is multi-talented.

Another junior to watch is Brandon Stevens in the distance, along with Nate Sotuyo in the middle distance events.

As for the team to look out for, Ken said without a doubt it will be Harbor Springs and Kingsley.

But he is looking forward to facing these teams with his Rayders.

"They are a fun group. They are hardworking and team oriented," he said.

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(Front, from left) Ariel Ramsey, Brecklind Golovich-Keie, Dannie Bergmann, Meghan Lame, Sarah Cross, Jaime Pettis, Madison McKenzie, Meighen Havens, Zita Anderson, Lisa Kuebler, (back) Coach Carol Madison, Emily Foster, Kaleigh Blanchard, Teresa Potter, Gena Gaudio, Becca Madison, Stevie Murray, Laura Nitchman, Megan Cross, Lori Zimmerman, Anna Farrell, Emilee Colvin and Assistant Coach Tom Conlan.

Experience plus youth could make great year

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

According to varsity girls' soccer assistant coach Tom Conlan, the team has the best crop of freshmen it has had in years, which added to the team's experienced players, should mean good things for this season.

"We had our best season ever last year. This team will be better than last year," Conlan said.

Out of 22 students on the team, nine of them are freshmen and four of them are seniors.

Those seniors form a strong nucleus of players for the team to build on. They are: Sarah Cross at defense, Jaime Pettis — a known high scorer — Madison McKenzie — someone who can play the entire field — and Meghan Lame — a good spot player.

Of the freshmen, Conlan said they already have some good skills.

"Three (freshmen) are starting already and have a big impact," he said.

Those freshmen are: Becca Madison, Ariel Ramsey and Kaleigh Blanchard.

In the goal again this year is Laura Nitchman. Nitchman was all state as a freshman and all district as a sophomore.

"She is outstanding," Conlan said.

With these girls on the team, Conlan said the Rayders' strengths on defense are the experience they have. With Cross and Nitchman in the back, the team has a defense that has been working together for two years.

Offensively, Conlan said, the team has speed.

"We are going to be faster than most of the teams in our division," he said.

But, with strengths, there are weaknesses. Conlan said this team's weakness is its midfield. The team lost some of its best midfield players to graduation and one to injury.

"We have the talent, but there is not much experience in the midfield," Conlan said.

The teams to beat for the Rayders this year are Elk Rapids and Harbor Springs. Conlan said Harbor Springs, last year's conference champion, graduated a lot of players last year and will be somewhat vulnerable this year.

The head coach of the team is Carol Madison. She was unavailable for comment before press time.

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TENNIS

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(Front, from left) Kevin Moore, Caitlin Taylor, Kevin Greyerbiehl, Tavia Lanterman, Travis Klooster, Geoff Baier, Adam Wager, Nate Turner, Justin Klooster, Ethan Winchester, Dan Buday, (second) Eric DeBoe, Lauren Bradley, Kaitlyn Wojan, Jennifer Rich, Mallory Metzger, Sarah Klooster, Sarah Hagen, Lauren Dupuis, Lindsay Withrow, Ty Haske, Billy Roloff, Alex Molter, Matt Mason, (back) Taylor Martin, Kenny Anderson, Sparky Nitchman, Matt Novotny, Farva Greyerbiehl, Trevor Mays, Chuck Mason, Cody Wheat, Dan Swenor, Dustin Dibble, Jeff Miller, Mitchell Klooster, Ted Dilworth and coach Erik Lundteigen. Missing is Andrew Maillous and assistant coaches Vinne Klooster and Corey Kienholz.

Tennis coach excited for successful season

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Charlevoix Tennis Coach Erik Lundteigen is excited about the future of the school's tennis program.

With 45 students out for the junior varsity and varsity teams this year, Lundteigen said that means the program will be healthy for quite some time.

"It is good to have those numbers. When those guys (seniors) graduate, the spots will be filled," he said. "I am very pleased with what has happened."

On top of the high numbers out for the team, Lundteigen also have the experience to back it up, as many students from last year's varsity team have returned this year. Last year the team was second in the conference, second in the regional and qualified for the state finals.

"Things look pretty good," he said.

Starting on the varsity team this year will be first, singles, Nate Turner; second singles, Matt Novotny; third singles, Adam Wager; and fourth singles, Justin Klooster. For doubles, the first team will be Sparky Nitchman and Taylor Martin; second is Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux; third is Mike Greyerbiehl and Cody Wheat and fourth is up for grabs.

There is also one girl on the varsity team, Lindsey Withrow. However, there are 11 more on the junior varsity team.

Lundteigen stressed no one's spot on the varsity team is safe and the names you see on the rooster could change throughout the year, thanks to the team's use of challenge matches.

In challenge matches, a player can work their way up through the ranks of the team by challenging other teammates for their positions. For example, if someone wanted to challenge Klooster for this fourth singles spot and beat him, then that person would be playing fourth singles.

Lundteigen said this makes the team stronger as a whole by keeping the level of competition high.

"It makes everybody work a little harder," he said.

Lundteigen said the key to this year is how the team improves up to May 20, the date of the regional tournament. While he is happy with the team's skills now, Lundteigen believes things still need to improve.

He added he has some great help in getting the team ready for the regionals in his junior varsity coaches, Vinne Klooster and Corey Kienholz.

"Without their help, we couldn't have a "B" Team (junior varsity)," he said.

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Coach: Bryan Hawkins

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April 14	Thursday	4:30 pm	AT Petoskey
April 16	Saturday	11:00 am	HERE Charlevoix Tourney
April 19	Tuesday	4:30 pm	HERE Leland
April 21	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Roscommon
April 23	Saturday	10:00 am	AT Suttons Bay
April 25	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Grayling
April 27	Wednesday	4:30 pm	HERE East Jordan
May 2	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 5	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Harbor Springs
May 9	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE Kalkaska
May 12	Thursday	4:30 pm	AT T.C. St Francis
May 13	Friday	4:00 pm	AT Glen Lake
May 16	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Boyne City
May 17	Tuesday	4:30 pm	HERE Cheboygan
May 20	Friday	4:30 pm	HERE Harbor Light
May 23	Monday	4:30 pm	League Make-up
May 25	Wednesday	4:30 pm	AT Bellaire
May 26	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Central Lake
May 27	Friday	4:30 pm	League Make-up
May 31	Tuesday	District	

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

April 13	Wednesday	4:30 pm	HERE Inland Lakes
April 15	Friday	4:00 pm	AT Glen Lake
April 18	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE Mancelona
April 21	Thursday	4:00 pm	AT Roscommon
April 23	Saturday	10:00 am	HERE Suttons Bay
April 26	Tuesday	4:30 pm	HERE Grayling
April 29	Friday	4:30 pm	AT East Jordan
May 3	Tuesday	4:30 pm	HERE Elk Rapids
May 6	Friday	4:30 pm	AT Harbor Springs
May 11	Wednesday	4:30 pm	AT Kalkaska
May 13	Friday	4:30 pm	HERE T.C. St. Francis
May 16	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE Boyne City
May 17	Tuesday	4:30 pm	AT Cheboygan
May 23	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Traverse City East
May 25	Wednesday	4:30 pm	HERE Bellaire

TENNIS

Coach: Erik Lundteigen Asst. Coach Vinnie Klooster

April 16	Saturday	1:00 pm	AT TCSF Invitational
April 18	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Grayling
April 20	Wednesday	4:30 pm	AT T.C. Christian
April 21	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Elk Rapids
April 25	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Harbor Springs
April 27	Wednesday	4:30 pm	AT Leland
April 29	Friday	9:00 am	AT Boyne City Invitational

TENNIS (cntd.)

May 2	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE Grayling
May 4	Wednesday	4:30 pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 5	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Harbor Springs
May 9	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE Petoskey (JV) w/Glen Lake
May 11	Wednesday	4:30 pm	HERE Boyne City
May 13	Friday		AT Boyne Mt. LMC Champ
May 16	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE T.C. St. Francis
May 19/20	Thu/Fri	REGIONALS	
June 3/4	Fri/Sat	STATE CHAMPIONSHIP	

GIRLS' SOCCER

Coach: Carol Madison Asst. Coach: Tom Conlan

April 14	Thursday	5:00 pm	AT Elk Rapids
April 16	Saturday	11:00 am	HERE Gaylord
April 18	Monday	5:00 pm	AT East Jordan
April 19	Tuesday	5:00 pm	HERE Glen Lake
April 21	Thursday	5:00 pm	AT Harbor Springs
April 25	Monday	5:00 pm	HERE Grayling
April 27	Wednesday	5:00 pm	HERE Boyne City
April 29	Friday	5:00 pm	HERE Suttons Bay
May 3	Tuesday	5:00 pm	AT TC St. Francis
May 5	Thursday	5:00 pm	AT Boyne City
May 7	Saturday	1:00 pm	HERE Williamston
May 9	Monday	5:00 pm	HERE Elk Rapids
May 11	Wednesday	5:00 pm	AT Suttons Bay
May 12	Thursday	5:00 pm	HERE East Jordan
May 16	Monday	5:00 pm	HERE Harbor Springs
May 20	Friday	5:00 pm	AT Grayling
May 23	Monday	5:00 pm	AT Cheboygan
May 26	Thursday	5:00 pm	HERE TC St. Francis
May 31/June 4	Tues-Sat		DISTRICTS
June 7-11	Tues-Sat		REGIONALS
June 15	Wednesday		SEMI-FINALS
June 18	Saturday		FINALS

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach: Liz Grunch

April 14	Thursday	4:30 pm	AT Petoskey
April 16	Saturday	11:00 am	HERE Charlevoix Tourney
April 19	Tuesday	4:30 pm	HERE Leland
April 21	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Roscommon
April 23	Saturday	10:00 am	AT Suttons Bay
April 25	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Grayling
April 28	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE East Jordan
May 2	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 5	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Harbor Springs
May 9	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE Kalkaska
May 12	Thursday	4:30 pm	AT T.C. St Francis
May 13	Friday	4:00 pm	AT Glen Lake

VARSITY SOFTBALL (cntd.)

May 16	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Boyne City
May 17	Tuesday	4:30 pm	HERE Cheboygan
May 20	Friday	4:30 pm	HERE Harbor Light
May 23	Monday	4:30 pm	League Make-up
May 25	Wednesday	4:30 pm	AT Bellaire
May 26	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Central Lake
May 27	Friday	4:30 pm	League Make-up
May 31	Tuesday	District	

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach: Dean Spencley

April 13	Wednesday	4:30 pm	HERE Inland Lakes
April 14	Thursday	4:30 pm	AT Petoskey Frosh
April 15	Friday	4:00 pm	AT Glen Lake
April 18	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE Mancelona
April 21	Thursday	4:30 pm	AT Roscommon
April 29	Friday	4:30 pm	AT East Jordan
May 3	Tuesday	4:30 pm	HERE Elk Rapids
May 6	Friday	4:30 pm	AT Mancelona
May 11	Wednesday	4:30 pm	AT Kalkaska
May 13	Friday	4:30 pm	HERE T.C. St. Francis
May 16	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE Boyne City
May 17	Tuesday	4:30 pm	AT Cheboygan
May 19	Thursday	4:30 pm	HERE Petoskey Frosh
May 23	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Traverse City East

BOY'S/GIRL'S TRACK

Girls Coach: Mary Plude • Boys Coach: Ken Plude

March 23	Wednesday	3:45 pm	AT Sault Elks Early Bird
April 14	Thursday	4:30 pm	AT Grayling w/ Kalkaska/TCSF
April 18	Monday	4:30 pm	AT Harbor Springs w/ Boyne City\East Jordan
April 20	Wednesday	3:00 pm	AT Boyne City Invitational
April 25	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE w/Elk Rapids/ Grayling/Harbor Springs
April 29	Friday	3:00 pm	AT Clare Invitational
May 2	Monday	2:30 pm	AT Bellaire Heidi Steiner Invitational
May 6	Friday	12:00 pm	AT Traverse City Central Invitational
May 9	Monday	4:30 pm	HERE w/Elk Rapids/ Grayling/T.C. St. Francis
May 12	Thursday	3:00 pm	AT East Jordan Invitational
May 17	Tuesday	4:00 pm	AT Petoskey (Relays)
May 21	Saturday	8:00 am	REGIONALS AT East Jordan
May 25	Wednesday	3:00 pm	AT Grayling (LMC Championship)
May 28	Saturday	10:00 am	AT Kent City Team State Finals
May 31	Tuesday	3:30 pm	AT Cheboygan (Meet of Champions)
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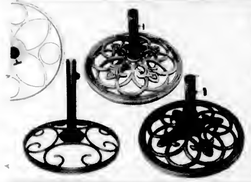

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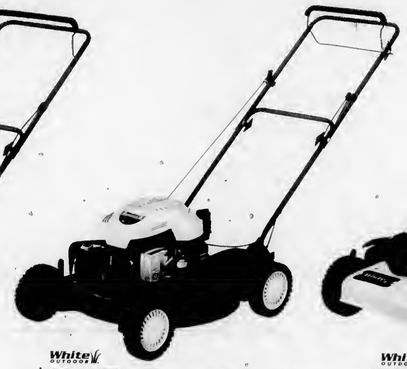

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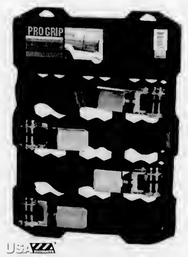

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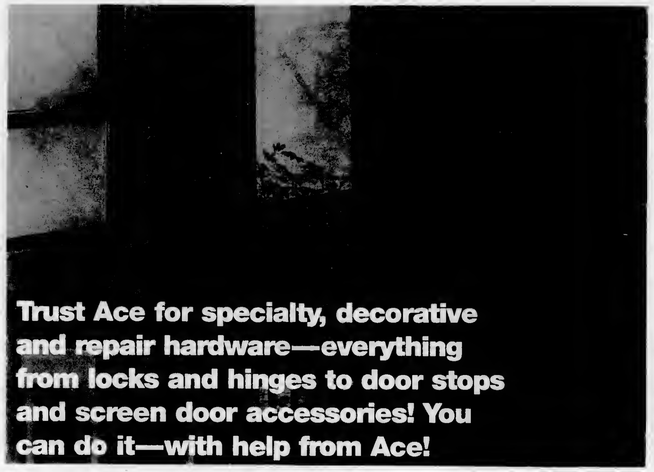

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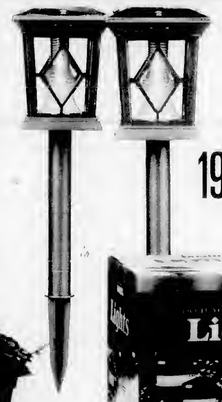

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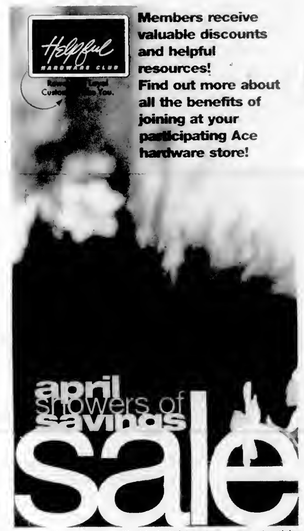

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Goldstick charged in murder

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Many in Charlevoix continue to mourn the loss of longtime resident Hubert William (Bill) Brady, 79.

Bill Brady

Brady was shot Tuesday morning, April 19 as he worked in the temporary office of the VFW located in a garage known as the "carpet barn" at 12777 North US-31, according to an affidavit written by Officer Mike Wheat of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's department. David Edward Goldstick, 57, also of Charlevoix is suspected of killing Brady.

"Goldstick stated that he shot William Brady because he (Goldstick) was taking money from the Charlevoix VFW Post and that he (Goldstick) was embarrassed that he was going to get caught for taking the money," according to Wheat's affidavit.

According to Wheat's affidavit, Goldstick claimed to be the first to find the body.

Wheat's affidavit stated that he drove Goldstick to a private residence in search of a set of keys located in a work vehicle of Goldstick's. The keys were supposedly to a filing cabinet in the space where the body was found. While Goldstick looked for the keys Wheat noticed a sawed off .22 caliber Ruger rifle equipped with a homemade silencer in the back seat of the vehicle.

With permission, Wheat retrieved the weapon from the vehicle and as the two headed toward the squad car, Goldstick said, "I know I am in trouble for this. But I am only in

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

David Goldstick is lead into the Charlevoix District Courtroom on Thursday. His bond was denied.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Hey! Where is spring?

After a week of warm temperatures, Charlevoix was blasted with wintery weather last weekend. Above, a flowering bush finds itself blanketed with snow instead of sunshine.

Candidates debate budget at forum

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Candidates Christine Michaud and Dean Spencley had an audience of about 40 people last night as they answered questions on everything from the current budget crisis to religion in the schools.

The forum was hosted by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library at the library. Candidates Scott Boss and Mark "Barney" Way were unable to attend.

According to Spencley, offsetting the decreased revenues over the next year will take more than the school board alone.

"What it boils down to is it would be arrogance at best for me to say that I can do it alone," he said. "I'll go in there in any situation knowing

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Lynn G. Murray, 51, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day. To serve 10 days in jail and 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail with six months probation. Must submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

John Ervin Murphy, 42, East Jordan. Operating while Intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for six days. To serve 87 days/released after 60 days upon payment of $850; $850 in fines and costs.

David Thomas Brezina, 31, Williamsburg. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days, 60 days on an electronic monitor, 47 days held in abeyance, 15 days community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, one year probation. Submit to PBT/urine, not to consume/posses alcohol/controlled substance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,610 in fines and costs.

James Richard Lambdin, 41, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail. Must submit to PBT/urine, not to consume/posses alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Wesley James Sheridan, 22, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance, Six months probation, pay all outstanding tickets; $500 in fines and costs.

Katherine Eva Walton, 34, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail, six months probation. Must submit to PBT/urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

William Joseph Wingo, 39, Charlevoix. Malicious destruction of property greater than $200, under $1000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for two days, 348 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 18 months probation; $2,569.68 in fines and costs.

Earl Charles Williams, 51, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation. Must submit to PBT/urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance, must attend Impact weekend; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Michael Craig Markiewicz, 47, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation. Must submit to PBT/urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes, impound 180 days; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Wesley James Sheridan, 22, East Jordan. Check, insufficient funds under $100. Serve 10 days in jail; $409.10 in fines and costs.

Michael David Grutsch, 31, East Jordan, Operating while license suspended, first offense. Serve 30 days in jail, serve 10 days with credit for one, to serve nine days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

Darren Robert Midyett, 17, Indian River. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. 60 hours community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Adam Gordon Fischer, 18, Burt Lake. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol; $100 in fines and costs.

Billy Jack Pickles, 30, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve five days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Kevin Louis Whisler, 20, East Jordan. Operating wile license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve five days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Jon Eric Andrade, 20, New Braunfels TX. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol; $200 in fines and costs.

Timothy Allan Adam Andrade, 18, New Braunfels TX. Operating with no license/multiple license; $200 in fines and costs.

Carl Clarence Murray, 23, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied second/subsequent offense, Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days, 165 days held in abeyance, on probation until Nov. 1, 2005; $800 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Patrick Grant Jacobson, 42, Flint. Controlled substance delivery/manufacture marijuana, controlled substance delivery/manufacture narcotics/cocaine less than 50 grams, habitual offender third offense notice, could receive a minimum of seven years, nine months to a maximum 38 years in prison with credit for 93 days served; $180 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Michael Gwidt, Builder, 00038 Old State Road, Boyne City, by Michael Gwidt.

Greenskeeper Landscape Maintenance, 505 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix, by David M Balyo.

Mel's Masonry, 204 Garfield, East Jordan, by Malcolm Bowman.

D. Jeffery Uloth Enterprises, 01177 Anderson Rd., Boyne City, by Donald Jeffery Uloth.

VMG Inc., 01741 M-66 S., East Jordan, by Theresa A. Kelley and Duane L. Kelley.

Grams Lawn & Errand Service, 230 Newman street, Charlevoix, by Vern Grams.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Anthony John Wormell, 23, Boyne City and Nicole Lynn Erickson, 20 Boyne City.

Matthew David Weisler, 20, East Jordan and Sarah Marie Call, 20, East Jordan.

Benjamin George Booth, 30, Charlevoix and Kaylee Rose Piehl, 23, Charlevoix.

Births

Jacob Charles Sturgeon weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Danielle LaPointe and David Sturgeon from Central Lake on April 18, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Chuck and Mary LaPointe of Central Lake, Kathy and Al Dewey of Central Lake and Cindy and Bob TenEyck of Oscoda.

Christine Tricia Rachele Whitaker weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Ron and Andrea Whitaker of East Jordan on April 14, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Kara, Alex, Brittnie, Sharity and Ryerson. Grandparents are Garry Whitaker of Deltona, FL and John and Paula Norris of Alberquergue, N.M.

Ashton Vaness Young weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Sarah Little and Brian Young from East Jordan on April 14, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Phyllis and Don White of East Jordan, Lyle and Virginia Little of Boyne Falls and Patsy and Jack Young of Lapeer.

Shelby Suzann Lewin weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces, was born to Brian and Ann-Marie Lewin of East Jordan on April 15, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Wesley 11, Nicholas 9 and Shawn 6. Grandparents are Richard and Lillian Lewin of East Jordan, Jack Hogan and the late Sue Hogan of Charlevoix.

Ella Jane Day weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Chuck and Debbie Day from Boyne City on April 15, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Trevor, 7, Luke, 5, Molly, 4, and Cari, 2. Grandparents are Bill and Judy Mittig of Lupton, and Chuck and Judy Day of Grand Rapids.

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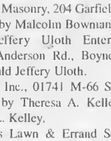
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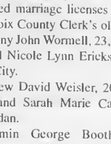
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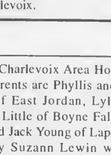
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Women's biker organization forms in area

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The next time you pull up to a stoplight it may be your own grandmother on the Harley Davidson next to you.

Formed in late summer of 2004, the Mystic Riders of Northern Michigan is a women's motorcycle club which promotes safe riding, helps raise money for charities and gives women a safe and supportive place to explore their love of riding.

"Most of the women who joined had no idea that there was a woman's riding group," said Mystic Riders secretary Donna Drury.

Mystic Riders is centered in Charlevoix County with riders from Otsego, Kalkaska, Emmet and Antrim counties.

Day rides originate from a different city every time in order to give the ladies the chance to explore a wider area.

"Each week one of the ladies leads the group. She plots the course, checks for construction and potholes and leads the group safely," Drury said.

According to Drury, Mystic Riders meet every Monday as weather permits.

"We ride at least once a week, if not more. These girls ride five days a week if they can," she said. "As long as it's not raining or snowing, we'll bundle up and go."

She added, "Because we've had great weather we've been able to get out a few times already."

Sometimes people who aren't involved with motorcycles are shocked when they see a group of women roll by, Drury said, but for the most part she has received nothing but respect from the riding community.

"Bikers will waive when they go by each other. They always acknowledge the other rider," said Drury. "It's not a gender thing anymore. When we have a group of 10 ladies riding together it really empowers all of us."

Some of the training Mystic Riders recently completed is how to get out from under a bike which can weigh almost half a ton.

"If you go down out on the road you need to know how to pick up an 800 pound bike," Drury said. "If the lady was there by herself, she would be stuck until she called someone or help came."

Another important skill the ladies learn is the critical first aid often needed in motorcycle related accidents. In fact, Drury said, a nurse from a local hospital joined the group after Drury called looking for a pair of trauma shears which are used to cut off boots and other heavy clothing after an accident.

In addition the lady bikers also learn routine maintenance.

Over the past eight months the group grew from a handful of members to over a dozen.

"Right now we have 15 riders and that does not include support members," Drury said. "We have women from all walks of life: nurses, Realtors — I'm a natural gas broker — secretaries, it isn't just greasy bikers; it's professionals who are into the sport."

Owning a bike isn't required, although women looking to join Mystic Riders should obtain their motorcycle endorsement.

"You may have some ladies who can't afford one right now or some ladies might be timid," Drury said.

But, she added, the camaraderie of riding might encourage the unsure to joln in.

A ride through the country feels more like an adventure when you are on a motorcycle. And, Drury said, northern Michigan is full of great places to ride.

"Most of us really like the Torch Lake run. There's not much traffic and it's just beautiful," she said.

And, she added, "We discover something new every time we go out."

To Join Mystic Riders you must first join Women On Wheels for $30 a year. Mystic Riders currently requires a $5 a year donation. Contact Drury at (231) 237-8451.

Contact Women On Wheels at (800) 322-1969 or write to Women On Wheels, P.O. Box 14180, St. Paul, MN 55114.

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Mystic Riders of Northern Michigan with a few male support members taking a break from a recent ride.

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OPINIONS

The First Amendment

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Writer survives first week at the Courier

Benjamin Gohs

Staff writer

I survived my first week on the Courier staff and I must say things are a bit different from when I was a freelancer.

The dress code for one: I used to work out of my home office so I spent most of my time in pajamas. My new editor frowns on the idea of me showing up to work in a bathrobe.

The other major change is the condition of my new office; clean, organized and replete with every convenience imaginable, while my old office looked like a grenade went off in a flea market that specialized in children's toys, empty cereal boxes and vintage typewriters.

The biggest advantage I've seen so far is that my wife is now unable to tape to-do lists on my computer screen.

Before I go any further, I must be honest, as much as I love my new job, working for the Courier wasn't my first career choice.

Two years ago I left foodservice in hope of becoming a fashion model for Tommy Hilfiger in Hollywood — my wife's ear piercing and incessant laughter told me otherwise.

It took a week of crying myself to sleep before I decided to go after my longtime (and slightly more attainable) goal to write for a living.

I wrote news, feature, advertising, sports and web sites for every publication that would have me. The more I wrote, the more opportunities showed themselves.

The next thing I knew, I was offered the position as staff writer. Due to the competitiveness of this market, I know how lucky I am to be here.

As far as my goals, well, for the most part I've achieved them. I have my dream job; I live in the most beautiful town I have ever seen; And, I have a wonderful family with which to share my good fortune.

The only other goals I have now are to report the news and avoid those damnable to-do lists.

And just one more thing, Tinsel Town has nothing on Charlevoix, but if you run into me on the street, please, don't ask about the modeling career -- it's still a bit of a sore spot.

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Decay helps make the world a better place

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

The biological army that turns all living things back into the soil from which they spring is hard at work long before the lawn turns green and some time before the first crocus blooms.

There is a general rule among living things that the smaller they are the faster they work. The metabolism of a mouse is orders of magnitude faster than the metabolism of an elephant. Imagine then, how fast must be the activities of microscopic organisms. It is possible to watch with a microscope, in real time, the growth of molds. They can grow across your field of view at a speed slightly slower than the movement of the second hand on your clock.

Because the agents of decomposition and decay are generally smaller than we can see without microscopes, we tend not to think of them, even while we are surrounded by evidence of their frantic activity. From tiny soil mites to invisible worms to the molds and bacteria, the machinery of decay can swing into full-time activity with the first hints of warmth. Those of you with golf greens or carefully tended lawns may see round patches of whitened, dead grass just as the last of the snow melting. The so-called Snow Mold fungus lives and grows rapidly at just above freezing temperature and puts out enough cyanide gas to kill grass blades under a late covering of snow.

Some years ago, I followed the accumulation and decomposition of tree leaves in a forest for 18 years. A considerable amount of the decay occurred under the snow each year. And even if winter decay was slowed somewhat by cold temperatures, all the organisms were there and ready to gear up on the first warm spring day.

The smell of dirt and soil that is apparent as soon as snow has gone is really the collective odor of the byproducts of all that early decay. It is the smell of vigorous life, not just mold and decay. At the close of winter an abundance of decomposable organic matter is available and is voraciously attacked by an enormous complex of thousands of different kinds of organisms charged with recycling everything that lived the year before.

The first warm spring rains and the melting snow wash down to soil level from trees and branches anything decayable that might have parked there for the winter. As buds open the waxy scales that have protected them from winter winds and cold drop to the ground and are seized on by the living agents of decay. Later when most of the evergreens shed all that yellow pollen that can cover cars and streets, those same creatures are waiting for what must be like the dessert to follow their early spring/banquet.

Most of the myriad organisms involved directly in decay and decomposition are not attractive by human standards. And many of them would be the stuff of nightmares if they were large enough for us to check out their appearance. If we could appreciate them for what they do rather than for what they look like or smell like, our view of the world would be both more accurate and more rewarding.

Along with the spring toasts to the first tulips and the first lilacs, raise a glass to the mostly invisible, but absolutely essential agents of decay and decomposition, busily at work making our world a better place, and making our life possible.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Vote for us

Editor:

On Tuesday, May 3, a school board election will be held to elect two positions on the Charlevoix Board of Education. As the two incumbents, we would like to ask for your support to re-elect us for another term.

A lot of good things have happened in our two terms on the board. We hired Dr. John Sturock as our Superintendent. Through his leadership and the efforts of the school staff and community, we have upgraded our quality of education. We are proud that in the Michigan Education Yes! Report, our high and middle schools each received an "A" rating and our elementary school received a "B." Seventy-six percent of this year's seniors will receive the $2,500 State Merit Scholarship.

We completed our building project that gave Charlevoix a new high school, one that the whole community can be proud of, upgraded the condition of our middle and elementary schools and supported the community library project with the sale of the old middle school. Our sports teams have excelled on a state level building pride in Charlevoix and in our students.

Currently, the state has created a financial crisis for school districts across Michigan. Charlevoix Schools are not immune to this crisis. As we face the challenge of balancing the budget, inevitable cuts must be made. These changes impact not only our students but also the lives of our friends, neighbors and the people we sit with in church. We feel that having a school board that is experienced and fully aware of the situation is most important to weather the storm.

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Letters Policy

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

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Send letters to: Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI, 49720, fax to (231) 547-4992 or e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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We are proud of what the Charlevoix Schools have accomplished during our time on the school board and would be honored if you would continue to show your faith in us for another term on the board. Please vote for Kenneth Scott Boss (Scott) and Mark Alan Way (Barney) when you go to the polls on May 3.

Scott Boss and Barney Way
Charlevoix

Stop the Ash Borer

Editor:

I am responding to the article in April 13's Charlevoix Courier titled Emerald Ash Borer Found in Charlevoix County.

I feel strongly about the fight against Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and as a green industry professional, it is my intention to inform the public about options not discussed in last week's article.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a very serious threat to our native White Ash trees and it is important for homeowners to be aware of what to look for in their Ash trees and their options. We have all but lost our beautiful native elms to Dutch Elm Disease and I feel a pro-active approach is the only answer to avoiding a similar fate with Ash trees. The most important point for homeowners to be aware of is that there are chemical treatment options if it displays 20 percent or less damage to the canopy of the tree. However, if there is more than 20 percent canopy damage or there are visible D-shaped exit holes along the trunk of the tree, removal and chipping of the tree is necessary to prevent further spread.

The most effective treatment to date is by trunk injection. With this method, the chemical is injected directly into the trunk and carried through the vascular system of the tree, which is generally where the Emerald Ash Borer larvae is located. Trunk injections can only be done by State certified pesticide applicators and is safe to people and the environment when done correctly. This method has been 98 percent effective in the fight against Emerald Ash Borer up to this point both preventatively and after insect emergence. Dan Banks, consulting arborist and co-owner of Banner Sales and Consulting, Inc. of Union Lake, has been directly involved with the fight against Emerald Ash Borer in the quarantined areas of Southeast Michigan and has some success stories he has shared.

Banks mentioned that in 2002, 587 infected Ash trees were treated with the Wedgle Direct-Inject system at Grosse Pointe Farms and not one of them has been lost to Emerald Ash Borer. Conversely, the remaining Ash trees in that area that were left untreated were all lost. Other success stories include the Summerset Mall in Troy, where 120 Ash were treated with none being lost and at the Pontiac Airport, where 110 Ash were treated and are still healthy now.

Banks also mentioned that treatment should be done yearly to maintain prevention and followed with fertilization to help recover from insect stress and return to health.

This sounds expensive I know, but in the future, the fight against Emerald Ash Borer could become more costly as state funding will likely only decrease. Currently, Federal funding is for removal only as the State and the Department of Agriculture have acknowledged chemical control as a method, but up to this point, have not provided funding for it. In fact, with funding on the decrease, it is thought that the onus will eventually be on the homeowner to remove and dispose of trees at their cost. With that, it is very important to know what you can do to save your Ash trees and others because as the saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is equal to a pound of cure."

For more information on EAB, search the Michigan State University Extension web site at www.msue.msu.edu/portal.

Corey R. Ostrum
Landscape Maintenance Director
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School issues

Editor:

With the school board election approaching I would like to bring up the question of the candidates' positions regarding the library and the school auditorium.

The current school board and superintendent are attempting to claim the existing library building and property when the new library facility is opened. Their argument is based on and unsigned reverter clause in the District Library Agreement of Jan. 1, 1997. Cynthia E. Faulhaber of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone drew up this agreement. In a letter to Roberta Jackson, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, dated Aug. 26, 1996 she briefly outlines the agreement. Under Treatment of Property Issues (paragraphs Numbered 6 and 9 and Exhibit C) she writes, "Real property is conveyed by Quit Claim Deed with School District retaining right of reverter if District Library ceases to operate a public library." The district library is absolutely continuing to operate; it is simply moving to a larger facility. When the previous library was sold the school district applied the equity to the new facility. The school board should respect both the intent and the precedent.

The second issue is the community use of the auditorium. The Charlevoix community supplied the funds for the auditorium, not only with their taxes but also with generous contributions with the understanding that it would be available for community use. The current rate to rent this facility is prohibitively expensive for most groups. When Hospice of Northwest Michigan wanted to hold a benefit concert, the Charlevoix auditorium was not affordable. The Boyne City School offered a rate that enabled the concert to raise money for Hospice. Our community shouldn't have to go to another school district when we have virtually the same facility.

School Board representatives are there to serve the community. I hope in the weeks before the election these issues will be discussed and voters can choose the people who best represent the community interests as well as the education system. The school board sets policy and the superintendent administers it. The current superintendent has suggested that he is prepared to sue the library to take the property. This would not be the first lawsuit involving the school board and they did not win the last one. What kind of example for our students is our school board when they refuse to honor the wishes of the community and sue the same taxpayers who support them?

Charlevoix needs a school board that will work with the community, not against it.

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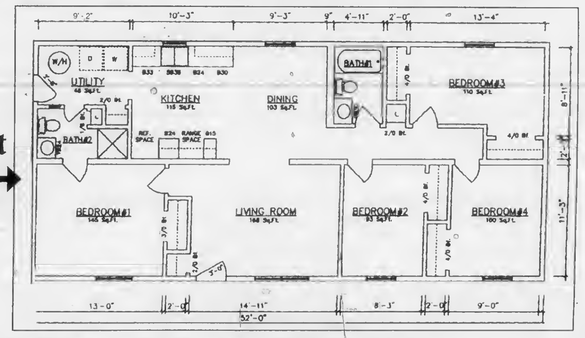

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New feature added to breast cancer walk

The Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Cancer Walk will be Saturday, May 7.

This year to generate pre-walk publicity the organizers of the walk have introduced a new event. They call it the "Pre-Walk Ribbon Tour."

Approximately 30 pink ribbon posters have been distributed throughout the city of Charlevoix (the area covers M-66 on the South and West to Mercer on the East.) Individuals are invited to tour Charlevoix in search of the ribbons which can be found in the windows of homes and business.

A number of prizes have been donated and will be awarded to the individuals finding the most ribbons. Participants can pick up entry forms at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Vacation Properties Network and the Charlevoix Hospital Foundation Office.

The Sue DeYoung/Judy Memorial Breast Cancer Walk is given each year on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Funds raised by the event go to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation allowing the money to be used locally through the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund. The fund is used for individual support services, screening and early detection services and health education and outreach. These services cover all types of cancer.

The fund was started with money given in memory of Judy Edger who died of breast cancer in 1999. Edger was an enthusiastic supporter of the Sue DeYoung walk during the last years of her life and her name was added to the walk following her death. Her friends and relatives have continued to support the event and this year the Circle of Strength members under the Charlevoix Hospital Foundation have also joined the effort to promote the event.

Like most charitable organizations the fund has found that contributions have fallen during the past couple of years. As in past years, walkers are invited to form teams to raise funds and walk on Saturday, May 7.

Registration Forms are available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Vacation Properties Network, Harbor Health and Fitness Center and the Charlevoix Community Hospital Foundation office.

The walk will begin at East Park in downtown Charlevoix. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. The two and half mile walk will begin at about 9 a.m.

Anyone wishing to donate to the fund may do so by making checks payable to: The Charlevoix County Community Foundation, (CCCF) Mail to: Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund, 12199 Cottage Lane, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Engagement

Sullivan — Rutyna

Kelly M. Sullivan, of Charlevoix, and Jason M. Rutyna, of Fraser, are engaged to be married.

Kelly is the daughter of Lawrence and Catherine Sullivan of Charlevoix.

Jason is the son of Stanley and Veronica Rutyna of Fraser.

A wedding is being planned for Sept. 24, 2005 at St. Mary's Church of Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be graduated from Michigan State University with a major in zoology. She is employed at the Charlevoix Veterinary Hospital and is pursuing a bachelor's of science in nursing.

The groom-to-be graduated from Wayne State University with a major in civil and environmental engineering. He is employed by BMJ Engineers and Surveyors, Inc. of Port Huron and is pursing a masters of environmental engineering at Wayne State University.

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ELECTION NOTICE

Notice of Annual Election to the electors of Charlevoix School District to be held May 3, 2005

To the qualified electors of the Charlevoix School District notice is hereby given that a regular Election will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

Board of Education Members

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School Board Members

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Any questions concerning your polling location please contact the County Clerk's Office.

Jane E. Brannon
County Clerk/Election Coordinator
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Engagement

Frabis — Danforth

Jennifer Lynn Frabis, of Royal Oak, and William Danforth II, of Hingham, Mass., are engaged to be married.

Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Kern of Charlevoix.

William is the son of Mrs. Deborah L. Danforth and the late David B. Danforth of Cape Cod, Mass.

A July 2, 2005 wedding is being planned at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Charlevoix High School and has received bachelor and masters degrees from Michigan State University. She is currently employed as a fourth-grade teacher with Birmingham Public School District.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of The Tilton School in Tilton, N.H. and Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. He is currently employed as a manager with the Cameron Mitchell Restaurant Company in Birmingham, Mass.

Northwest students place high at band competition

Northwest Academy students participated in the District Two Jr. High Solo & Ensemble Festival in Kalkaska recently.

Students prepared solos and/or ensembles and performed them for adjudication and were eligible to receive a rating of a Division One, Two, Three, Four or Five. A Division One rating represented and excellent level of performance and musicianship for the event being judged.

Nine groups performed on Saturday and seven received first division ratings. Those receiving a one were: Alyssa Them, Kelly Brethauer, Tom Riley and Rachel Gilmore - saxophone quartet; Rachel Gilmore and Hanna Oliver - saxophone duet; Rachel Gilmore - saxophone solo; Andy Tuck - viola solo; Emma Maynard and Evan Themm - clarinet duet; Evan Themm, Kelly Themm, Kelly Brethauer, Emma Maynard - clarinet trio; Rose Trudeau and Janiece Kroon - clarinet duet.

A Division Two rating represents a good performance, but not worthy of the highest rating because of minor defects in performance or ineffective interpretation, but it shows much accomplishment and promise.

Receiving a Division Two rating were: Alyssa Themm and Kelly Brethauer - flute/clarinet duet.

The Brass Choir with Andy Tuck, Sara Brethauer, Jordan Hagan and Alex Hagan played for comments only.

Help clean up Stover Creek

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, with financial support from the Charlevoix Community Foundation, invites the public to join in the first Stover Creek Cleanup on Saturday morning, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., May 14.

Kevin Cronk the monitoring and research coordinator for the Watershed Council invites the public to join them in their first effort to help Stover Creek. If you are interested in joining this cause to help clean up Stover Creek, please call (231) 347-1181 ext. 109, e-mail Kevin@watershedcouncil.org or visit the Watershed Council office at 426 Bay Street across from the Perry Hotel. The Watershed Council would appreciate volunteers registering by May 6 for the May 14 cleanup.

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Obituaries

Bill Brady: Oct. 25, 1925 - April 19, 2005

Bill Brady, 79, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, April 19, 2005

Bill was born Oct. 25, 1925, in Charlevoix, the son of Homer and Mae (Wood) Brady.

Bill owned and operated many of his own businesses, including Steven-Brady's Bar and Restaurant and later Brady's Carpet Cleaning, after retiring from the Detroit City Police Force.

Serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Bill carried the tradition home dedicating his time as an active member of the VFW Post 1153 and the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post 226.

By those who knew him best, he was known as husband, dad, grandpa, brother and always friend.

Bill will be remembered and loved by his wife, Geraldine "Gerry," of Charlevoix; children Kristin (Paul) Goldstein of Chesterfield, Mo., Sheilah (Dick) Bogart of Charlevoix, Brian (Diane) Brady of Okemos and Michael (Lisa) Brady of Charlotte; grandchildren, Nicholas and Kadie Bogart, Erin and Meghan Brady, Mitchell Parkinson, Adam, Jason and Stephanie Goldstein; sisters, Hilda Gibson and Jane Glidden; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service in Bills' honor was given at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix with the Rev. Michael Teuscher officiating. A celebration of life followed at the Weathervane.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bill to the Bethany Lutheran Church.

Arthur R. Knowles, Sr.: March 13, 1927 - April 23, 2005

Arthur "Art" R. Knowles, Sr., 78 of Charlevoix, died April 23, 2005, at home.

A funeral was 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 26, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Polk officiated.

Art was born March 13, 1927 in Dayton, Ohio, the son of Arthur R. and Faye Etta (Van Horn) Knowles.

On July 24, 1976, he married Julia A. LaMarre in Bolingbrook, Ill.

He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a school bus driver for Charlevoix Public Schools for seven years and Safety Director for East Balt Commissary in Chicago prior to moving to Charlevoix.

Art was a private pilot and enjoyed flying.

Art is survived by his wife Julie A. Knowles, of Charlevoix; sons, Arthur R. Jr. (Rita) of Montgomery Ill., Kip of Kissimee, Fl, Michael (Melissa) Green of Joliet, Ill.; daughters, Regina (Milt) Shiner of Port St. Lueie, Fl., Heather Knowles of Kankakee, Ill., Reggie (Dave) Soto of Charlevoix, Lisa (Tom) Collins of Hammond, Ind., Sue Green of Charlevoix, Noelle (Jason) Cross of Charlevoix; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Art was preceded in death by two sons Kit Knowles and Donald "Tuffy" Green and sister Delores.

How to get your organization's news into the Charlevoix Courier

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News items include events sponsored by non-profit organizations. Please inform us of your event at least two weeks in advance.

Our coverage area is the city of Charlevoix and its immediately surrounding areas, including Beaver Island.

Because of space limitations in the newspaper, we generally try to avoid publishing "check-handing" pictures or "ribbon-cutting" pictures. However, we will work with your organization to get a picture that reflects the event and is visually interesting to our readers.

Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

It should be noted, each story and picture is dealt with on its individual merits. Any policies outlined above may be suspended by the editor or general manager of the Charlevoix Courier if necessary.

Courtesy photo

Lumbering in Charlevoix

The Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting a program on lumbering in northwest lower Michigan at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3 at the Depot Society. The program will focus on the techniques and technologies used to harvest the region's timber, and photos of area lumber camps and lumberyards will be shown. This program is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Call 547-0373 for more information.
(Above) A hoist used for loading logs onto rail flatcars at Hayden's Point lumber camp on Lake Charlevoix.

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School board candidates discuss finances

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

While school board candidates may not all agree on a single solution to worsening budget problems, they do agree the community must work together for solvency.

According to Christine Michaud, cuts in curriculum and teachers should be avoided if possible and only come after extracurricular activities have been looked at.

"I think there could be some activities cut," she said. "Not necessarily cutting out athletics, but what we pay our coaches -- making some cuts there."

Michaud cited that Charlevoix schools pay more for their coaching salaries than many surrounding schools.

"I'm not saying we shouldn't pay our coaches," she said. "I would like to see us support our education. Sports really do bring more people to Charlevoix, but we need to get them to come also for the good academics teachers."

Another possible savings, Michaud said, is a co-pay style benefit for the teachers where they would pay a little more for their health coverage.

"I would never like to see benefits cut," she added.

According to Michaud, another potential savings could come from a more efficient use of bussing. She said last year her son rode a bus with only seven to 10 other students and that the most she remembered on board was 15.

As far as candidate Dean Spencley is concerned, all the issues surrounding the school budget need attention, including bussing, teachers, programs and spending.

"We need to communicate to the public that this is a dire situation," Spencley said. "We really have a situation where we all have to come together."

The schools' financial crisis is more than simply a school board issue. Parents and educators as well as board members must work together in order to achieve solvency, according to Spencley.

He added, "It's not just a small group of people that should make the decision, it should be all of us that make a decision — the community in general.

While there is no one cause to the situation, Spencley said, finger pointing will only exacerbate the situation.

"I'm not blaming the school board at all, because it's not their fault."

Being honest and upfront, he said, is the only approach in finding a solution to this problem.

"There are going to be cuts that have to be made," said Spencley. "If there is any frivolous spending, we need to see where it's at."

He added, some immediate cuts which may have to be made may not be appreciated in the sort term, but in the long run they might be unavoidable, if the integrity of the schools are to be maintained.

"We have one of the nicest schools in northern Michigan " Spencley said. "In order to keep things strong we need to give back."

It is so important for the public to be informed on these issues if there is any headway to be made, he added.

The sitting school board candidates feel there is a great need for the state to step up its support of education.

"First of all, to fix the budget problem that we have has to be done at the state level," said school board member Scott Boss.

"What's gone on here is no different than our neighboring schools in Michigan. We've lived for the last three years on not just a fixed income but we've had rollbacks, so in other words to fix the problem, they (the representatives in Lansing) need to back education."

According to Boss, if there isn't a fix to the problem, the schools must utilize their rainy fund.

"Any fat or fringe that was in our budget, trust me, if you go talk to Boyne City or East Jordan, not just Charlevoix it's flat out gone," he added. "If there isn't a state increase there will be major cuts."

According to Boss, things have already moved out of the hypothetical.

He said, he spoke with someone who was actually planning to change schools if bussing was cut because the person had four children and no other way to get them to school.

"It's like a nightmare for a board member because we're looking at trying to offer the best possible package we can because there's only two ways we get funding, from the state and more kids," he said.

He added, if programs are cut parents may decide not to bring their kids here or even worse. Charlevoix may lose current students.

"Parents make decisions on the whole pic, not just one part," he said. "I believe we have a great board that works well together. I think we've got a great administrative team and I have absolutely no questions that our staff is second to nothing in northern Michigan, but without money, that's what brings us to all this ugliness."

Boss said, concerned citizens must inform their state legislatures by letter and phone how important education is to them.

"We've got to have concerned citizens let their state legislatures know, 'You know what? Don't just say your the education people, put your money where your mouth is,'" he said.

Political rhetoric is the last thing you need when you are dealing with your children's future, he added.

"We're in a global economy and I can't think of anything more important than a kid's education," he said.

"They're competing at a level that I never had to compete at. And the only way to do that is to educate these kids to be a viable

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piece of the puzzle."

He added, "We need to bring this education piece to the top of the list of priorities so that it doesn't get shoved under the rug."

According to board member Barney Way, the school board works tirelessly to find new ways to save money.

"We've been turning over every stone and looking underneath every rock trying to figure out what we can live without," Way said. "We continue to look at everything that comes down the pike. And, as far as what programs we have right now, we've looked at bussing, we've looked at the sports program and the extracurricular activities."

He added, "What we're trying to do is maintain as much program, as much service as we can to our kids and to our community right now."

Way hopes if everyone picks up a little extra slack in the schools as teachers retire, money could be saved by not hiring new teachers.

"We have had to lay some of the support staff off, but we haven't had to do that to the teachers yet," he said.

According to Way, one of the problems many people don't understand is there are two purses for the schools: one is the general fund, the other is the sinking fund.

The general fund comes from the state, while the sinking fund comes from a local millage that can only be used for facilities and capital type improvements.

"People say we're cutting back and we're not doing operational things," he said. "But then they see us on this other side spending money on — a new gym floor in the middle school or we're going to redo the bus garage or do a superintendent's office — it's totally different money and they cannot be mixed together."

Indeed, state law prohibits the use of the sinking fund for operational costs.

According to Way, it is up to the citizenry to make their opinions known because the school board's pleas to the state for additional funding are often in vain.

"I think every opportunity people get to make it known to the state legislative people is going to help," he said.

"The legislators are all voted in and they need to start responding."

School election to be May 3 this year

Be sure to find your way to the proper ballot box next Tuesday for the school board election.

Between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesday May 3, Charlevoix county residents will be able to vote for their favorite school board candidate at the following locations:

Residents of the city of Charlevoix can vote at the Charlevoix City Hall on State St.; Residents of Charlevoix and Hayes township can vote at Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 N. Old us-31 in Charlevoix; Residents of Marion, Norwood and the portion of Banks located in Antrim township can vote at the Marion Township Hall on Marion Center Road.

For more information contact Joanne Patrick at the County Clerks office (231) 547-7200, extension 11.

Marina work could start in fall

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Work on a new Charlevoix marina may begin next fall, according to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiensen.

Wiesner told council at its April 18 he, Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson and Waterway's Commission Member John Winn have been working to get funding together to start construction on the marina project this fall, with a completion in May or June of 2006.

Wiesner said it has been suggested the city proceed with the new bulkhead, utilities, walkway and docks soon. The total cost of this portion of the project, he said, would be about $5 million.

He said $3 million of it will come from bonds sold this year, $1 million will come from the state and the rest will come from funds in the Downtown Development Authority budget.

"That should carry us through, cash-wise," he said.

Wiesner added he is working on bringing a list of possible engineers for the project to the next city council meeting, May 4.

The marina project is part of a higger plan to renovate both the marina and East Park.

The total projected cost of the project is estimated around $11 million. Of that, 75 percent is being paid for with funding from the state Waterway's Commission. The remaining 25 percent of it will he paid for by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority using existing funds.

Under this plan, the City of Charlevoix will not have to pay for the project using its taxpayer funds.

In a city council meeting in March, it was decided to approve DDA funding for a majority of the project, with the exception of a new band shell and ice rink in East Park.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – April 13, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on April 13, 2005. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the March 25, 2005 meeting as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #05-020, Boyne Falls Water Project Fund and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #05-021, Community Services Block Grant.

Motion approved Resolution #05-022, Court Appointed Attorney Contract.

Motion approved Resolution #05-023, 2004/05 Crime Victims Rights Fund Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #05-024, Transit Contract, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #05-025, P.A.S.T. Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #05-026, Section 5311 Transit Program, and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute.

Motion approved Resolution #05-027, Amend Clerk's Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #05-028, Mileage Allowance,

Motion approved Resolution #05-029, Animal Control Fees.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Greggs named island citizens of the year

Courtesy photo

Chamber of Commerce President Kathy Speck presents the 2004 Citizen of the Year award to Phil and Lil Gregg.

The fourth annual Beaver Island Citizen of the Year banquet was given on April 23 at Stoney Acre Restaurant, which was awarded to Phil and Lil Gregg.

Each year, nomination letters are submitted to the Chamber Board of Directors, who makes the final selection.

The criteria for the award states: "The award will honor an individual, couple of community organization that has made a significant contribution to making Beaver Island a better place to live, work or visit."

This year's nominees included: Father Pat Cawley, Bud and Barb Cruickshank, Laraine Dawson, Robert and Lisa Gillespie, Phil and Lil Gregg, Henry Hill, Alvin LaFreniere, Grace Matela, Helen Pike, and the staff of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

The Greggs came to Beaver Island in the early 1960s and have been members of the school board, the library board and the Beaver Island Historical Society.

They are active in the Beaver Island Christian Church and have sponsored many activities for students at the Community School and the Lighthouse School.

The Gregg's recieved a framed photograph of an island sunset scene and a framed tribute to the couple signed by State Senator Jason Allen, State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

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Sanitary code revision for septic proposed

Public hearings set for revisions to county Sanitary Codes currently in effect in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties are the subject of public hearing set by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

The hearing for Charlevoix County will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, at the health department office at 220 W. Garfield Street in Charlevoix.

Three revisions, which cover point-of-sale septic system inspections, requirements for advanced waste treatment systems and requirements for off-site treatment systems, were developed over a year of study and discussion by a committee of health department staff, county commissioners, members of environmental groups, septic waste haulers and consultants.

"Most people don't think too much about what happens in their septic systems once they flush the toilet," said Scott Kendzierski, director of Environmental Health Services for the health department. "But septic system failure is expensive and adversely impacts the environment — and it's preventable by taking some precautions."

The point-of-sale revision will require septic systems to be pumped and inspected at the time properties are sold. The advanced waste management revisions will establish performance and operating standards for alternative and off-site systems. The off-site revision will require written easement and engineering plans for approval. Both alternative and treatment, and off-site systems, will require routine maintenance and annual inspections.

According to Kendzierski, all three proposed revisions are extremely important. "Many new homeowners have had the unwelcome and expensive surprise of a failed system," he said. "The point-of-sale revision will extend the life of septic systems and assure that all evaluated septic tanks are pumped prior to occupancy."

Point-of-sale evaluations include documenting septic tank capacity and condition and the size and condition of the drainfield, as well as inspecting mechanical equipment associated with the system, such as pumps, alarms, and floats.

The advanced waste management system revision allows properties with certain site limitations to use what are called monitored septic systems, combining high standards for the waste product with best management practices. It requires discharge performance criteria for the effluent or the product of a septic system.

"This revision takes advantage of technologies that can produce highly treatable effluent prior to final disposal," said Kendzierski.

It requires an operational permit from the health department, a maintenance contract with a firm that specializes in on-site wastewater management and includes frequent evaluation of all system components and its operational status.

For properties that are unsuitable for a septic system, the off-site waste management revision allows sewage to be conveyed for final disposal away from the parcel where waste is generated. Often easements on properties with suitable site conditions for sewage disposal are obtained for this purpose.

In addition, operation permits will be required to assure inspections meet all state and local regulations for this revision.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities.

For additional information about the septic system revisions, visit www.nwhealth.org or contact Kendzierski at (231) 547-7651.

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Attorney: Law prohibits hiring city officials

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Manager's procedure of giving city contracts under $10,000 to council members without approval of the full council is apparently against state law.

Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young informed council at its April 18 meeting that he discovered a state attorney general's opinion that says local government contracts may not be given to city officials without prior approval of city council.

"It showed some sections, I believe, that conflict with city code...," Young said.

According to Young, the attorney generals opinion was written after the city code was put into place. The city code allows council members to bid on and get city contracts.

The code also allows City Manager Mike Wiesner the ability to grant contracts to anyone for any job under $10,000, without prior approval of city council. That portion of city code has been under attack lately, as some council members have questioned Wiesner's use of it to grant contracts to current city council members who own businesses.

Council Member Shirley Gibson has been one of the forces behind a movement to change this section of the code to say Wiesner must inform council before granting a contract to a city council member, no matter what the amount.

Upon hearing about this state law, Gibson said, "The city manager needs to start doing what the law says."

Wiesner said he highly recommends, in light of this find, that council change city code to one in compliance with state law.

In a later interview, he said he is a little confused on what the law actually says. He and Young are doing some research on it and are going to revisit it with council at the May 2 meeting.

Hospice to offer volunteer training

Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, which serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties is looking-for caring and compassionate individuals who would like to join its family of hospice volunteers.

Hospice will be conducting a volunteer training program starting on Monday, May 2. The sessions will run for four weeks, from 5-7 p.m., meeting Mondays and Wednesdays. The classes will be conducted at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church, Charlevoix.

The first session will be a hospice orientation and discussion of the role of the volunteer. Each class will deal with a different aspect of training — grief and bereavement, death and dying, communication skills, understanding the family, spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measure, ethical issues and personal stress.

Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services, including respite care to the terminally ill and their families. Anyone who has been a care-giver knows how important it is to have some time for themselves, and our hospice volunteers provide this very needed help by staying at the home so the care-giver can get away or just rest.

Volunteers provide much help, whether it is with patients, in the office or helping with fund-raising.

Please call the Hospice of Northwest Michigan office at (231) 536-2842 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, April 18, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the contract with corrections for the City Band in the amount of $4,400 and approve the Mayor to sign the contract.
- Motion adopted to approve the contract with the Charlevoix Band Boosters for petunia weeding for five weedings at a not-to-exceed amount of $15,000.
- Council tabled making a decision on the contract with the Charlevoix Senior Center until May 16, 2005 due to a lack of a quorum without a conflict of interest.

Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carson, Jr., Mayor

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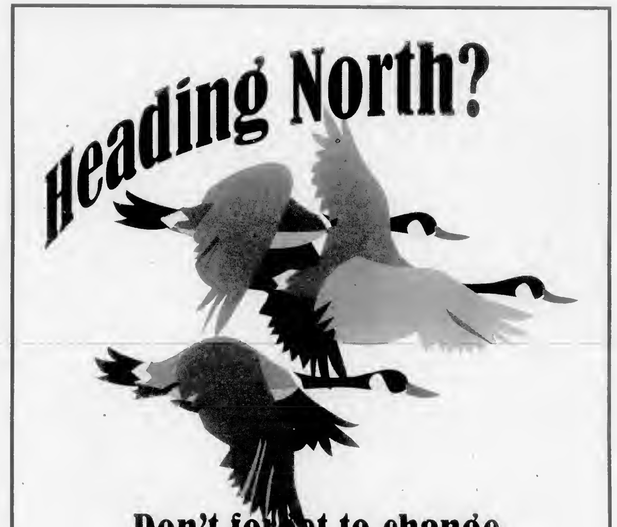

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Parents and children packed Charlevoix High School Friday night for the annual Charlevoix Elementary School PTO Spring Carnival. Those in attendance played various games, bid on goodie baskets in a silent auction and enjoyed snacks. (Left) Zac Dixon, 4, of Charlevoix enjoys a bit of cotton candy. (Below) Jacob Cox, 5, gets a shooting lesson from his mother, Nickole Cox at one of the games.

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(Above) Taylor Erndt, 8, pauses before trying to catapult a frog into a box in one of the games. (Below) Bailey Falting, 5, takes careful aim in one of the games.

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(Above) Rachel Pott, 2, gets a kitty-cat make-over at the face painting booth at the Spring Carnival at Charlevoix High School.

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Four Charlevoix teachers retire from school district

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix schools say goodbye to four teachers with over a 100 years of combined teaching experience this year.

Pat Carland

Local elementary school teacher Pat Carland says she is no wicked witch, but that doesn't stop her from riding a broom on occasion.

Over her 33 years of teaching, Carland has taught everything from special education to music.

Marina LaBlance

Carland graduated from Western Michigan University and taught for a short time in Kalamazoo. Then in 1971 she moved to northern Michigan for a teaching position with her husband Mike, who now teaches in Boyne City.

Jim Glynn

According to Carland, dull moments are rare when dealing with young children.

Kathy Schofield

"I think they keep you on your toes," she said. "They are always enthusiastic. I like how bright and bushy tailed they are, go-go-going every day, so time passes fast and it's fun."

While she wants to travel eventually, Carland said she will spend some more time engaged in the activities she enjoys right here in Charlevoix.

"I like sports, music. I hope I can volunteer here and be there to help out the community," she said. "I'll probably play golf and tennis in the fall and continue with my music."

Carland said, the things she will miss most are the staff and kids with whom she worked.

She added, "It's going to be hard leaving everybody."

Known for her sense of humor, Carland came up with the idea of saying she would ride her broom around the classroom because, she said, the kids needed to know when it was time to get serious about their work.

In 2002 one of her then students, Noah Matchett, made her a real broom to ride.

"Sometimes you have to keep after the kids to do their homework, so that's when I bring humor into it," she said. "I mean business, but in a fun way."

She may not miss having her name mispronounced, but Marina LaBlance will definitely miss her 32 year position as music teacher.

She received her degree in music and elementary education in spring 1972 from Western Michigan University and was on the job in Charlevoix by that fall.

According to LaBlance, one of the funniest things she dealt with over the years is the way the kids pronounce her name. With variations including Mrs. Ablah, Mablah and Ma-Blob.

Looking to the future, LaBlance said, she isn't too worried about looking for things to do.

"It's not in my nature not to keep busy," she said.

LaBlance enjoys gardening, reading, music and especially traveling.

"My folks are from Greece, so I plan on maybe spending some time there," she said.

But what she mostly looks for-

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Schools lose about 100 years of experience

RETIRE

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ward to is having that extra cup of coffee in the morning.

"I don't really have any plans for awhile. I look forward to spending a little time on myself," she said.

LaBlance still enjoys teaching, but feels it is time to do some things just for her.

"I've had just a fantastic ride being a music educator in Charlevoix," she said. "I have enjoyed my kids."

Over the course of 20 years Jim Glynn taught in Germany, Japan and even Charlevoix.

Jim Glynn received his Masters degree from Eastern Michigan University and taught in Romulus from 1972-1976. Glynn came to Charlevoix in 1979 to teach physical education and science, among others.

Glynn worked overseas in Ausberg and Heilbronn Germany as well as Japan for the Department of Justice schools teaching children of service members history and comparative studies of eastern and western cultures in an advanced placement class.

According to Glynn, he doesn't have a favorite subject.

"I like 'em all," he said.

Glynn has served as assistant high school baseball coach, middle school track coach.

"The best subject is the kids themselves," he said.

He added, he will miss the kids the most because they keep him young.

Glynn plans to spend more time with his family and on his hobbies, including refinishing a boat from the late 1950s.

Glynn said he loves teaching, but now he wants to spend more time with his wife of 37 years and his children — who are so dear to his heart.

"I've really enjoyed teaching in Charlevoix schools," he said. "They gave me the opportunity to travel with my family and come back and share the experience."

While Glynn will miss his pupils he won't be going too far.

"I'll still be coaching the golf team," he said.

Kathy Schofield retired from Charlevoix Elementary school at the end of the 2004 fall semester.

Schofield graduated from the University of Michigan in 1972 and went on to receive her masters degree from Western Michigan University.

Schofield taught since 1974, but did not start in Charlevoix until 1985 where she worked with children in special education, fifth grade and finally with the fourth graders.

According to Schofield, the thing she misses most is the kids.

"I feel so lucky," she said. "I think I got to take something from each one."

Schofield plans to spend some of her free time visiting her children who both live out of state.

She and her husband Robert also plan to build a house in the Charlevoix area, which is something they've always wanted to do.

One of Schofield's fondest memories was when her class talked to the Russian space station Mir for nine and a half minutes via Ham radio.

"We were one of only three schools in the world," she said.

Schofield said, she would like to thank the children she taught for making her who she is today.

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BUSINESS

Northern Michigan Sports Medicine opens new location

Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center has opened a new satellite location in Charlevoix.

The new facility is located in the Kmart Plaza on M-66. The Charlevoix facility is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and will be more convenient for patients from the Charlevoix and surrounding areas.

Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center of Charlevoix clinic is a 5,000 square foot state of art gym with new equipment and houses the only heated therapeutic pool in Charlevoix. The clinic is staffed with three-licensed physical therapist, two certified athletic trainers and a physical therapy aid. The physical therapists are Jeff Samyn, Jeff Smith and Chuck Smith. The athletic trainers are Amy Bartling and Joelle Beaudoin and the physical therapy aid is Tara Morrow.

They specialize in:

- Physical Therapy and Athletic Training
- Neck and back pain evaluation and treatment
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- Sports injury assessment and rehabilitation
- Post surgical treatment and rehabilitation
- Workers compensation injuries
- TMJ dysfunction
- Aquatic therapy

"The idea for a clinic in Charlevoix came from our patients and referring physicians," said Chuck Smith, owner and physical therapist. "Their desire and request for physical and aquatic therapy in a close and convenient location spurred the opening."

He added, "We are excited to be part of the community and to offer the benefit of aquatic therapy in our clinic."

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(From left) Jeff Samyn, Tara Morrow, Amy Bartling, Karyn Mallory and Joelle Beaudoin.

The Sport Medicine Center also offers a "Get Moving Program" in the pool and gym. The programs are open to the public. For more information, contact Karyn at (231) 547-0380.

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SPORTS

Rayder track teams busy in meets

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix girls and boys varsity track and field teams were busy with meets last week.

Boys' track coach Ken Plude said, "The team ran exceptionally well considering we rested most of our varsity runners and gave our second and third team members a chance to shine."

The boy's results in the April 20, Boyne City invitational are:

• 400 Relay — The team of Ryan Seeyle, Ben Bergman, Travis Johnstone and Kyle Jones took first place with a time of 46.8 seconds.

• Long Jump — Seeyle took first place with 20 and 1/2 feet, while fifth place went to Johnstone with 18 feet, 1 inch.

• 400 Meter — Darron Munson took second place with a time of 54.3 seconds.

• 800 Relay — The team of Seeyle, Jared Hunt, Dan Elliot and Bergman took second place with a time of 1 minute, 36.1 seconds.

• 3200 Relay — The team of Scott Plude, Jacob Wimmer, Zach Scharenbraeh and Chris Wyniawskyj took third place with a time of 8 minutes and 59 seconds.

• 1600 Relay — Nate Sotuyo, Billy Roloff, Wyniawskyj and Dan Elliot took third place with a time of 3 minutes and 53.3 seconds.

• High Jump — Mitchell Craned took fourth place with a height of 5 feet, 6 inches.

• Pole Vault — Hunter Boss took third place with a height of 10 feet, 6 inches.

• 100 Meter — Johnstone took fifth place with a time of 12 seconds.

• 200 Meter — Nate LaBlance took sixth place with a time of 25.3 seconds.

• 1600 Meter — Sotuyo took fifth place with a time of 4 minutes, 44.9 seconds.

• 3200 Meter — Brandon Steven's took fifth place with a time of 10 minutes, 49 seconds.

The girls track results are:

• 200 Meter Dash — Sonya Plude took fourth place with a time of 28.8 seconds and Robyn Petzak took fifth place with a time of 29.2 seconds.

• 400 Meter Dash — Betsey Dennis and Shannon Dibble placed second and third with times of 65.5 and 66 seconds, respectively.

• 800 Meter Run — Brittney Lamb placed fourth with a time of 2 minutes, 35.9 seconds.

• 1600 Meter Run — Lamb placed fourth with a time of 5 minutes, 52.2 seconds.

• 3200 Meter Run — Alina Dhaselcer placed fourth with a time of 13.11 seconds.

• 100 Meter Hurdle — Emily Heffling plaeed third with a time of 17.1 seconds.

• 400 Meter Relay — The team of Jasmine Witthoeft, Plude, Caitlin Ernst and Heffling landed first place with a time of 54.2 seconds.

• 1600 Meter Relay — The team of Theresa Martin, Dennis, Dibble and Liz Madison took first place with a time of 4 minutes, 27 seconds.

• 3200 Meter Relay — The team of Martin, Dhaseleer, Dibble and Lamb took second place with a time of 10 minutes, 25 seconds.

• Long Jump — Witthoeft placed fourth with a length of 14 feet, 3 inches.

• Shot Put — Caitlin Cole placed fifth with a distance of 28 feet, 3 inches.

• Discus — Cole placed third with a distance of 92 feet, 11 inches.

Charlevoix placed third out of eight teams with a score of 83 points.

The boys' track team results for their April 18 meet at Harbor Springs are as follow:

The boys finished in first place overall with a top score of 124 points.

• 3200 Meter Relay — The team of Stevens, Hunt, Sotuyo and Munson took first place with a time of 8 minutes, 31.49 seconds.

• Discus — Jeff Golovich finished first with a distance of 122 feet, 9 inches.

• Pole Vault — Kyle Jones and Plude finished third and fourth with heights of 9 feet, 8 inches and 8 feet, 6 inches respectively.

• 110 Meter Hurdles — Bergmann placed first with a time of 16.48 seconds

• 100 Meter Dash — Seeyle, Andrew Tillotson and Johnstone placed first second and third with times of 11.94 seconds, 12.35 seconds and 12.36 seconds respectively.

• 800 Meter Relay — Dan Elliott, Johnstone, Hunt and Golovich placed first with final time of 1 minute, 39.78 seconds.

• 1600 Meter run — Stevens finished second with a time of 4 minutes, 52.4 seconds.

• 400 Meter Relay — The team of Seeyle, Tillotson, Johnstone and Bergmann finished first with a time of 46.93 seconds.

• 400 Meter Dash — Hunt and Munson placed first and third with times of 54.34 and 54.58 respectively.

• 300 Intermediate Hurdles — Bergmann, Golovich and Plude finished first, third and fourth with times of 44.3 seconds, 45.23 seconds and 45.86 seconds respectively.

• 800 Meter Run — Sotuyo finished second with a final time of 2 minutes, 5.52 seconds.

• 200 Meter Dash — Seeyle finished second with a time of 24.43 seconds.

• 3200 Meter Run — Jacob Wimmer, Isaac Matchette and Dustin Arp finished second, third and fourth with times of 10 minutes, 49.87 seconds, 11 minutes, 18.78 seconds and 12 minutes, 36.25 seconds.

• 1600 Meter Relay — The team of Munson, Stevens, Hunt and Bergmann finished first with an overall time of 3 minutes, 40.29 seconds.

• High Jump — Michael DiMartino and Mitch Cardall finished third and fourth with times of 5 minutes, 10 seconds and 5 minutes, 6 seconds respectively.

• Long Jump — Seeyle and DiMartino finished first and third with lengths of 20 feet, three inches and 18 feet, six point 25 inches respectively.

• Shot Put — Golovich and Jones finished first and fourth with distances of 40 feet, one point 13 inches and 36 feet, five inches respectively.

The girls' track and field results are as follow:

Charlevoix finished second overall with a final score of 63.5 points.

• 3200 Meter Relay — The

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SPORTS

Rayders start season with three wins out of four games

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders softball team is 3-5 in play thus far this season.

Last week, the Rayders won three out of the four games they played, sweeping Roscommon, 13-11 and 19-18, and splitting with Leland, winning game one, 24-16 and losing game two, 16-9.

"Things are coming together for us," Coach Elizabeth Grunch said. "We are improving but it's a slow process, we have a very young team."

Charlevoix features five freshman and two sophomores on varsity.

Sally Haselschwardt was 3 for 3 with a double against Leland. Jessica Gauthier, Murphy Gillespie and Brittany Niswander each had two hits in the twinbill.

Desi Faust was the winning pitcher in game one and struck out four.

Faust also was the winning pitcher in the first game against Roscommon. Leah Kelly earned the pitching victory in game two.

Gauthier had four hits, including two doubles against Roscommon. Haselschwardt had three hits, including a double. Niswander tripled twice and singled.

Faust had three hits. Caitlin Mitchell and Genevieve Kochanny each had two.

Earlier, the Rayders fell to Petoskey, 17-0 and 20-0. Charlevoix also lost twice in their own Charlevoix Invitational losing to Lake City, 10-9 and Maple City Glen Lake, 10-0.

Against Petoskey, Sasha Spencley had the only Rayder hit in game one while Kochanny and Gillespie both singled in the nightcap.

In the tournament's opening round, Faust was the losing pitcher despite striking out 10 batters. She yielded nine hits and four walks.

Spencley was four for four at the plate. Gauthier and Kelly each tripled. Chelsea Nemchek was two for two.

While in the consolation round, Charlevoix fell to Glen Lake, who is listed as honorable mention in Division 3 in the state.

Nemchek was again two for two at the plate. Spencley doubled while Niswander and Gillespie each singled.

Faust was the losing pitcher, with six hits allowed, two walks and six strikeouts.

"We hit the ball pretty well (in the tournament)," Grunch said. "We made good contact but we left a lot of runners on base."

Charlevoix (3-5) hosts East Jordan on Wednesday, April 27 to open Lake Michigan Conference play.

Rayders' soccer team looking good

The Charlevoix High School girls' soccer team beat East Jordan, 9-0, April 18.

Freshmen led the way as the Rayders improved to 1-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference with a win at East Jordan. Charlevoix managed 34 shots on the net as the EJ keeper made 25 saves. Rayder keeper Laura Nitchman stopped three Red Devil chances to earn the shutout in goal.

Rayder goals were scored by freshmen Emily Foster, Ariel Ramsey (2) and Becca Madison (4); and by sophomores Zita Anderson and Lori Zimmerman. Assists went to Sarah Cross, Stevie Murray, Zimmerman, Madison and freshman Megan Cross.

"This was a good team win giving us the opportunity to get all of our 21 players extended playing time," Coach Carol Madison said.

On April 19, the team beat Glen Lake, 6-0.

The Rayders opened up scoring early as senior tri-captain Jaime Pettis assisted freshman Ramsey

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Rayder runners putting up impressive numbers

TRACK

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team of Theresa Martin, Alina Dhaseleer, Mia Matchette and Brittney Lamb finished second with an overall time of 10 minutes, 45.8 seconds.

• Discus — Cole finished third with a distance of 84 feet, 6 inches.

• Pole Vault — Madison tied for second with a height of 6 feet, 6 inches.

• 100 Meter Hurdles — Amy Drew finished fourth with a time of 20.32 seconds.

• 100 Meter Dash — Plude, Dribble, Emily Heffling and Lo Petzak finished first through fourth places with scores of 13.29, 13.68, 13.79 and 13.84 seconds respectively.

• 400 Meter Relay — Charlevoix took first place with a time of 54.45 seconds.

• 400 Meter Dash — Madison and Dennis placed second and fourth with times of 1 minute, 5.96 seconds and 1 minute 6.27 seconds respectively.

• 300 Meter Low Hurdle — Drew finished fourth with a time of 58.46 seconds.

• 800 Meter Run — Lamb's first place finish of 2 minutes, 32.44 seconds places her at number 10 on Charlevoix's all time list.

• 200 Meter Dash — Dennis placed in fifth with a time of 30.68 seconds.

• 1600 Meter Relay — Martin, Drew, Dribble and Madison placed second with an overall time of 4 minutes, 32.38 seconds.

• High Jump — Brittany Ward finished fourth with a height of 4 feet.

• Long Jump — Jasmine Witthoeft and Ahsley Pett finished third and fourth with lengths of 14 feet, 2-and-three-quarter inches and 13 feet, 2-and-a-quarter inches respectively.

• Shot Put — Cole and Pett placed third and fifth with distances of 26 feet, 8-and-a-quarter inches and 26 feet, 3-and-a-half inches respectively.

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Weebowl-Wobowls	32	28
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J Arnold Painting "2"	25.5	34.5
Cernes Cement	22	38
Selph Trucking	20.5	39.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fledorek	681	233
Darrel VanLoo	576	226
Ken Schoenheit	598	225

Tuesday Night Ladies - April 19, 2005

	W	L
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	41	27
Grey Gables Inn	38.5	29.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	37	31
Twin Lakes Enterprise	36	32
Central Drug Store	32	36
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	28.5	39.5
Don's IGA	23.5	44.5
Mark White Paint & Stain	19.5	48.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	570	215
Janice Thanaslu	551	203
Jane Holm		190
Diana Speigl	504	

Double Deckers Mixed League - April 17, 2005

	W	L
Spencer	38.5	17.5
Blanchard-Crain	38	18
Ferguson	36	20
Bradley	35	21
Russell-Amy-Jerry	35	21
Russell C & R	31	25

Witthoeft	30.5	25.5
Sladek	30	26
Novotny	29	27
Blanchard	29	27
Stein	28	28
Koltman	25	31
Webb	24.5	31.5
Patton	19	37
Nordman	15.5	40.5
Hart	4	52

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter	532	188
Robert Russell		182
Scott Blanchard	499	180
Kelly Bradley	463	
Roger Crain	453	
Deb Blanchard		180
Lisa Bradley	453	
Carrie Blanchard		177
Lynette Webb	477	172
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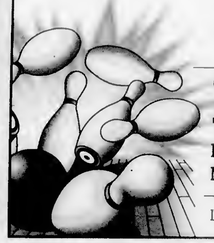

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SPORTS

Baseball team has up/down week

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayder baseball squad was 1-2 in non-conference play last week, dropping a single game to Leland, 12-11 in extra innings and splitting a doubleheader with Roscommon, losing game one, 10-8 but bouncing back to win the nightcap, 9-6.

Against Leland, "Neither team played great defense, but Leland was able to withstand a furious Rayder offensive barrage," according to Rayder Coach Bryan Hawkins.

Leland committed seven errors and Charlevoix had three. The Rayders led 11-9 after four innings but the Comets scored one run in the fifth and another in the sixth to send the game into an extra frame.

Tyler Bier was 3 for 5 at the plate with two doubles, a triple and two RBI but he suffered the pitching defeat. Freshman Cliff Jones tripled. Brady Way was 1 for 2 and drew two walks and scored two runs. Nate Dube doubled.

Game two against Leland was called due to darkness.

Charlevoix trailed 9-1 after three and a half innings in game one against Roscommon but rallied to make the game close. Bier, again, was the losing pitcher.

Jake Teuscher had three hits and scored two runs in the contest. Eddie Waldron had two hits, including a double and two RBI. Matt Teuscher doubled and drove in three runs. Logan Niswander had a hit, an RBI and a run scored. Michael Wojan and Way had the other Rayder hits.

Eddie Waldron had a solid pitching outing in game two, yielding only one earned run in 4 2/3 innings and striking out three to get the win. Matt Teuscher came on to quell a Roscommon rally fanning a Buck hitter to earn the save.

Bier had two hits, including a double and scored three runs. Way singled and had two RBI. Wojan singled and scored two runs. Waldron tripled. Matt Teuscher singled in a run. Dube singled and scored a run.

"Eddie Waldron pitched a fine game," Hawkins said. "He cruised until the fourth inning when Roscommon took advantage of some fielding miscues."

The Charlevoix junior varsity squad (7-1) continued its winning ways, splitting with Mancelona, winning, 17-2 and losing, 9-8 and sweeping Roscommon, 4-3 and 9-5. Charlevoix (4-3) hosts East Jordan in the Rayders' Lake Michigan Conference opener on Wednesday, April 27.

Sheriff seeking info for cases

The Charlevoix County Sheriff is requesting citizens assistance pertaining to several serious crimes in Charlevoix County.

• The sheriff's office is looking for any citizen who observed a suspicious or 'out of place' vehicle between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. on the morning of April 19 that was parked in the Waller Road area of Charlevoix Township.

This is in connection to the murder that took place that day. David Goldstick, of Charlevoix, is suspected of killing Bill Brady, 79, also of Charlevoix, near Brady's Carpet Cleaning on Petoskey Avenue.

• The sheriff's office is looking for anyone who may have come across a shotgun barrel and action in the area of Pincherry Road or Horton Bay Road off of C-56 (Boyne City/Charlevoix Road) in Hayes and Bay townships.

This shotgun was used in a crime on Dec. 20 and it is believed to have been thrown out of a vehicle after that time.

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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a recitation of the Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's Church, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix.

(4-27-1-076)

THIS IS to inform Robert Kenwabikise, last known address: General Delivery, Beaver Island, MI, 49782, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #134. A brief description would be; washer and electric dryer. You have until May 20, 2005, to reclaim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.

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(4-27-2-086)

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(4-27-4-086)

AUCTION SALES 096

CEDARVILLE, MI Snow's Bar Auction May 29, 2005. Includes real estate, furniture, fixtures and original 550 Resort Class C License. Registered Bidders only. 877-306-7653.

(4-6-8-096)

EMPLOYMENT PREP 090

DO YOU need assistance looking for a job? The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan offers the Displaced Homemaker Program. The DH Program provides career advising and job search services. Through this program, Displaced Homemakers receive free career guidance, employability skills training, career assessments, information and community referrals and assistance with resume preparation and successful interview techniques. In addition, tuition assistance is available for help with job training expenses. For more information or to schedule a time to meet, contact the WRC at (231) 348-6699.

(4-27-1-090)

MISC. FOR SALE 134

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(4-27-1-134)

CONDO FOR RENT 158

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(3-9-tf-158)

RONALD WILLIAM HAGGARD AUG. 18, 1977-APRIL 27, 2000

PHOTO TAKEN 11/18/99

Our lives continue to forge ahead with enthusiasm and hope, while our hearts and memories are intermingly locked in the past.

We are once again slowly, very slowly it always seems, emerging from another Northern Michigan winter. It is a time of year when Charlevoix is both beautiful and harsh. Sometimes the short days languish as though stuck in time. The snow muffles the sound of our footsteps as we crunch down the street or through the woods. It is quiet and peaceful, and it is exhilarating to breath the cold, crisp air into our lungs. The snow bundles in huge pillows against the house, gathered there by the nighttime wind that huffs and puffs across the lake.

These are the times when our memories tug at our hearts, like a child who pulls on a loose piece of yarn that gradually unravels row after row of his sweater. We think of our son, Ronald. We remember all the happy times, his many talents, his love of hunting, his contribution to his high school wrestling team, his many friends and his endless ability to smile. Every year we think of his birthday, and our holiday dinners will always have a missing chair at the table.

We also remember the sad times. We recall his disappointments, his frustrations and his confusion. The cold melancholy blows through our thoughts like a Beaver Island storm.

How can we begin to understand the glory and thrill of a summer without a winter of bleak, hazy gray?

Our summer days remind us of the life and joy that surrounds all of us. It is reassuring for us to think of how well Ronald would have enjoyed these times. He would have done well in life and we know that in time, he would have been very happy. We know this as sure as we know the winter snow and ice will disappear.

Once again, the seagulls will soar in the blue sky and the ever-growing number of tourists will swell the local population. The endless cycle of life continues.

We miss you Ron. What we miss most of all are your wonderful, loving, endless hugs. We love you and know that you are with our Savior. Be patient, our son. One glorious day we will have a true family reunion, and once again celebrate the joy of being together.

- THE LOVING FAMILY OF RONALD HAGGARD

APR 2005

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

CHARLEVOIX 2,500 sq. ft., office/retail, 1204 Bridge Street. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(11-10-tf-168)

12,600 SQUARE FEET. Charlevoix, northside, ceiling heights 14 feet and 16 feet, 3 overhead doors, 2 truck wells. $1.75 sq. ft. +. Bob Kern, Real Estate One. 231-547-5100.

(11-24-tf-168)

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(3-30-3-168)

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Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. Approximately 2000 sq. ft. First time available in 25 years. Prime location. Available 6/1/05. Call 547-2342. Leave a message.

(4-13-tf-168)

APARTMENTS FOR RENT 169

CHARLEVOIX, ONE BEDROOM contemporary, close to downtown, laundry area. $445 per month. Rent includes trash pick up and snow removal. NO PETS/NO SMOKING. One year lease. Call 231-547-6052, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

(2-9-tf-169)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

RESTORED CHARLEVOIX Bungalow Walk to Lake Michigan Beach, channel and downtown, weekend or weekly. 231-536-1512.

(4-13-3-171)

EARL YOUNG cottage for weekly rental. Boulder Park in Charlevoix. Enjoy spring flowers and beautiful sunsets over Lake Michigan. 231-237-0802.

(3-23-8-171)

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate $1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-tf-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-347-7225.

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STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

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FARM EQUIPMENT 180

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(3-16-tf-203)

40' AND 50' BOAT SLIPS 2005 season lease, Pine Lake Yacht Club on Lake Charlevoix. Full amenities. $3,300. Cal Todd 248-352-2454.

(4-13-6-203)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 6, 2002, by James E. Karlskin and Mary M. Karlskin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on February 15, 2002, at Liber 458, Page 846, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $119,347.44 principal, $5,362.54 interest, and $150.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 13, 2005 at 11 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Lot 72, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 197 through 200, Charlevoix County Records.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with interest at the rate of 8.00% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated March 28, 2005

First Community Bank

April Special Classified Deal

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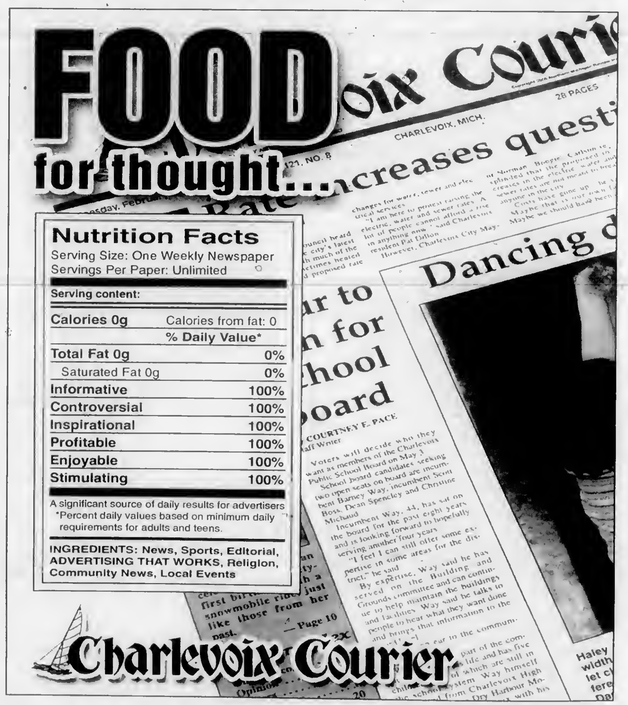

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(4/13,4/20,4/27,5/4,5/11)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010809-DE

Estate of Victor E. Kantola
Date of Birth: February 14, 1952

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Victor E. Kantola, who lived at 5605 Bonar Drive, Marion Township, Michigan died February 5, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Pamela Kantola, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 19, 2005

Barron & Golski, PLC
Edward F. Engstrom, Esq P42437
P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9950

Pamela Kantola
5605 Bonar Drive
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-5244

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - FAMILY DIVISION
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

PUBLICATION OF HEARING
CASE NO. 04005738-NA
PETITION NO. 04000055 & NO. 05000043

TO: Charlevoix Courier
112 Mason Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720

IN THE MATTER OF:
JESSICA KING DOB: 10/05/91
ERIC KING DOB: 04/07/89

A petition requesting the court to take jurisdiction of the above named minor(s) has been filed in this court. A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the court on **MONDAY, MAY 16, 2005** at 9 a.m. in Charlevoix Probate/Family Court, 302 State, County Building, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Annette Brodin personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in permanent loss of your rights to said child(ren).

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Primetime Pantomime

Ragamuffin Theatre and Company will be presenting Primetime Pantomime at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix. Bring your whole family! Suggested donation is $5 adults and $3 children (12 and under).

Sock hop

The Second Annual Sock Hop sponsored by AMVETS Auxiliary of Beaver Island Post 46, starts at 7 p.m. April 30 at the Holy Cross Parish Hall on Beaver Island. Come and rock and roll to the D.J. Joe Nagraba and enjoy the dance, hula hoop and best attire and singers contest. Admission is $10 with a cash bar, snacks, door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

Starlight dinner

The Bergmann Center is having the Third Annual Starlight Dinner and Live Auction on Sunday, May 1, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Bells Bay Road (at the corner of M-66 and US-31 go South on 31 for 1.3 miles to the right on Bells Bay Road).

Browse the display of auction items and enjoy entertainment by Chris Dominic at 12:30 p.m. A buffet dinner will begin at 1:30 p.m. catered by Giuseppe's Italian Grille. An auction immediately follows with auctioneer Sam Kosc. To purchase tickets call Kim or Aimee at (231) 547-2979. Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple.

Teen challenge

Charlevoix Assembly of God will host the Lansing Teen Challenge at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 1. The church is located at 05291 M-66 North. For more information please call the church office at 547-6430.

Lifeguard training

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will be offering a Lifeguard Training Certification Course. The course will meet from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday May 2, 9, 16 and 22. The course will also meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, May 21. The cost is $150 for district residents (City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Charlevoix Township) $160 for all others. A $50 deposit is required to register. For more information about this class please contact Betsy Ganstra at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at (231) 547-0982.

Grief support

Hospice offers a six week Charlevoix grief support group beginning May 4. Each person's grief is as individual as a fingerprint. Coming together with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one is often a comfort. Grief support groups create a safe and confidential atmosphere for all participants with educational and support materials provided to help guide participants.

A series of six weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on consecutive Wednesdays from May 4 through June 8 at First Congregational Church, 101 State Street, in Charlevoix.

The grief support program is sponsored by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and will be facilitated by Hospice Family counselor, Heather O'Brien. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed.

All groups and individual counseling is provided free of charge thanks to local community contributions. To register or for more information, please contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Loss support

Charlevoix Grief and Loss Support Group is being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay beginning Wednesday, May 4, at the First Congregational Church located at 101 State Street. The group will meet from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesdays. This group is free of charge thanks to community contributions. To register, or for more information call (231) 487-4825.

Dems to meet

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will meet at the Flap Jack Restaurant with a Dutch-treat dinner at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. Featured guests will be two high school students sharing their thoughts on political issues.

Author to speak

The Charlevoix Public Library presents author Gwen Marston at 7 p.m. May 9, speaking about her new Michigan notable book called Mary Schafer - American Quilt Maker. Questions and book signings will take place after Ms. Marston's talk with light refreshments served. The public library is located at 109 Clinton Street. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library and for more information please call 547-2651.

Anger resolution

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, at 12023 Waller Road, is hosting an Institute in Basic Life Principles (IBLP) Anger Resolution Seminar, Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14. This is a video seminar conducted by Dr. Bill Gothard. The seminar will explore the causes of anger and reveal the Biblical remedies which enable us to "put off all...anger" (Col. 3:8) The seminar registration fee is $35, payable to Institute in Basic Life Principles. For more information or to register please contact pastor Dan Gilmore at (231) 547-5711.

Soccer registration

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Registration is from 5:30 to 7 p.m., May 19 and May 24, in the Charlevoix Elementary School Gym. Registration is for U-6 through U-14 divisions. Fees are $60 per child with a $40 discount for parent volunteer time applicable to all their children registering to play. Any registration received after June 1 is subject to a $10 late fee. Contact Marlene at 547-9452 if you need additional information.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord.

They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Car club meeting

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Hospital Guild meeting

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has changed the meeting time to 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Power to be out

Consumer's Energy is performing maintenance on their transmission lines, which will require a power outage for all of the city of Charlevoix south of the Pine River Channel. The outage will take place from 2 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, May 1.

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Soccer team wins several matches

SOCCER

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for the 1-0 lead. Charlevoix controlled play throughout managing 30 shots to one for the Lakers.

Keepe Nitchman earned the shutout in goal.

Strong midfield and defensive play from Murray, Madison and Cross and Madison McKenzie proved too much for Glen Lake.

Charlevoix goals were scored by Ramsey (2), Pettis (2), Madison and Zimmerman. Assists went to Pettis (2), Madison and McKenzie.

The Rayder bench was able to gain valuable experience with extended playing time.

Ramsey was awarded the game ball for the Rayders.

On April 21, Charlevoix beat Harbor Springs, 3-1.

Charlevoix scored 2 minutes into the contest when Pettis sent an assist across the box to Zimmerman who sent the ball home past the Harbor keeper.

The Rayders continued to knock at the door with several good scoring opportunities just missing the mark throughout the first 20 minutes. The Rams came back on their first opportunity with a long counter attack to knot the score at 1-1.

Charlevoix answered at the 30 minute mark when freshmen Kaleigh Blanchard and Ramsey combined, with Blanchard assisting Ramsey who beat a defender on the end line and stuck the ball in the net. The last of the scoring was on the Rayders side in the second half when Cross assisted freshman Madison for the clinching goal.

Charlevoix had the better of the play through most of the match, mounting 18 shots to 10 Harbor opportunities.

The Rayder keeper, Nitchman was up to the task to get the win in goal. In addition to Nitchman, Charlevoix received strong play from the whole squad.

Defensively, the Rayders were led by Cross, McKenzie, Murray and Lisa Kuebler. In the midfield, Madison, Blanchard and Anderson continually won the ball. On the forward line Zimmerman, Ramsey and Pettis, who was marked by Harbor throughout the match, gave the Rayders their spark.

Cross was awarded the Rayders game ball.

Spencley, Michaud answer questions

FORUM

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that most of these people are my friends, that we're going to make revenue cuts on and putting myself in their shoes."

"The last cut that I would possibly make is to take any part of the education system away," he added. "We need to somehow bring everybody together and say there are cuts to be made."

According to Michaud, a possible way to help offset costs would be to take a look at the sports budget.

"I would like to maybe see a little bit of change in how we spend some of our extracurricular activity money," she said. "Not that I would cut anything, but maybe look at how we're spending it and how much we're giving to the extra curricular activities."

She added, "And I would rather see us cut a portion of that rather than cutting education."

One of the few questions of the night which didn't revolve directly around finances was the issue of the current library building.

Spencley said, "This is probably going to end up on the desk of two attorneys who will probably take both sides for a little bit of money. Maybe there can be some concessions made both ways."

Michaud declined to comment.

If he gets on the board, Spencley said, he will make sure the public gets more information.

In preparation for service on the school board, Spencley said, he lives in Charlevoix and attends many sports functions.

"It's one of those things that you start to love the town because you start to love the kids," he said.

He is working to get on the board reluctantly because he still wants to coach, but he is interested in giving everyone a voice including the children.

"They're part of the group as well. This is why we're all here," he said. "If you're here for any other reason then you're here for the wrong reason — it's an educational thing."

According to Michaud, living in Charlevoix all her life has prepared her for service on the school board.

"The main reason I am going out for school board is because I do have young kids in school and I have been in Charlevoix all my life. I was brought up through the school system and a lot of people that are my friends have talked about needing a change," she said.

She added, "Not that I'm necessarily going to change anything, but I'm another voice in the community."

Michaud said another concern of hers is the amount of money coaches are paid.

She said, while researching the wages of teachers in the different schools in the area, she found teachers just out of a four year school make $33,500 a year with their benefits starting with the date of hire.

"People don't realize how much teachers make," she said.

She added, "My next question to the schools were how much do we pay out yearly for coaches. We are the highest paid coaching staff in northern Michigan."

Michaud cited Charlevoix pays $129,000 a year to coaches with Harbor Springs paying $14,000 less and East Jordan paying $30,000 less than Charlevoix.

"When I was looking at how much we're paying people it's not because I want to see some cutting but I want to do some comparing," she said. "We could take that $30,000 we pay coaches and put an aide back on."

She said not everybody in Charlevoix plays sports and parents should pay something for their kids to play.

Spencley believes sports are an integral part of the Charlevoix schools.

"I believe that sports in Charlevoix are as key as, sometimes, education," he said. "We've had some great people, great kids that have come to Charlevoix to play sports because of what we offer."

He added, "I think we at times we put too much into it (athletics), but I think that goes with anything."

Spencley said maybe there should be a cap on coaches salaries in order to control costs.

He added, "I do it because I love it, she (Michaud) could cut my salary and do whatever she wants with it and I would coach regardless."

The topic of the night always found it's way back to budget concerns.

When it comes to the idea of families paying out of pocket for bussing, Spencley said, "If we have to do that, that's what we have to do. I would pay for my kids to do it. I would have no problem with that if that's what it came down to."

Michaud said, she doesn't want to force children to pay for their bussing.

"Not necessarily would I ask a child to pay for his bussing out to school but maybe look at combing some of the routes to decrease the amount of gas that we spend for bussing," she said.

When asked whether the candidates would follow the rule of law or personal feelings as it pertains to the separation of church and state, Michaud said, she would like to see the rule changed, but that the board should follow the law as it stands.

According to Spencley, he feels religion has lost its place in the school system.

"I think I'd argue to the church side," he said.

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Murder suspect, victim were friends

MURDER

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trouble for this (the weapon)," the affidavit said.

David Goldstick

According to Wheat's affidavit, he said, "A good man like you must have your back against the wall to do something like this." Goldstick nodded in affirmation at which point he was arrested and later admitted shooting Brady.

Goldstick said he used a .380 handgun he bought several years prior to the shooting, which was later found at a residence located at 8091 Indian Trails in Charlevoix. The owner of the residence was unaware that Goldstick had placed the firearm on his property.

Friends and family of the victim as well as the suspect sat in somber silence Thursday morning, April 21, in the 90th district courtroom as Judge Richard May presided over Goldstick's arraignment.

Prosecutor John Jarema charged Goldstick with open murder and asked that Goldstick be denied bond. While Goldstick had no serious criminal history, Jarema said, he did shoot a friend five times and was therefore a potential threat to the community.

According to Goldstick, he has almost no money, so even if bond was set, he would be unable to pay it. Bond was denied and a preliminary hearing was set for May 5, 2005.

Robert Banner was appointed as Goldstick's attorney.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, if Goldstick is found guilty, he could receive a maximum of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"The investigation is still going on to try and pin down the motive and premeditation. Once that is done we will probably amend the charge from open murder to murder in the first degree and felony fire arm," Jarema said. "It's moving along. We're getting a lot of cooperation from everyone."

Jarema added, his office will also be reviewing the original report on the investigation into the VFW fire which happened earlier this year.

The fire, which destroyed the VFW hall on Petoskey Avenue, occurred on Dec. 10 and took the Charlevoix Township Fire Department about two hours to get under control. No one was hurt in the process and no one was inside the building at the time, however it completely destroyed the building.

According to Jarema, Goldstick was reported as the first person to discover the fire.

Those who knew Brady had plenty of fond memories to share.

"Mr. Brady was a well known citizen of Charlevoix County and well respected by all who knew him," Said Sheriff George Thomas Lasater. "He was devoted to his family, community and Veterans of Foreign Wars."

Brady is survived by Gerry, his wife of 56 years, children: Kirsten; Sheliah; Brian and Michael as well as eight grandchildren.

According to a statement released on behalf of the Brady family by Mary Beth Kur of Schmoll, Martin & Kur, Brady was born and raised in Charlevoix and served in the United States Navy from 1943-1948.

Kur added, "He was a police officer for the city of Detroit for eight year before returning to the Charlevoix where he was a business owner until he retired in 1987."

Brady was also a member of the American Legion and was active with the VFW since the late 1960s.

"Not a day will go by that we don't think of him and miss him deeply," Kur's statement said. "He was always there to help others. He was that kind of person."

Leaving the Navy didn't put Brady's service to his fellow man to an end by a longshot.

"He was one of those active members of the community. He was a doer of mankind," said Bob Drebenstedt, director of the Charlevoix County Office of Veterans Affairs

"Bill was the kind of a guy who worked without the limelight," he added.

The day before Brady was shot, he was in the office for veterans affairs. And, as usual he was working to help someone else.

"Monday he wasn't there to see what we could do for him, he was there to see what the VFW could do for a widow," Drebenstedt said.

Brady was a great father figure to his family and tried to be a fatherly figure to Goldstick, Drebenstedt added.

"I never had anything but a good working relationship with him," he said. "He was a service oriented human being."

According to Goldstick's mother, Rosalyn, her son was born and raised in Charlevoix. Goldstick joined the Air Force and went on to serve two tours of duty in Vietnam serving a total of 21 years in the military.

Goldstick didn't come back to Charlevoix until 1990 after his father passed away from an auto accident in 1989.

"After he got back to Charlevoix my son got heavily involved with the VFW," Rosalyn said.

She added, he and Bill Brady worked with the weekly VFW bingo for over 14 years.

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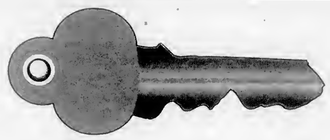

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Incumbents ousted

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer
And by JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Both incumbents running for school board were unseated by first time candidates Tuesday in the Charlevoix Community School Board election.

In an election cycle wrought with talks of deficits, there was a surplus of voters for newcomers Christine M. Michaud and Dean J. Spencley who garnered 29.74 percent and 34.85 percent of the votes respectively. They beat incumbents Kenneth Scott Boss and Mark A. Way, with 20.21 percent and 15.10 percent, respectively.

"I'm ecstatic. I'm very excited about this," Michaud said. "It sounds like the community wanted some kind of a change."

She added, "I will try to do my best by everybody and I want to thank the community for their confidence in me."

Spencley said he is very happy with the result citing his many thanks to the voters who supported him.

He said, "I'd like to thank Scott (Boss) and Barney (Way) for putting in eight years. They've done a lot of good things and I hope Chris and I can do some good things as well."

He said now that he has been elected, his first goal will be to examine all the issues and hear everyone's opinion on it. Spencley said these are important issues whose

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Bell tower

This Norwood Township church has to replace its historic bell tower due to old age.

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Strays

Some Charlevoix residents are complaining about increased numbers of stray animals.

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Access shut down for man

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Aaron Whitley sits at the bottom of Lake Michigan Beach hill with his fishing gear in tow.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

City plans for a handicapped accessible sidewalk near the Beaver Island Boat Company can not come soon enough for a local disabled fisherman.

Last fall the Beaver Island Boat Company began work on a security fence in order to comply with the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA), which inadvertently blocked access to the city owned portion of the channel sidewalk to wheelchair bound citizens.

"We anticipated the security issue would come up and started

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City to turn 100 on June 1

(Editor's note: This is a first in a series of stories leading up to the one hundredth birthday of the city of Charlevoix on June 1. Next week, we will be looking at events being planned by the historical society.)

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Plans are forming to celebrate Charlevoix's one hundredth birthday as a city this June.

One of the first signs of the city's age will be maroon banners hung throughout the town as a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. According to Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce President Jacqueline Merta, whether you call them flags or banners, they symbol-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 18, Boyne City. Larceny under $200 second or subsequent offense. Serve 20 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve 16 days in jail.

Thomas Lyle Strange, 20, Central Lake. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol, fishing during closed season/water, 60 hours community service work, attend zero tolerance class; $100 in fines and costs.

Brandy Renee Dutcher, 19, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol, 60 days community service work, attend zero tolerance class; $100 in fines and costs.

Ryan Daniel Robinson, 19, Boyne City. Breaking and entering/illegal entry without permission, serve 14 days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Ronnie Richards Jr., 33, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property over $200/under $1,000, serve 365 days in jail with credit of 64, to serve 60 days in jail with 241 held in abeyance, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, not to enter Weathervane, must obtain employment; $947.95 in fines and costs.

Stephanie Diane Laurie, 18, East Jordan. Possession operators license revoked/suspended/altered/false identification, operator license no/multiple/license. Serve 12 days in jail with 5 days community service work in lieu of five days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Richard Albert Riley, 25, Mancelona. Non sufficient funds under $100. Eight months probation; $9,003.71 in fines and costs.

Anthony David Cesaro, 23, Mancelona. Operating while intoxicated first offense, possession of marijuana first offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit of 15 days, to serve 210 days in jail with 140 days in abeyance, 24 months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/posses alcohol/controlled substances; $1350 in fines and costs.

Anthony David Cesaro, 23, Mancelona. Operating while intoxicated second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit of 15 days, 321 days held in abeyance. 30 days community service work, two years probation; $1650 in fines and costs.

Sean Lean Dutcher, 21, Charlevoix. Larceny over $200 but under $1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for two, to serve 25 days with 328 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, must write letter of apology and attend economic crime class; $2,165 in fines and costs.

Scott Reid Kehrer, 32, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 46 days with credit for one day, to serve five days with 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of ten days in jail, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/posses alcohol/controlled substances; $985 in fines and costs.

Mia Sub Blachy, 21, Boyne City. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for four with 79 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, six months probation.

Klaus Benko, 57, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail, six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/posses alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Stephan Daniel Gennett, 31, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail, six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Aaron Otto Wilceuski, 21,, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, must attend substance abuse classes and Impact weekend; $930 in fines and costs.

Casey James Fortune, 44, Boyne Falls. Larceny under $200. Serve 28 days in jail, serve 40 days in jail with credit for 40 days; $700 in fines and costs.

Wayne Nelson Dennis, 46, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 16 days, to serve 34 days in jail with 43 days held in abeyance, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Samuel Louis Creswell, 61, Charlevoix. Water resources protection violations. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 24 months probation; $5,670 in fines and costs.

Kirk Daryl Argetsinger, 38, East Jordan. Criminal sexual conduct, incapacitated victim. To serve 10 to 15 years in prison with credit for 62 days; $120 in fines and costs.

James Stanley Mazur, 51, Charlevoix. Water resources protection violation. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 24 months probation; $6470 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

The Transfer, 123 Main street, East Jordan by Nancy C. Brooks.

A & E Technologies, 03920 Coash Road, Vanderbilt, by Robert Edward Lee.

Flowing Springs Fish Farm, 03920 Coash Road, Vanderbilt, by Robert Edward Lee and Robert Edley Lee Sr.

Comin up Roses, 07453 Michigan Heights Drive #58, Charlevoix, by Nancy M. Hauffe.

Charlevoix Web Services, 801 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix, by John L. Hasty.

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Janice McKay Ministries, 307 West Mason, Apt. A, Charlevoix, by Janice L. McKay.

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Marriages

The following people were granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Robert James Simpson, 29, Charlevoix and Treasa Faye Hammond, 35, Charlevoix.

Irvin Russell Pelton Jr., 47, East Jordan and Lisa Marie Chaney, 39, East Jordan.

Divorce

The following people were recently granted Judgements of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Natalie S. Couture vs. Peter H. Couture

Randolph Winslow Jones vs. Patricia Ann Sheehan Jones

Colleen Therese Smith vs. Douglas Jeffery Smith

Scott Lindy Niedling vs. Caleen M. Niedling

Linda Miller vs. Daniel Miller

Marla K. Larsen vs. David Eugene Larsen Jr.

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Michelle Spence vs. Todd Spence

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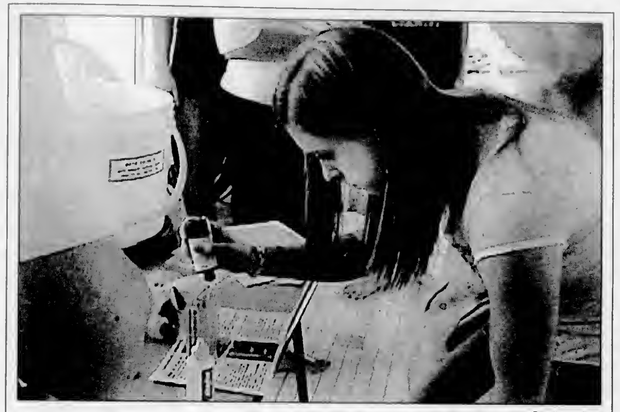
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Pool lesson

(Above) On April 15, a Charlevoix High School chemistry class toured the Charlevoix Area Pool to learn about the chemistry involved in keeping the pool water clean. They saw the filters, the ozone generators and the boxes which monitor the pool's chemistry and automatically adjust the water.

Creswell, Mazur avoid jail, get fines

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Former Charlevoix wastewater treatment plant employees Sam Creswell and James Mazur avoided jailtime Friday, April 29, for falsifying department discharge reports but received several thousand dollars in fines for the crime.

Creswell and Mazur were in Charlevoix County Circuit Court for sentencing after pleading guilty on March 18 to falsifying wastewater plant discharge documents. Both men said they accept full responsibility for the crime.

Mazur, a former lead worker at the plant, said, "I am just deeply ashamed of what I did. I have no one to blame but myself."

Creswell, the former supervisor of the plant, also said he has no one to blame by himself and added, "This was an incredible lapse of judgment on my part. I am not sure what possessed me to do it."

The men were arrested in December 2004 after an investigation by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality showed problems at the city's wastewater treatment plant over a three year period regarding high discharges of chlorine into Lake Michigan and monitoring reports that were falsified.

Mazur had pled guilty to several instances of falsifying documents at the plant and Creswell pled guilty to one instance. However both men received similar sentences from Judge Richard Pajtas.

While the state of Michigan did not recommend jail time for either man, Mazur and Creswell received 24 months probation and around $5,670 in fines and costs. Mazur received an additional $800 to his fines and costs due to issues related to a computer the city of Charlevoix had to inspect.

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Births

Landon Joseph Maltese weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Jason and Valerie Maltese of Charlevoix on April 17, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Rose Weber and harry Rogers of Harbor Springs, the late Joseph Maltese and Marlene Maltese of Charlevoix and Larry and Gira Wester of Apopka FL.

Aubrey Christine Williams weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Bob and Shannon Williams of Petoskey on April 28, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Emme and Carly. Grandparents are Erna Cilke of Boyne Falls, Sue Stemen of Walloon Lake and Ron Barr of Alanson.

Jason Christopher Tomason weighing 10 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Amy and Jason Tomason of Arizona. Siblings are Anthony and Chandler Tomason.

Guy Sherman Chamberlain of Charlevoix weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Joshua Linn Chamberlain and Maegan Dayle Chamberlain of Charlevoix on April 25, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Sherman Aling Chamberlain Jr. of Charlevoix, Connie Kay Chamberlain of Redford, Scott Howard Mount of Rockford and Sheron Ann Kitson of Boyne City.

Ella Jane Day weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces, was born to Chuck and Debbie Day from Boyne City on April 15, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Trevor 7, Luke 5, Molly 4 and Cari 2. Grandparents are Bill and Judy Mittig of Lupton, and Chuck and Judy Day of Grand Rapids.

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EDITORIAL

This is the last editorial that will be written by editor Jeremy McBain, with the exception of his good-bye column to be published next week.

In this last editorial, the editor would like to congratulate the Charlevoix City Council for the work it has done over the years to improve public awareness, public input and the quality of its governing.

While the people on the Charlevoix City Council — Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson, Sherm Chamberlain, Bill Haggard, Shirley Gibson, Bill Bellows, Gabe Campbell and Bob Timms — have different agendas on the direction they want the city to go in, they are to be commended for the way they do business at their meetings.

A simple explanation of this is: They talk over the issues before them, debate what to do, question the information given to them, question city officials on the subject and vote the way they feel is right. They do not just pass every item before council unanimously and without comment — as is the case with too many other government bodies — and they do not shy at questioning city officials.

Why is this a good thing? Well, by debating the issues in public the community can see that the public's business is being done in the open, as it should.

When a government body just passes everything without comment, one begins to question when all the discussion took place.

Plus, by debating the issues instead of just accepting and passing, the public gets better policy. Debate on policy creates compromise. Compromise is good for all parties. We get good budgets, good ordinances and good government.

The council also questions city officials. By doing so, in public, the public learns more about that city official. We learn how they operate, how they think and how they are serving the people.

There are some that want the council to just vote unanimously without comment. But they need to understand that voting as one and keeping quiet are not a way to run a democracy.

The days of keeping the public out of city business are gone. The days of not knowing why your council member voted they way they did are gone. And the days of city officials getting a free pass are gone.

Good job Charlevoix.

Letters Policy

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Writer's has a dream to bridge the political divide

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

I, like most people, have a dream.

It is a dream that just might restore unity to a much divided world, or at least a much divided America. The fulfillment of my dream requires simply that I be in complete charge and able to impose my will on a small number of people.

It will cause no physical harm to anyone, although it might be psychologically stressful to some.

My dream requires moving a few people, possibly against their will.

My dream was initiated by a visit to our local library; certainly a place where dreams can be formed.

Some years ago, before moving to Charlevoix, we decided to cancel a number of our magazine subscriptions. This action was initiated in part by the accumulation of a collection of National Geographic magazines that threatened to collapse the living room floor of our 1905 home.

When a magazine comes in your front door it seems to me it carries an obligation to be read and used. When a magazine is in a library more choices are available.

The library magazine can be read or not, and if a week or month is skipped there seems to be no harm done.

At home that nearly month-old issue of Newsweek still on the coffee table or in the magazine rack seems to cry out almost audibly to be read and used.

In short, I am pleased to have the library's magazines available on demand, rather than accumulating a pile at home, just barely too valuable to be discarded.

The library offers a much wider range of periodicals than I could ever have subscribed to, and I can pick and choose freely without the serious monetary considerations of individual subscription.

For much of the year, particularly during the winter months, that is from October through part of May, I scan the periodical shelves of the library for what might be appealing.

One of my recent visits resulted in reading almost completely, including especially letters to the editor, the current issue of National Review and the current issue of Harper's.

My dream emerged from the consideration of that experience.

The two publications could hardly be more different.

The National Review proudly carries the banner of conservatism (William F. Buckley was the editor for many years.) Harper's presents a more liberal view of the world, the nation and its news.

After reading both publications it is difficult to believe that the producers of the magazines live in the same world.

Both might claim to present a "fair and balanced" view of people and events, but both cannot be doing that with views so diametrically opposed.

Reading one of these publications can only reinforce already held views. Reading both of them strongly suggests that "there is no truth in them."

Here my dream begins.

If I were truly and totally in charge, I would require that a randomly-selected half of each editorial staff be required to work permanently for the other magazine.

This would require that 19 people from the National Review and 23 people from Harper's be required to move their decision-making and writing to new quarters.

The blended staffs would still be required to produce a magazine. We could call one "Harper's Review" and the other "National Harper's." Publication times and advertising sources could remain the same, but I suspect that advertisers would shift in unpredictable ways.

Every two weeks there would be a new issue of Harper's Review and each month a new issue of National Harper's.

More than anything I would like to be present at the editorial meetings while the newly blended staffs attempted to decide what should be written and by whom, and what should appear in the next issue of their magazine.

Is it possible that both the new magazines could be read and make sense?

It is possible that editorial staffs and readers might develop new, more middle of the road ideas? It is my dream that they would.

It is my dream that conservatives and liberals could live and work together and could be known by the quality of their thinking rather than the color of their ideology. Total segregation of ideas may be as damaging as other kinds of segregation.

Maybe if it worked for the magazines we could try it with other politically segregated groups.

But alas, it is only a dream, never to be realized. If only I were in charge.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Letters to the editor

Thank you

Editor:

On April 13 our dog, Sunny, ran from our yard and went missing. He was gone for about 30 hours. During that time, our friends and neighbors started searching and spreading the word that Sunny was missing. It seemed as though the entire city of Charlevoix was looking for our dog.

Our family just wanted to say "Thank you" to all of our friends and neighbors who spent hours driving around the area looking for him. "Thank you" to those who don't even know us, who looked for Sunny while on their walks. "Thank you" to those who spread the word that Sunny was missing.

We truly appreciate all of you time and effort. This kind of event really shows how wonderful the people of Charlevoix really are. We are happy to have our Sunny back and happy to live in such a great community.

Thank you Charlevoix!

The Balyo Family

Dave, Angie, Alexandra, Lydia and Sunny

Recycling issues

Editor:

Being a builder I create a lot of debris. I recycle cardboard quite often from kitchen cabinets and many other things. I am taking a moment in my busy schedule to clear a few things up.

Recycling is a free service to the community and to help out the environment. Some of our lazier and not too sharp citizens just throw big boxes in the bin and walk off feeling good about themselves. Make them flat, you bozos, it is the difference between 400 boxes and 10.

Also, the white packaging in the box is not cardboard, its called Styrofoam. The clear stuff is called plastic. Anything else in the box that looks unusual probably is not cardboard.

Throwing the wrong things in a dumpster can void the whole load. One bonehead can undo 50 people's good intentions.

Also we have a large number of color-blind drinkers in town. To help you out I am including this guide list — clip and save.

These bottles are not clear: Seagram's is brown, Lauders is green, most wine bottles are green. If you need help ask a friend before you recycle, because they only want clear glass.

Thanks.

Your environmentally conscious builder guy,

Mike Eickhoeff

Charlevoix

Legion needs help

Editor:

The Charlevoix American Legion is asking help from the greater Charlevoix community on several ongoing efforts — please call 547-9203 with any available information.

We are looking for marching units for the Charlevoix Memorial Day Parade on May 30. Any group with a marching unit-band, drill team, honor guard or others is welcome to contact us for further information. Mounted units and military vehicles are welcome.

The Legion is looking for the oldest and youngest veterans from the Charlevoix Area. Please submit names to the above number as soon as possible. We will host the winners during the parade. Those unable to attend will receive a very honorable mention.

We are actively seeking names of military personnel deployed to the Iraq/Afghanistan Theater of Operations. The Legion will incorporate those names into a Living Memorial at the Legion Hall.

In our on-going effort to erect a memorial to all those who have died in active service from the Charlevoix area we are soliciting information concerning any known causalities. We are particularly interested in anyone having information about the following individuals: Christie C. Empey, died World War I; Winfred P. Vail, 3d Armored Division, died at Fort Knox, KY, 1947 (age 17); William Naquam, 32d Infantry, died July 26, 1932.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Joseph F. Seidel

Commander

American Legion Post 226

Save the lighthouse

Editor:

You have no idea how many pictures I have of the lighthouse at Michigan Beach sitting all over my house in Redondo Beach, California.

The lighthouse is a landmark of Charlevoix and one of the first things that I go to look at when I come home to visit. Being a Charlevoix native, I want to thank all of the people who are working so hard to make sure that a valuable part of Charlevoix history is preserved and that Charlevoix does not lose its uniqueness by giving up cherished landmarks.

Andy Brown Smith

Redondo Beach, Calif.

Stop cutting aids

Editor:

I think that what the schools are doing is wrong. They keep cutting and now they are cutting teachers aid.

Wake up people we need all the help we can get. The teachers need the help, as well as the kids. They cut the nurses at school and now they are going after teachers aid. Stop building new schools if you cannot pay for them, so why build them. And when you do then you start cutting, look at the big picture. Start cutting at the top.

Maybe I am not the right person to speak out for them. I have seen what teachers aids can do. I have three kids and all three have ADD, ADHD and all three have epilepsy and if the teachers did not have teachers aids there would be a lot of trouble.

I think that teachers need them because they are a life line for the teachers and the kids.

June Kunkle

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COMMUNITY

Engagements

Roloff — Goldsmith

Jodie Nicole Roloff, of Charlevoix, and T.J. Goldsmith, of Petoskey, are engaged to be married.

Jodie is the daughter of William J. Roloff and Jane L. Roloff of Charlevoix.

T.J. is the son of Wendy L. Casteel and Chuck R. Casteel and Joseph E. Goldsmith, all of Petoskey.

A wedding is being planned for 2 p.m., July 30, 2005 at Michigan Beach in Charlevoix. A reception will follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be attended Charlevoix High School and was on the student council. She is currently employed at Chiropractic Center of Petoskey.

The groom-to-be attended Petoskey High School and was involved with wrestling. He is currently employed at R.J.'s Floor Covering.

Annual breast cancer walk adds new item to raise funds

The Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Cancer Walk will be Saturday, May 7.

This year to generate pre-walk publicity the organizers of the walk have introduced a new event. They call it the "Pre-Walk Ribbon Tour."

Approximately 30 pink ribbon posters have been distributed throughout the city of Charlevoix (the area covers M-66 on the South and West to Mercer on the East.) Individuals are invited to tour Charlevoix in search of the ribbons which can be found in the windows of homes and business.

A number of prizes have been donated and will be awarded to the individuals finding the most ribbons. Participants can pick up entry blanks at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, Vacation Properties Network and the Charlevoix Hospital Foundation Office.

The Sue DeYoung/Judy Memorial Breast Cancer Walk is given each year on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Funds raised by the event go to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation allowing the money to be used locally through the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund. The fund is used for individual support services, screening and early detection services and health education and outreach. These services cover all types of cancer.

The fund was started with money given in memory of Judy Edger who died of breast cancer in 1999. Edger was an enthusiastic supporter of the Sue DeYoung walk during the last years of her life and her name was added to the walk following her death. Her friends and relatives have continued to support the event and this year the Circle of Strength members under the Charlevoix Hospital Foundation have also joined the effort to promote the event.

Like most charitable organizations the fund has found that contributions have fallen during the past couple of years. As in past years, walkers are invited to form teams to raise funds and walk on Saturday, May 7.

Registration Forms are available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, Vacation Properties Network, Harbor Health and Fitness Center and the Charlevoix Community Hospital Foundation office.

The walk will begin at East Park in downtown Charlevoix. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. The two and half mile walk will begin at about 9 a.m.

Anyone wishing to donate to the fund may do so by making checks payable to: The Charlevoix County Community Foundation, (CCCF) Mail to: Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund, 12199 Cottage Lane, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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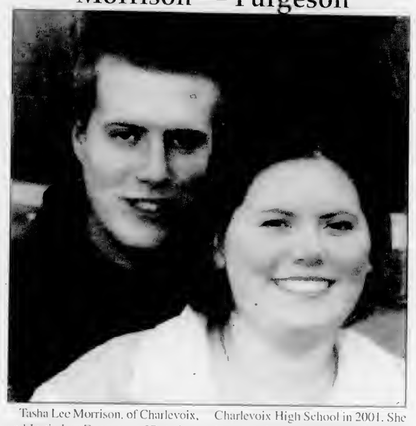

Tasha Lee Morrison, of Charlevoix, and Justin Lee Furgeson, of Petoskey, are engaged to be married.

Tasha is the daughter of Thomas and Lyddy Morrison of Charlevoix.

Justin is the son of Barbara Furgeson of Flint and Jim Furgeson of Petoskey.

A wedding is being planned for Oct. 29, 2005 at the Knights of Columbus.

The bride-to-be graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2001. She is currently working for Charlevoix Manufacturing.

The groom-to-be graduated from Petoskey High School in 2001. He is currently working for Mussio Janitorial.

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A special music and dance concert for families with children birth to 5 and their siblings will be presented in two area communities.

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Obituaries

Myrtle E. Fulton: Jan. 16, 1912 - May 1, 2005

Myrtle E. Fulton, 93, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, May 1, 2005, at the Grand Traverse Pavilion in Traverse City.

She was born Jan. 16, 1912, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Edward R. and Eva Belle (Hamlin) O'Neill.

Myrtle graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1929, and then from Harper Hospital School of Nursing in 1932, as a Registered Nurse. She worked at Harper Hospital until her marriage to Andrew Fulton, Jr. on Oct. 16, 1937, in Charlevoix.

She returned to nursing in 1943, as a private duty nurse for doctor's offices in Detroit through 1966, when she began employment with Blue Cross/Blue Shield until her retirement in 1977.

She returned to Charlevoix that year to make her home. Her husband Andrew preceded her in death in December of 1961.

Myrtle was a member of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, and its Woman's Fellowship. She was a member of the Harper Hospital School of Nursing Alumni, a life member of the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild.

Myrtle is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Marshall and Laurel O'Neill of Sault Ste. Marie and their sons, Patrick and Robert; nephew and his wife, Bruce and Patricia Hess of Traverse City and their son, Matthew; nephew and his wife, Edward and Susan O'Neill of Columbus, Ohio and Charlevoix and their sons, Kevin, Brian and Justin; and her longtime dear friend, Loretta Conine of Charlevoix.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date, and interment will take place in Brookside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is in charge of arrangements.

Mary L. McClanathan: March 3, 1949 - May 2, 2005

Mary L. McClanathan, 56, of Charlevoix, died Monday, May 2, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born March 3, 1949, in Royal Oak, the daughter of Joseph and Clara (Lienger) Przybylski.

Mary graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1967. On Jan. 31, 1972, she married Raymond G. McClanathan, and he preceded her in death on July 8, 1990.

Mary was employed by Harbor Industries in Charlevoix in the 1990s.

She is survived by her son Robert (Angie) McClanathan; daughter, Tammy (Gary) Sarasin; grandchildren, Corey, Brandon, and Brianna McClanathan, and Ashley Sarasin; brother, Mike (Judy) Przybylski; sisters, Patricia Loper, Frances (Tom) Grose all of Charlevoix, and Rose (Dan) Wilkinson of Pensacola, Fla.

Mary's family will meet friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, at the Winehester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Following the visitation, burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Courtesy photo

Planting party

The kids of Care-A-Lot observed Arbor Day this year by planting a tree for the city at Depot Beach. (Above) The kids celebrate after planting the tree. They are: (standing, from left) Emily Loper, Alexandria Snabes, Jordan Olson, Raymond Cunningham, Caleb Pittman, Mark White, (sitting) Thomas Rudolph, Abigail Cunningham, Blaise Snabes and Justin Hachey. (Left) Cunningham is all business as he busily rakes around the donated tree.

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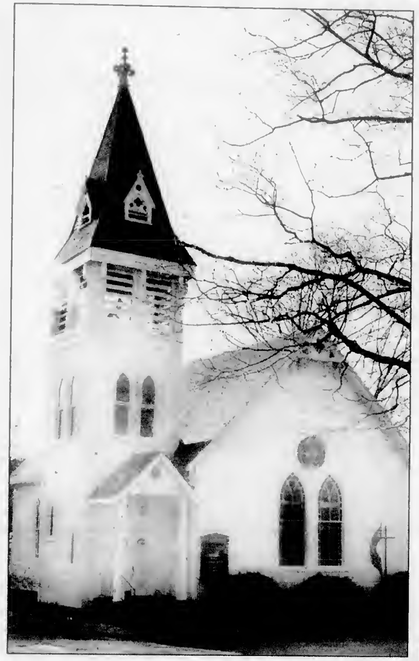

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The Norwood United Methodist Church sits empty while its bell tower awaits dismantling. The bell is expected to be taken down on Thursday afternoon.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Norwood United Methodist Church bell tower is in such disrepair it must be dismantled for safety concerns.

For about 120 years the bell tower, which stands over the entrance of the church, has been a reminder of just how long the building has been around. But now, due to safety concerns, the church is off limits to worshipers.

"We're now having services in the schoolhouse because the church's only entrance is through the bell tower," said Marion Shea-Light, vice chairman of the board of trustees. "The historical society has graciously allowed us to use the schoolhouse for services."

According to Shea-Light, the townspeople first started to notice the lean in 1970.

"Because the tower has open louvres, the water got in and rotted the timbers," she said. "In 1970 they put some guide wires up so there must have been some concerns about it at that time."

Shea-Light said the congregation sold the old schoolhouse to the historical society in order to fund the repairs needed on the leaning bell tower.

"We had an engineer come in and look at it because we needed a permit to repair it," she said. "The engineer said it had to be taken down and replaced."

The small congregation managed to raise the funds needed to tear the tower down, but they have not yet attained enough money to build a new tower for the bell and spire.

"We're a small congregation with about 15 members and only about 10 are active so we don't have the kind of resources we need to rebuild it," she said. "We're going to have to do some serious fundraising."

At the time the church was built, it was valued at $2,400. In today's economy that won't even pay for the dismantling of the bell tower.

According to Shea-Light, if the tower isn't fixed, Norwood will lose much more than just a place of worship.

"Basically at the time when the church was built it was the only social activity around. Everybody went to all the activities at the church," she said. "People have wonderful memories of what hap-

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Norwood church building new bell tower

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pened there."

Shea-Light added, "For us to lose any part of this building is a tragedy."

The contractor will save as many original pieces as possible in hopes of maintaining the integrity of the historical landmark, Shea-Light said.

"We're trying to save it so when we raise enough money to get it back up we can put it back together...without the lean," she said.

She added, "We hope people think this is as important a part of history as we do."

A large crane will be used to remove the approximately 500 pound bell from it's perch.

"We'll have to pray for a non-rainy, non-windy day because moving the crane around will be tricky enough as it is," she said.

They must remove the bell in precarious steps minding not to damage the areas of the church which remain intact.

"We'd really like to have it look as much like it did in 1884 as possible," she said.

In the past people in the area went to this church whether they were that religion or not because it was the only church around. But with the advent of cars, she said, people moved away and the "amount of people in the church diminished."

At the age of 83, Shea-Light's husband is one of only a few lifelong members of the church still in the area and, just like in the late 1880s, Norwood United Methodist has a preacher who travels a circuit of small churches.

There was a time when Norwood was a boomtown thanks to the lumber industry.

Now, she said, "There is no commerce in the town aside from a newspaper stand."

Removal of the bell and spire and demolition of the tower are set to being in the next couple weeks, Shea-Light said.

She added, "Right now the builder is stripping some of the timbers so that they can be sure of what it is that they need to replace."

Society to host program on area lumbering

The Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting a program on lumbering in northwest lower Michigan at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3 at the Depot.

Society vice-resident Paul Hoelderle, board member Paul Nowak and Harsha House museum co-director Steve Goslee will combine an audio-visual presentation with a hands-on demonstration of lumbering tools.

The program will focus on the techniques and technologies used to harvest the region's timber and photos of area lumber camps and lumberyards will be shown.

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BUSINESS

Woman opens business upon return to her home

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Jamie Jennex can help soothe away your muscle tension or ease your stress with her new massage business at Express Yourself Salon.

Jennex opened her massage business on Jan. 4, 2005 after having returned to Charlevoix from California, where she received her massage license at the Natural Healing Institute in Encinitas, Calif.

"I thought about (being a massage therapist) in high school," Jennex said about her profession.

After a stint in beauty school in Grand Rapids, she decided to go to massage school in California, where she received her certification in massage and in aromatherapy.

Jennex practices deep tissue, Swedish and pregnancy massage. However, she is looking to add more items in the future, including natural health as a holistic health practitioner.

She said she is looking into taking classes for this expansion in the near future.

Jennex is originally from Charlevoix. She spent a year at Charlevoix High School as a student, but graduated from Boyne City in 2000.

After graduation, she went to California with her husband, a soldier in the marines, and spent over three years there. However, she wanted to be with her family and came back to Charlevoix.

"It was either pick the warm weather or the family. I chose the family," she said.

Jennex's massage practice is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, with Saturday sessions by appointment. Her business is located in Express Yourself Salon at 219 Ferry Avenue, in Charlevoix, just under Nanny's Restaurant.

She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-5607.

After spending a few years in California, Jamie Jennex has returned and has opened her own massage therapy business located within Express Yourself Salon. Jennex received her massage certificate from the Natural Healing Institute in Encinitis, Calif. She graduated from Boyne City in 2000. Jennex is hoping to expand her business in the future to include holistic healing. She is seen here in her massage therapy room at the salon.

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Marina moves closer to construction phase

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Progress toward the construction of a new Charlevoix marina continued Monday night as city council approved a resolution allowing the marina designers to create a final plan.

This means after the designers finalize the plans, the marina project can be sent out for construction bids with the goal of work beginning in the fall.

Additionally, the state legislature has approved the Waterway's Commission budget for this year, which includes the first of three payments to the city of Charlevoix for the marina plan. The Waterway's Commission is paying for 75 percent of the total project cost and the Downtown Development Authority is picking up the rest.

The first payment from the Waterway's Commission is $1 million. However, according to Waterway's Commissioner John Winn, that first payment was a little short due to a clerical error that showed the project funded at 50 percent. The commission will be making up for this with its subsequent payments.

For the fiscal year 2006, the Waterway's Commission has budgeted $3,875,000 for the project and the fiscal year 2007 shows $1,195,740 budgeted for the project, making up 75 percent of the total cost.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiener informed council Monday, in addition to this final design, council has the option of having another community meeting on the marina project. At this meeting, council and the community could look at changes that were made to the project, such as the fencing around the marina and the width of the walkways.

But, Wiesner said the council does not have to have the community meeting.

Council voted unanimously to proceed with the final design on the marina.

The engineering and design for the project was done by United Design and Pollack Design Associations.

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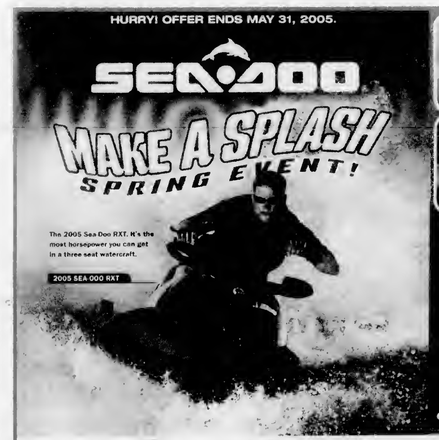

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Residents report higher number of strays

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The town may not be going to them, but the increased nuisance of unwanted dogs and cats is a growing concern for some Charlevoix county residenee.

According to Charlevoix resident Joel Clark, the cat population has increased about six fold since he first moved into his home on US-31 north in Lakeview Terrace about four years ago.

"When I moved here there were one or two cats," he said. "Now there are about 12 to 15 of them and none of them have licenses or identification."

According to the Charlevoix County Animal Control Supervisor, Julie Whitley, while dogs must be licensed in Charlevoix county, cats are free to roam as they please.

However, she said, "You have every right to trap them on your property and bring them into the animal shelter."

Whitley added, the Humane Society lends live traps for a $20 deposit and they will even instruct you in the trap's proper operation.

Up until recently, Clark said, some of the cats were using the space under his mobile home for a bathroom and breeding ground.

"What I was worried about was sealing it up and having dead cats underneath," he added.

Clark said, he also worries about the potential for fleas, rabies and the waste they leave behind.

"They use my flower garden as a litter box," he said.

Clark said, the cats wander from yard to yard doing as they please like strays, but he knows several of them are fed and watered by someone in the neighborhood.

"I just wish the owners would take more responsibility for their pets," he added.

Clark isn't the only one noticing a boom in the nuisance animal population.

According to volunteer office and kennel worker Wanda Anderson, the Charlevoix County Humane Society has seen a near 40 percent increase in unwanted and stray animals.

According to Anderson, there has been an extreme amount of abandoned animals so far this year.

"April, May and June is our heaviest time for strays and owner surrendered animals," she said.

Anderson said; approximately 25 percent of the increase is due to strays, while 13 percent is due to owner surrendered animals.

And, she said, "We expect that to increase."

According to Anderson, many people who abandon their pets do so during summer vacation because they won't take the animal with

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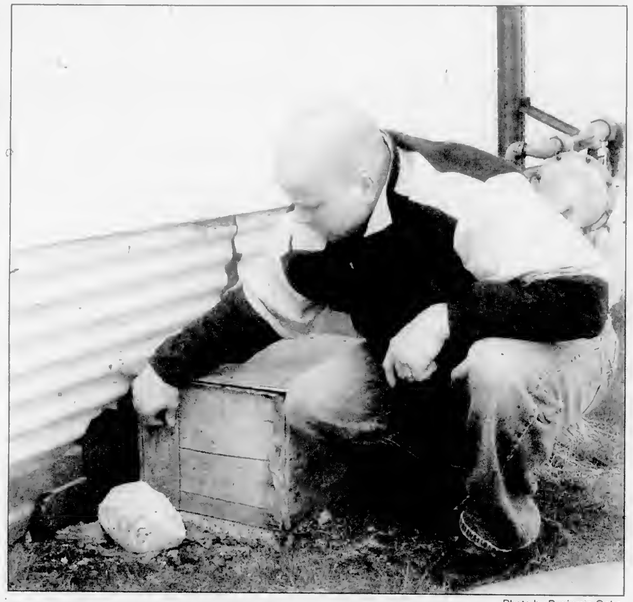

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Humane society reports more strays in area

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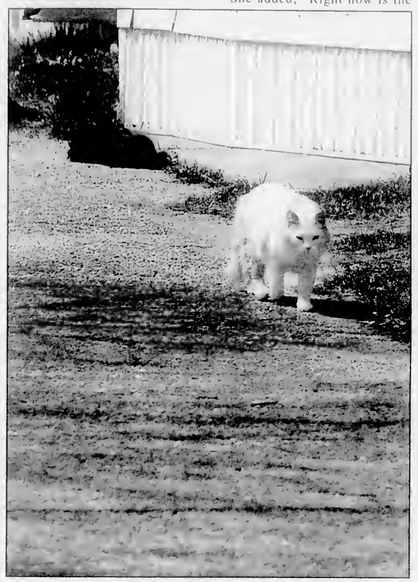
them or they can't find someone to watch the animal while they are away.

"People are not having their animals spayed or neutered," Anderson said.

"A male can smell a female in heat up to 20 miles away."

She added, "Right now is the breeding season."



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A couple cats wander the street near Clark's home.

While the animal control officers don't usually pick up cats unless the animals are found in buildings, last month three sets of kittens were found abandoned for a total of 34 kittens.

"We try to get foster parents because we don't have the room to hold that many animals," she said. "Our facility puts an ad in the paper for five days. If the owner doesn't come for them they go to the humane society."

She added, the Humane Society keeps the animals as long as it possibly can.

During the animals' stay, their health and temperament is checked and appropriate vaccinations are administered before they are put up for adoption.

Anderson said, it makes her angry when people abandon their pets.

If people were more edueated on the proper care of their pets, Anderson said, the stray population wouldn't be such an issue.

According to Anderson, rabies is a major thing to look out for when it comes to ferat eats and dogs.

"They are extremely violent when they are infected," she said.

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Council wants new conflict of interest rule

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Council has decided to go forward with plans to create a city ordinance that deals with possible conflict of interest by some council members based on state law.

For the past few months, council member Shirley Gibson has been questioning the city's conflict of interest policy, pointing to City Manager Mike Wiesner's ability to hire anyone for any job under $10,000, even if they are council members, without informing council first. However, it turns out this is against state law, according to city attorney Jim Young.

Charlevoix City Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson said of the state law, "This accomplishes everything that we were looking for."

According to Young there is a state law that says the city may not make any purchases or give contracts to firms or individuals that are on council or are city employees without prior council approval. However, there are some exceptions to the rule for a community the size of Charlevoix.

He said council can allow the city to purchase equipment or contract with a council member or city employee for any job under a certain amount of money. Plus, council can make a similar ruling that deals with emergency situations at a slightly higher amount.

Carlson said this means council can create a rule that says the city can only spend up to $500 — or any figure the council decides to use — for routine purchases and work from council members or city employee's companies. Council can create a separate rule that says the city can spend another amount of money for emergency repairs.

Both of these rules would have the stipulation that council must be informed of the purchase or work at the next council meeting. And, he stressed, these rules are only in place for purchases or work done with a city council member or city employee. Outside businesses are exempt from it.

Several city department heads had expressed concern about this new rule, saying, in many cases, businesses owned by council members are the ones that know the most about how the city works. For example, if the city has a boiler emergency it usually calls Haggard Plumbing and Heating, which is owned by council member Bill Haggard, because that company installed the boiler.

But, Carlson said with this rule the city can continue to use businesses owned by council members and allow full disclosure to the public.

One resident was not impressed though. Dave Scott, of Charlevoix, argued the law simply says the city can not hire city council members or city employees for city contracts. He said when it was done in the past the city and those council members involved were breaking the law.

"The reason you guys only know how the city works is because you keep awarding the contracts to yourself," he said.

However, Young argued the city has not broken the law and this state law does allow for the exceptions Carlson pointed out.

Young suggested the city create an ordinance based on this state law, but in the meantime have a temporary figure for city departments to use.

Therefore, council decided to create a temporary rule that says the city many make routine expenditures at companies owned by council members that are under $500. A separate rule was created for emergency situations, saying the city may not spend over $1,500 without prior approval.

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Charlevoix High School Band gets high marks at state festival

The Charlevoix High School Band attended the State Band Festival last Saturday in Big Rapids.

They qualified after receiving a first division rating at the District Band Festival in Petoskey on Feb. 23.

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The band received high praise from judges saying, "Your band played with a exciting music, had a warm, rich sound and can even sing beautifully."

Please join them for its spring concert at 7 p.m. on May 10 in the Charlevoix Auditorium.

Township may vote on big box ordinance this month

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Locals may soon have an answer on Charlevoix Township's proposed big box ordinance.

According to Nancy Rajewski, a mistake on a public meeting notice by the Charlevoix Courier nullified the original big box vote scheduled for late January.

"The problem is we went through this exercise in winter. Now we have to do the whole thing over again," she said.

Rajewski added, due to the fact that not much work is done by the township board in late winter, the earliest the vote could be rescheduled was May 18.

Township lawyer Richard Joseph asked to consider having the township board vote on the proposal at the April 20 meeting, but the issue was tabled to allow time to refine certain points of the proposal.

Several people at the meeting voiced concerns on both sides of the big box issue.

Local resident Kay (Ulrich) Merrifield said, "They (Charlevoix township) don't have a cap on industrial. They are specifically keeping out certain types of businesses and they make no bones about it."

According to Steve Little, also in attendance, he supports a limit on square footage 100 percent, citing that commercial property in Charlevoix needs caps.

If passed, a special use permit would be necessary on single tenant commercial structures of between 20,000 and 90,000 square feet.

Joseph added, landscape, lighting and look of a building would all be taken into consideration before a special use permit would be granted.

"We're not trying to pick on a particular store, but we are trying to limit the size of commercial buildings in the township," Joseph said.

The planning commission will make their recommendation on May 18 with the township board taking up the ordinance, for a vote on June 13 barring any substantive changes to the proposal.

Dems to meet with high school students

Six Charlevoix High School students will air their views of politics and their future at an open-to-the-public Charlevoix County Democratic Party meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 5, at the Charlevoix Flapjack Restaurant. Prior to the meeting there will be a Dutch treat dinner at 5:30, to which everyone is also welcomed.

The six students, who were chosen from the social studies classes of teacher Annemarie Conway, were students who showed interest in politics but not necessarily either party.

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SPORTS

Girls' soccer team showing great skills

The Charlevoix girls' soccer team has been on a roll lately, with two wins and one tie.

On April 28, the team beat Suttons Bay, 3-1.

Charlevoix scored early when freshman Ariel Ramsey seored unassisted past the Suttons Bay keeper. Suttons Bay tied the score jnst hefore the half as they got behind the Rayder defense and Charlevoix keeper Laura Nitehman had no chance to make a save.

Ramsey connected again in the second half on a nice assist from fellow freshman Kaleigh Blanchard. The Rayders put the game away with just a few minutes left, when Beeca Madison sent a 30 yard direct kiek over the outstretched hands of the Suttons Bay keeper.

The Rayders had nine shots on the net for the match which Nitehman stopped 11 Suttons Bay chanees for the win in goal.

Charlevoix received strong play in the midfield from Zita Anderson, Blanchard and senior Sarah Cross. Defensively, junior Lisa Kuebler stood out and earned the Rayders game hall for her efforts.

On April 27, the team tied Boyne City, 0-0.

The Boyne keeper turned away 27 Rayder shots on goal as most of the play was in the Charlevoix offensive end. Charlevoix keeper Lori Zimmerman made 10 saves on the night, the most impressive in the first overtime period as she made a foot save on a Boyne breakaway to preserve the defensive shutout for the Rayders.

Both teams had chanees to win the match but were unable to eapitalize on scoring opportunities. The Charlevoix defense played a strong game in front of Zimmerman, led by Cross, Stevie Murray, Kuehler, Maddie McKenzie and freshman Meighan Havens. Blanchard and Madison also had strong games in the midfield.

The Rayders game ball was awarded to Zimmerman for her efforts in goal.

On April 26, the team beat Grayling, 7-0.

Charlevoix dominated play with 36 shots on the night while Charlevoix keepers Nitehman and Zimmerman combined for three saves to share the shutout.

Charlevoix goals were seored by Pettis (2), Nitehman, Zimmerman and Madison and Ramsey (2).

Assists went to McKenzie, Anderson, Madison (3), Ramsey and freshman Danny Bergmann.

The Rayders also received strong defensive play from Cross, Kuehler, Murray and freshman Gena Gaudio — who was awarded the Rayders' game ball for her efforts.

Rayder baseball team goes 1-3 in games last week

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders baseball squad had a 1-3 record last week, losing both ends of a twinhill to Suttons Bay, 12-11 and 5-3, and splitting with Elk Rapids to open Lake Michigan Conference play.

The Rayders took game one, 4-1, hut dropped the nightcap, 8-6.

"In our win, we were led hy the outstanding play of senior captain Jake Teuscher," Coach Bryan Hawkins said. "Jake delivered at the plate and on the hill."

Teuscher threw a one-hitter against the Elks and scored the Rayders' first run in the first inning, reaching on an error, stealing second hase and scoring on a double by Eddie Waldron. In the second inning, Teuscher hit a two-run double, scoring Ezra Bakker and Cody Crain.

Michael Wojan had the other Rayder hit and RBI.

In game two, Charlevoix took early leads, 1-0 after the top of the first, and 4-1 after the top of the seeond but Waldron struggled with control on the mound, walking or hitting four of the five first Elk hitters in the third.

Elk Rapids took advantage to take a 6-4 lead after three. The Rayders rallied with two runs to tie the game in the top of the fifth on singles hy Wojan and Tyler Bier. Waldron and Matt Teuscher being hit by pitches and an RBI fielder's choice hy Bakker.

The Elks mounted a two-out rally off Waldron and Jake Teuscher in relief to score the two deciding runs in the hottom of the fifth.

Charlevoix put two runners on base in the sixth but was unable to score.

Against Suttons Bay, in game one, nine Rayder errors were the team's undoing, leading to seven unearned runs. Charlevoix led 10-6 with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning but the Norsemen took advantage of four errors to tie the game. They won in an extra frame on another Rayder fielding miscue.

Waldron had two hits, including a double and an RBI. Shannon Gillespie had a double, two runs scored and an RBI. Wojan, Matt Teuscher and Nate Duhe all had a hit, run scored and RBI.

In the nightcap, Waldron was two-for-three, including a double, at the plate with two RBI. He took the loss on the mound despite giving up only two earned runs on seven hits and one intentional walk.

Wojan tripled, was hit by a pitch and seored a run. Jake Teuscher had the other Rayder hit.

The JV haseball squad is 10-2 after sweeping Grayling, 9-3 and 4-3 and splitting with previously unheaten East Jordan, winning, 9-3 and losing, 6-1.

The varsity (5-6 overall, 1-1 conference) hosts Harhor Springs on Thursday, May 5.

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SPORTS

Tennis team gets big win

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix High School tennis team scored a big victory Friday with a win in the Boyne City Invitational against seven other schools.

Charlevoix finished first, with Traverse City St. Francis taking second and Harbor Springs taking third.

Individual results were:

• First, singles — Nate Turner: beat Traverse City Christian 6-0, 6-1; beat Glen Lake 6-0, 6-1; lost to Harbor Springs, 3-6, 4-6.

• Second, singles — Matt Novotny: beat Glen Lake 6-4, 6-4; beat Grayling 6-1, 4-6, 7-6; lost to Traverse City St. Francis 0-6, 1-6.

• Third, singles — Adam Wager: beat Boyne City 6-0, 6-1; beat Grayling 6-3, 6-2; lost to Traverse City St. Francis 3-6, 7-5, 6-7.

• Fourth, singles — Justin Klooster: lost to Traverse City St. Francis 3-6, 7-5, 6-7; beat Glen Lake 6-3, 6-0; beat Boyne City 6-2, 6-1.

• First, doubles — Sparky Nitehman and Taylor Martin: beat Traverse City St. Francis 6-4, 6-0; beat Boyne City 6-0, 6-2; lost to Elk Rapids 6-4, 6-4.

• Second, doubles — Mitehell Klooster and Andrew Mailloux: beat Boyne City 6-4, 6-0; beat Traverse City St. Francis 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; beat Harbor Springs 6-4, 7-5.

• Third, doubles — Michael Greyerhiehl and Cody Wheat: beat Harbor Springs 7-5, 7-6; beat Traverse City St. Francis 6-3, 6-1; beat Grayling 6-3, 6-2.

• Fourth, doubles — Dustin Dibble and Dan Swenor: beat Glen Lake 6-0, 6-0; beat Boyne City 6-0, 6-0; beat Traverse City St. Francis 7-6, 6-2.

Rayders' softball team winless in play last week

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

"It's going to be a slow learning process all season long, but we're still improving."

Elizabeth Grunch
Girls' softball coach

The Charlevoix Rayders softball team had a tough week on the diamond, losing doubleheaders to Suttons Bay, 12-9 and 15-0, and Elk Rapids, 10-1 and 12-0.

"We just keep plugging away," Rayder Coach Elizabeth Grunch said. "It's going to be a slow learning process all season long but we're still improving."

Desi Faust was the losing pitcher in game one against Suttons Bay despite recording eight strikeouts. Sasha Spencely was three for three at the plate. Genevieve Koehanny had two hits. Leah Kelly and Anam Minhas each had hits as well. In the nightcap, Spencely was the losing pitcher.

Against Elk Rapids in game one, Spencely doubled and Faust singled. Faust was the losing pitcher, walking 12 batters and striking out six.

In game two, Faust had two hits, Spencely and Sally Haselschwardt had the other Charlevoix hits. Faust took the pitching loss, walking five and striking out three.

Though the Rayders (3-11 overall, 0-4 conference) are not doing well in the won-loss column, they are gaining valuable experience.

"It's tough with such a young team," Grunch said. "It's good experience for them."

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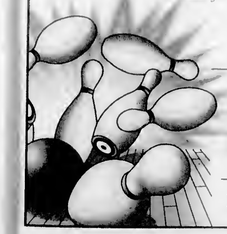

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Students to get hands-on jazz, blues training

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some fortunate area music students have been training with a handful of worldclass musicians for an upcoming swing, jazz and blues concert.

On May 20 Charlevoix High school will host a concert with performances by music students from Petoskey and Charlevoix high as well as Northwest Academy and professional musicians alike.

Doc Woodward

"The concept is to have professional blues and jazz musicians interact and educate students in the jazz lab bands in the local high schools," said program producer Chris Ventzke, who goes by the stage name Doc Woodward. Woodward, a 30 year veteran of the Hammond B3 organ and piano is one of several musicians holding clinics at the area high schools who will also appear in the upcoming concert.

"The professional musicians enjoy sharing the challenge and experience with the younger generation," Woodward said. "Trumpeter Dan Jacobs has been integral in coaching the big bands because that's his forte."

According to Woodward, Jacobs played with many great musicians including Mel Torme, Linda Rondstadt, Kenny Rogers and the Four Tops.

When the students interact with professional musicians it offers them, "A little boost in their confidence and their ability," Woodward said.

Other musicians featured in the concert will be David Hay on bass guitar, Chris Ames on drums, with a special appearance by Jon Rehamhault of Mojo and the Boogieman on guitar.

"It will be an opportunity to see young people playing jazz and blues in a fun noncompetitive atmosphere," he said. "And to see some of the area's best professional jazz and blues musicians."

The concert will be recorded and distributed on CD this summer.

The Michigan Blues & Jazz Educational program, "Jazz in the Mitten," is supported by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts through a grant administered by North Central Michigan College.

For more information call NCMC at (231) 348-6613 or call Doc Woodward at (231) 599-2938.

Junior Golf to have FSU scholarships again

Several lucky youngsters that participated in the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's 2004 summer program will be awarded scholarships to attend the prestigious golf camp at Ferris State university this summer.

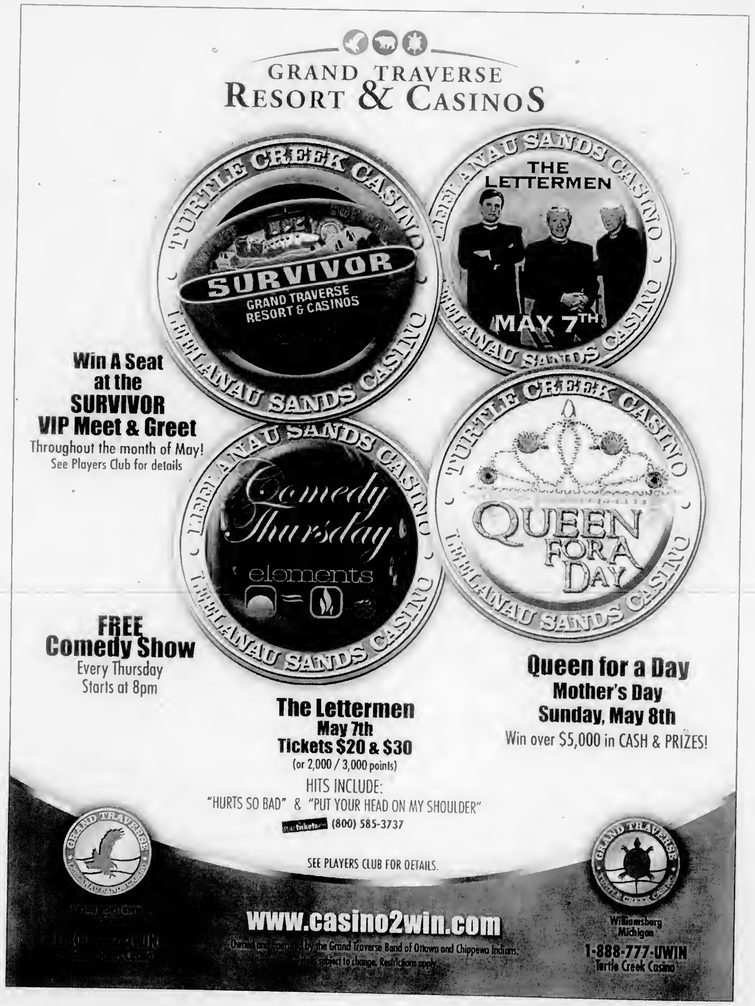
Dean Davenport, executive director of the summer program, announced that the Association's Board members approved renewing the scholarship program with Ferris State University. Awards will be likely made to six deserving juniors for scholarships enabling them to spend a week on the campus of Ferris State University.

Applicants must have participated in more than half of the past summer's sessions and be a least 12 years of age to be eligible. Application packets were mailed recently to over 60 youngsters that qualified for consideration.

Winners are selected because of their dedication and interest in golf, their potential and the manner in which they respond to the official application questions. During the past eight years 62 junior golfers from the Charlevoix area have been awarded scholarships. Applicants are reminded of the May 14 deadline.

Local PGA professional from the Belvedere, Steve Braun again added greatly to the camp scholarship fund by taking pledges for his "100 Holes in a Day" fund-raiser last fall.

More information regarding this year's program and the June 10 registration procedures will be announced soon.



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Preparing for the auction

Workers from the Bergmann Center are hard at work assisting the members of the Take-A-Seat Chair-ity Auction Committee of the First Congregational Church sand chairs for this year's auction. The sanded and primed chairs will be given to artists who will create one-of-a-kind decorative pieces which will be auctioned off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 at the First Congregational Church. A portion of the money raised at the Take-A-Seat-Chair-ity Auction will benefit the Bergmann Center.
Pictured from left are Tommy, Mike, Brenda and Steve.

Banners to announce Charlevoix's birthday

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ize 100 years of incorporation for Charlevoix as a city.

"It's a commemorative design and it's a commemorative date," Merta said, "It's definitely a collectors item."

Charlevoix was incorporated as a city on June 1, 1905.

Merta added the banners should be available very soon.

According to local artist and owner of Gallery 704, Audrey Shapiro, she and fellow artist Steve Torenman designed the maroon and white banner for the June 1 Charlevoix centennial.

"We designed it to look like the lighthouse," Shapiro said.

She added, "We're also going to have T-shirts for sale at functions around town."

The 18-by-36 inch banners read, "100 years, Charlevoix the Beautiful, 1905-2005." They retail for $40 with proceeds going to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Shapiro said she based the color scheme off of a flag of like colors which resides packed away in City Hall.

"I'd like people in town or those visiting to know we have pride in our past and present. The more flags we have flying, the more obvious it is," she said.

In addition, many businesses in town will decorate their storefront windows in honor of the anniversary and the Charlevoix Historical Society plans to showcase a historic photo project in honor of the big date and there will also be a city-wide ice cream social.

The city council is also looking into creating a citizens committee to plan activities around Charlevoix's birthday.

Marion to have spring clean up

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, the Marion Township Hall will host their annual spring clean up.

The following items are not eligible for disposal at the clean up: devices with freon still inside, yard waste, household garbage, tires or hazardous waste.

Marion Township Hall is located at 03735 on Marion Center Road.

Pop Warner football sign-up is next week

Charlevoix Pop Warner Football sign-up is from 6 to 8 p.m., May 10 and 11 at the Charlevoix Middle School cafeteria

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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Charlevoix, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, at the office of the City Clerk at City Hall up to 11:00 a.m., prevailing local time on May 6, 2005, and then publicly opened and read aloud, for the removal, transportation, and subsurface land-application of biosolids, or sludge for the Charlevoix Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 15116 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Carol A. Ochs
City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 6, 2002, by James E. Karlskin and Mary M. Karlskin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on February 15, 2002, at Liber 458, Page 846, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $119,347.44 principal, $5,362.54 interest, and $150.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 13, 2005 at 11 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

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The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated March 28, 2005

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

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LEGAL 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Julie A McGuire and Herbert A McGuire IV, married to Fleet Bank f/k/a Fleet National Bank, a Rhode Island Corporation Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2001 and recorded February 26, 2002 in Liber 459, Page 843, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eleven Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars and Eight Cents ($11,089.08) including interest 3.266% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, June 3, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 20 of Block 23 and the South 8 feet of Lot 19, Block 23, of Nicholls Third Addition to the Village of South Lake (now city of East Jordan), Charlevoix County, Michigan. Commonly known as 506 Main St, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: APRIL 26, 2005 Fleet Bank f/k/a Fleet National Bank Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-34379 ASAP701540

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Primetime Pantomine

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will present an encore performance of their fourth annual, Primetime Pantomine at 7 p.m., Friday, May 6 and Saturday May 7, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix. This program calls for audience participation. The suggested donation is $5 adults and $3 children (under 12) at the door. For more information contact 231-237-9686 or visit our web site at www.RagamuffinTheatre.com for more information.

Gwen Marston to speak

The Charlevoix Public Library presents author Gwen Marston at 7 p.m. May 9, speaking about her new Michigan notable book called Mary Schafer - American Quilt Maker. Questions and book signings will take place after Ms. Marston's talk with light refreshments served. The public library is located at 109 Clinton Street. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library and for more information please call 547-2651.

Spring concerts

The Charlevoix High School and Middle School Bands are preparing their spring concerts. The Charlevoix High School has invited the Harbor Springs and Charlevoix Community Bands to join the high school students playing for this occasion at 7 p.m., on May 10. The Charlevoix Middle School concert starts at 7,p.m. on May 19.

Children's House auction

The Charlevoix Children's House is inviting the public to it's Silent Auction at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, at the Grey Gables Restaurant. The Charlevoix Children's House is as a non-profit, Montessori based school serving children from 2 1/2 to 6 years old and their families. The school has been in operation for over 25 years and relies on fund-raising for approximately a quarter of its operating budget. Grey Gables Restaurant will be offering complimentary hors d' oeuvres and there will be a cash bar. For more information call the Charlevoix Children's House at 547-5599.

Skatepark meeting

There will be a student skatepark meeting at 3 p.m., May 11 at Charlevoix Middle School. All parents and skaters, inline skaters and BMX riders are urged to attend this meeting for planning the 2005 season. For information please call 547-8063.

Veterans Appreciation Day

The American Legion Ernest Peterson Post 228 is planning their Annual Veterans Appreciation Day and open house, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, at the post located on the corner of Lake and Main streets in Boyne City. They will include a display of military uniforms, rifles, equipment, pictures, maps and much more which will be explained and demonstrated by the members. Military vehicles, will be on display, representatives from local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the different branches of our military services. Refreshments will be provided by The American Legion Auxiliary and scheduling will be handled by the Post commander who may be contacted by calling (231) 549-8000.

Anger resolution

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, at 12023 Waller Road, is hosting an Institute in Basic Life Principles (IBLP) Anger Resolution Seminar, Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14. This is a video seminar conducted by Dr. Bill Gothard. The seminar will explore the causes of anger and reveal the Biblical remedies which enable us to "put off all...anger" (Col. 3:8) The seminar registration fee is $35, payable to Institute in Basic Life Principles. For more information or to register please contact pastor Dan Gilmore at (231) 547-5711.

Spring buffet

The Charlevoix United Methodist Women invite the public to their annual Spring Buffet Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, May 13, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. The cost is $7 for adults. There will be a variety of salads, vegetables, meat dishes and desserts. The proceeds from the luncheon will benefit projects the group supports, including local, national and international missions. The church is located nt 104 State Street in Charlevoix.

Republican meeting

Charlevoix County Republicans will have U.S. Congressman Joe Schwarz, MD, 7th Congressional District as their guest speaker at their Lincoln Dinner starting at 6 p.m., Friday May 13, at Boyne Mountain Convention Center. State Senator Jason Allen and State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer will also be in attendance. To join the Charlevoix County Republican Party or for ticket information to attend the Lincoln Day Dinner please contact Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Linda Wertz at (231) 547-8980.

Stover Creek cleanup

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, with financial support from the Charlevoix Community Foundation, invites the public to join in the first Stover Creek Cleanup on Saturday morning, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., May 14.

Kevin Cronk the monitoring and research coordinator for the Watershed Council invites the public to join them in their first effort to help Stover Creek. If you are interested in joining this cause to help cleanup Stover Creek, please call (231) 347-1181 ext. 109, e-mail Kevin@watershedcouncil.org or visit the Watershed Council office at 426 Bay Street across from the Perry Hotel. The Watershed Council would appreciate volunteers registering by May 6 for the May 14 cleanup.

Craft sale, flea market

Greensky Hill Church is hosting a craft sale and flea market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 14 at the church on Old US-31 North. There is no admission fee. Concessions will be on site. The public is encouraged to come. Call 547-2028 or 599-2915 for more information.

Dale Herder to speak

The Charlevoix Public Library will host author Dale Herder at 7 p.m. on May 17, to discuss his new book, "Common Sense Rediscovered," at the library located at 109 Clinton Street. Questions and discussions encouraged. Light refreshements served by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library. The event is sponsored by Little Traverse Community Reads.

Spring retreat

Win-Some Women Christian Retreats has openings for the upcoming Spring Retreat to be on Mackinac Island. Registrations are being accepted for the Wednesday, May 18 and 19 retreat only. The theme for the retreat is The Revelation of God's Love. Keynote speaker and vocalist is Wintley Phipps along with featured speaker Jeannette Clift George and the theatrical performers A.D. Players. Please contact Juli Fryczynski at (231) 347-6179 or visit Country Clutter, 306 E. Lake Street, in Petoskey to pick up a brochure and registration.

Soccer registration

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer registration is from 5:30 to 7 p.m., May 19 and May 24, in the Charlevoix Elementary School Gym. Registration is for U-6 trough U-14 divisions. Fees are $60 per child with a $40 discount for parent volunteer time applicable to all their children registering to play. Any registration received after June 1 is subject to a $10 late fee. Contact Marlene at 547-9452 if you need additional information.

Food pantry

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Mondays and Thursday at the First Congregational Church at the corner of State and Park streets for those in need. This food pantry serves those within the Charlevoix school district. For more information call 547-9122 or 547-6456.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Food Pantry is open by appointment only from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. They are located at 05291 M-66 N. Please call the church office at 547-6430 to schedule a time.

Crowell account

The Freedom House Ministries has opened an account for donations to the Brad Crowell Family at Charlevoix State Bank. Crowell had a car accident last summer leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of five small children. Please send your donations to Charlevoix State Bank at 111 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720.

Immunizations

Immunizations appointments are available for infants and children at Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency offices in Mancelona, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord. They accept Medicaid or private pay per visit. Call (800) 432-4121.

Car club meeting

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Hospital Guild meeting

Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild has changed the meeting time to 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month.

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Whitley just wants to fish near the docks

ACCESS

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looking at handicap access," said City Manager Mike Wiesner.

The city plans to install an estimated 170 foot sidewalk which would extend across the south channel bank, just north of the Beaver Island Boat Company to the channel sidewalk below. There is currently a set of steps leading down to the channel sidewalk allowing after hours access to all but the wheelchair bound.

Although, he said, the city will probably wait until fall to avoid construction work near the walkway during the busy tourist season.

"While I know it's an inconvenience, people can get access from the Lake Michigan Beach area," Wiesner added.

Local resident and longtime fisherman Aaron Whitley said, he is familiar with the Lake Michigan Beach access point, but it is a struggle to return home because the hill leading to Lake Michigan Beach is so steep.

"I'm not complaining really, but I would like to see anybody try going up the hill in a wheelchair with a bucket of fishing gear," Whitley said. "I have to make two trips if I catch any fish."

"All I ask them (Beaver Island Boat Company) for is to keep the gates open until there's a ramp," he added.

According to Mike Evans, marketing manager for the Beaver Island Boat company, the MTSA states there must be a secure facility for passengers and freight.

"The gates are closed whenever a boat is docked or when the facility is closed," he said.

According to Evans, the Beaver Island Boat Company is trying to help Whitley out as best they can.

"During hours that the boat isn't in, we will be able to escort him in there," he said.

Evans added, "We are currently working with him (Whitley) and the city to find a solution."

Upon erection of the fence, Whitley used the Lake Michigan Beach access, but was forced to drive his van to avoid having to wheel himself up the steep hill.

One of the problems with driving, he said, there are no handicapped signs in the parking lots on either side of the fish hatchery.

"I've had it to where my door has been blocked by other cars and I've had to have people move my van so I can get back in," he said.

Whitley said the other problem with driving to the access is his disability insurance does not cover the rising costs of vehicle maintenance.

"I'm not sure if my van will be on the road much longer," he said.

The worst part of not being able to get to that part of the dock, Whitley said, is that some of the best fishing occurs there at night.

"If I can't afford my insurance on my vehicle, what am I supposed to do?" he said. "People with bikes can't even usually make it up that hill. And I don't see what one more summer of having it open can hurt."

Former city employees plead guilty in wastewater plant case

SENTENCE

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Creswell received a similar sentence as Mazur because, while he had only one count of falsifying documents, according to the court that took place while the state Department of Environmental Quality was investigating the wastewater treatment plant for reported troubles.

"By doing so, he was interfering with the investigation," said state attorney Joshua Gubkin.

In his sentencing, Pajtas noted that both men were respected members of the community, with strong families and without a prior criminal record.

Problems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant reach back over a three-year period, which the city staff discovered in the winter of 2004.

The MDEQ's investigation found that 31 total residual chlorine limit exceedences were reported to MDEQ as being in compliance. The investigation also found reports for 15 phosphorus results, 32 fecal coliform results were falsely reported to MDEQ and there were 27 days when monitoring didn't take place.

According to Gubkin, the investigation by the MDEQ did not determine if the exceedences damaged the Lake Michigan environment near the plant.

But, he added, "My understanding is that probably did not cause great damage."

However Gubkin said this does not mean this should be taken lightly.

"The crimes that were committed did occur over a period of years. There were several reports that were falsified. We believe this is a serious matter," he said.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SYNOPSIS - APRIL 27, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on April 13, 2005. Commissioner Jason was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the April 13, 2005 meeting as corrected.

Tom Wolf, Equalization Director, presented the 2005 Analysis for Equalization and stated taxable value for 2005 increased 7.46% over 2004.

Motion approved Resolution #05-030, 2005 Equalization Report.

Motion approved Resolution #05-031, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement amendment.

Motion approved Resolution #05-032, Change MERS Benefit (Sergeants Division).

The meeting was adjourned.

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Voters make their picks in school election

ELECTION

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outcome will need to be decided by the whole community, not just the board of education.

According to Boss, he'll take the loss in stride.

"Thirteen percent of the people voted and out of that 13 percent the majority of the people voted for the other two (candidates)," he said. "I wish the new school board members a lot of luck."

Boss said the budget problem the school faces needs to be fixed at the state level. He said hopefully it will be fixed before it becomes a major problem.

The district is looking at making over $500,000 in cuts this year for the second year in a row.

Way said he was pleased with the larger than average turnout.

"I've enjoyed the last eight years," he said. "I feel we did a number of great things."

Way also wished the new board members the best of luck. He said the new board has a tough job ahead of it.

He said one of the best experiences he had was learning to work together as a board to get things done for the school district.

In the race for the two open Charlevoix Community School District Board seats, Spencley was the leader with his 34.85 percent or 688 votes. Michaud was second with her 29.74 percent or 587 votes.

Boss was third with 20.21 percent or 399 votes. Last was Way with 15.1 percent or 298 votes.

About 13.8 percent of the registered voters in district voted or 2,022 out of 7,300 voters. Of the 2,022 voters that cast a ballot, 1,974 counted and 48 were counted as under votes — this means the voter did not make a pick in the election but turned in a ballot.

This is the first year the election, normally given in June, was given in May. The election was moved in accordance with the election consolidation act passed by the state.

In addition to the new day, voters also found their voting location had changed.

Residents of the city of Charlevoix voted at the Charlevoix City Hall on State Street; residents of Charlevoix and Hayes townships voted at Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 N. Old US-31 in Charlevoix and residents of Marion, Norwood and the portion of Banks located in Antrim County voted at the Marion Township Hall on Marion Center Road.

In years past, polling stations were located one of the schools in the district.

"It sounds like the community wanted some kind of a change."

Christine Michaud,
New Charlevoix School Board Member

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Charlevoix attorney Kerry Zahner has been hired as a new public defender for the county.

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Work continues on the Charlevoix Public Library's new building.

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First degree murder charge

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The man suspected of shooting and killing Hubert William (Bill) Brady now faces first degree murder charges.

Judge Richard May concluded in preliminary examination Thursday that Charlevoix county Prosecutor John Jarema has sufficient evidence to warrant David Edward Goldstick he charged with first degree premeditated murder and felony firearm. Goldstick confessed to shooting Brady six times the morning of April 19 in an office near the former VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

"The cause of death is a gunshot wound to the head and abdomen," said Forensic Pathologist Stephen Cohle, who performed the Brady autopsy.

According to Cohle, three of the six shots Brady suffered could have been fatal.

Jarema said he believed the act to be premeditated for several reasons, he said, including the fact that Goldstick switched vehicles, shot the murder weapon the night before the murder and shot the victim repeatedly.

But, according to Defense Attorney Robert Banner, it doesn't make sense that Goldstick would shoot Brady over a couple thousand dollars.

"It would suggest to me that this was not premeditated," Banner said.

A witness, James Marsh, called by the prosecution said he saw Goldstick at the entrance of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club on April 19, the night before the murder.

Goldstick, in a later interview with Det. Charles Vondra, admitted shooting a .380 caliber handgun two or three times into a berm at the Rod and Gun Club the night before the murder.

The morning of the murder, Richard Bogart, Brady's son in law and owner of the building Brady was dead in, testified he saw Goldstick pull up in a pickup truck.

Bogart said, "Goldstick said, 'Hey, where's Bill?' I said, 'Probably in the house with the dogs or in back.'"

According to Bogart, Goldstick came out of the carpet barn a minute or so later and said, "Something's happened to Bill...call 9-1-1."

A couple of men who had been speaking with Bogart at the time rushed into the carpet barn to find Brady lying on the floor.

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Society prepares for city's birthday

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Unique displays and historical photos top the Harsha House list of celebrations for Charlevoix's one hundredth year as a city.

In 1905 Charlevoix graduated from village to city, but according to Harsha House Curator Dave Miles, there wasn't much other than a newspaper notice full of legal jargon.

"It wasn't much of a cause for parades," he said.

As the city grew, so to did many people's interest in the significance of the event.

"We think it is one of the three most important dates in our history," Miles said.

At least as important, he said, as the founding of Charlevoix and it's institution as a village.

According to Miles, though the historical society has a wealth of information on Charlevoix as a city, they

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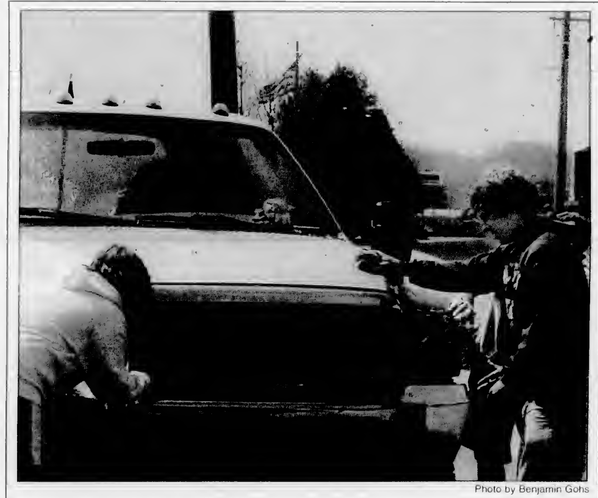

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Working at the car wash

Some seniors spent the weekend washing cars to help defray costs of the annual senior party scheduled to take place at 8 p.m. on June 5. This drug and alcohol free post-prom alternative is free to any senior. The location of the party is a secret, but people wishing to help support the cause are welcome to donate to Charlevoix high school, care of the senior party.

MAY 2005

On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Theodore William Snowden, 36, East Jordan. Two counts of obtaining a prescription by false representation. 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, six months probation, must submit to urine test, not to consume/possess controlled substances; $750 in fines and costs.

Trevor Louis Sall, 33, Petoskey. Allow under influence alcohol or controlled substance operate motor vehicle. Serve 35 days in jail, to serve four days with credit of four; $850 in fines and costs.

James Steven Baker, 42, Charlevoix. Sell/furnish alcohol to a minor. Serve 60 days in jail, to serve 30 days, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, must attend substance abuse classes; $1200 in fines and costs.

Andrew Todd Colyer, 42, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, Impact weekend and attend substance abuse classes.

Matthew Walter Kondrat, 20, Boyne Falls. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol second offense. 60 hours community service work, Impact; $200 in fines and costs.

Benita Sue Warner, 36, East Jordan. Embezzle agent/trust more than $1,000 less than $20,000, embezzle more than $200 less than $1,000. To serve 15 days in jail, 144 days in abeyance, 20 days community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, 24 months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess controlled substances, attend substance abuse classes; $4,836.77 in fines and costs.

Kathleen Anne Langner, 36, Arlington Heights, Ill. Reckless driving, open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/cotrolled substance, must attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Jamie Kimberly Kelly, 32, Charlevoix. Disorderly person. Serve 30 days in jail; $600 in fines and costs.

Donald Robert Smith, 27, Petoskey. Operating while license suspended. first. Serve 32 days in jail, to serve 15 days with credit of two, to serve 13 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Eric James Phillips, 25, Saint Ignace. Impaired driving, controlled substance/possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit of two, to serve 28 days in jail, 325 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance ahuse classes; $1280 in fines and costs.

Jason Daniel Washegesic, 26, Charlevoix. Larceny under $200. Serve 10 days in jail, not to enter Oleson's without permission; $250 in fines and costs.

Robert Charles Harcrow, 26, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/deny second or subsequent offense. Serve 30 days in jail, serve 10 days, to serve 10 days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

Rachel Lynn Johnston, 22, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow; $260 in fines and costs.

Aaron Jacob Ford, 20, Levering. Operator license suspended /revoked/denied/allow; $350 in fines and costs.

Marie Beth Muckey, 26, Petoskey. Operating while license suspended. Serve 10 days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Michael Curtis Wilkin, 43, Holton. No operators license. Serve six days in jail; $150 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

C. Havens Enterprises, PO Box 639, 206 Michigan Ave., Charlevoix by Cris Havens.

Greenleaf Farms .Net, 04998 Loeb Road, Charlevoix, by Dana Dvoracek and Kathleen Dvoracek.

Sevenski Excavating, 05988 Camp Ten Road, Elmira, by Donald Sevenski.

Twin Birch Nursery, 06788 US-31 south, Charlevoix, by Larry Drost.

Whisker's Contracting, 115 Trent Street, Boyne City, by Paul Allen Whisker.

Jerry Brooks, PO Box 119, 103 Division, East Jordan, by Jerry Brooks.

TA-DA! Residential Cleaning Service, 10860 Burnett Road, Charlevoix, by Marcia J Thompson and Karen s DeRue.

Music By Tone, 08289 Woodward Road, Elmira, by Tony Ray Turner.

JPR Builders, 07250 Lower Kelsey Dr. #104, Charlevoix. By James P Russell and Laura E. Hawkins.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Mark David Bennett, 23, Boyne City and Jennifer Lee Jackson, 21, Boyne City.

Nicholas Frederick Liebgott, 39, Boyne City and Lisa Kaye Roberts, 44, Boyne City.

Melvin Lee Kiogima II, 27, Boyne Falls and Bernadece Anntoinette Compo, 27, Boyne Falls.

David Lee Willingham, 49, Clio and Jennifer Ann Walton, 33, East Jordan.

Rolland Dee Cooper, 45, Charlevoix and Susan Renee Ramsey, 43, Boyne City.

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Correction

Based on incorrect information given to us in regards to a story on page one in last week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier about Charlevoix's 100 anniversary celebration, the hanner was designed off existine Charlevoix citv flaes which

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Deadlines for News & Advertising for the June 1 paper will be Thursday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m.

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Big box stores banned in city

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Council voted unanimously to approve a cap on the size of retail buildings to 45,000 square feet at its May 2 meeting, a move designed to keep out "big box" stores.

Before voting on the ordinance, council heard from members of the public, who gave a divided opinion on the new rule.

Al Wojan, a Charlevoix Township resident opposed to the ordinance, said, "The city means to take charge of the distribution of goods by limiting the size of commercial buildings to 45,000 square feet."

Wojan accused the city of trying to control business and of socialistic tendencies through this ordinance.

"If we don't like what a business is doing, we can spend our money elsewhere," he said.

Mark Greyerhiehl, of Charlevoix, applauded the city's interest in the ordinance.

"I think it is a positive more. Zoning is designed for the majority and implement rules to protect the majority. With our size of community we are trying to maintain what survey after survey says (planning surveys indicate the public would like the community to remain small)," he said.

Charlevoix resident John Winn also spoke in favor of the ordinance.

"I think everyone that wasn't horn here, moved here for the small town community," he said. "We have a Wal-Mart; it is 15 miles away."

He said this ordinance is not taking away anyone's right to have a business.

Wojan replied this ordinance gives "monopolistic advantages" to current businesses and will keep certain businesses out.

Before voting on the ordinance, Council Member Sherman Chamberlain said he was concerned it would make Charlevoix's retailers less competitive with the surrounding communities.

"I hate to say it, if you go to Petoskey and you go to Wal-Mart, you do save money in the grocery store. We have to have opportunities for retailers to be competitive with big box stores," he said.

Council member Bill Bellows questioned the limit size for a building at 45,000 square feet. He pointed out Charlevoix Township is considering an ordinance that limits buildings at 90,000 square feet.

"They will go in the township," he said.

Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson replied a building that size — 90,000 square feet — in the city limits would impact the area more than the township. He said Glen's Market in Charlevoix is not even 45,000 square feet.

"Glen's is a huge store," he said.

Charlevoix City Council Member Gabe Campbell motioned for the ordinance's approval. Council member's Campbell, Shirley Gibson, Bellows, Chamberlain and Bob Timms voted in favor of the ordinance. Council Member Bill Haggard was absent.

The ordinance will go into effect in early June.

It says, "Retail establishments having a gross leasahle area ol greater than 15,000 square feet. Any single retail business shall not occupy a gross leasable area of greater than 45,000 square feet within a free standing or multi-tenant huilding, such as a shopping center. (This shall not act to limit the size of collective businesses located within the multi-tenant huildings such as shopping centers)."

The ordinance further states, "The intent of this section is to insure that large retail developments is of a quality that enhances the character of Charlevoix and does not overwhelm its surroundings, and protects and contributes to the health, safety and welfare of the community, such as but now limited to noise, traffic, community character, environment and the local economy."

Births

Noel Mallory Nelson, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces, was horn to Holly and Christopher Nelson from East Jordan on May 5, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Reg and Becky Fleory of Alma and Greg and Patricia Nelson of Alma.

Aniyah Dajanique Erving, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, was horn to Aisha Green and Eric Erving of Charlevoix on May 6, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Tracey Green of Charlevoix, Menuel Erving of Detroit, Marcellus Green of Detroit and Charles Johnson of Charlevoix.

Cameron Joseph Moran, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces, was horn to Jennifer and Brian Moran of Charlevoix on May 6, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Jackie Balcer of Garfield, Ohio and John D. Jr. and Karen Moran of Charlevoix.

Leia Sandra Sladics, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, was born to Brian and Marcia Sladics of Charlevoix on April 29, 2005 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Her sibling is Reylin Grace Sladics. Grandparents are Joe and Sandy Beaudoin of Charlevoix and Bob and Marge Sladics of Hot Springs Village, Ark.

Maria Grace Miller was born to Chris and Matt Miller of Charlevoix, on April 29, 2005, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Maria weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, at birth. Her siblings are Adrianne, Lillian and Michelle. Her grandparents are Nora Miller of Charlevoix, Carl Miller of Colorado, Rosemary Treinen of Hubbard Lake and Dan Treinen of Hubbard Lake.

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Editor steps down after five years

Jeremy McBain

'Just a thought'

After almost 5-and-a-half years, as of this column, published on Wednesday, May 11, I will officially no longer be the editor of the Charlevoix Courier.

For those who do not know, I will be heading on over to the Petoskey News-Review to take over a position as special sections editor. I wanted to try something new and this chance came along, so I went for it. (No I was not forced out, no matter what some folks are trying to claim.) I will also still be living in the Charlevoix area, so you will still see me around.

It has been an exciting time for me at the Charlevoix Courier. When I came here I did not know what to expect.

Yes, there have been bad times, but there have been good times in this small town of Charlevoix. While editor of the Charlevoix Courier, I have been called many different, nasty, names; I have had many strange conspiracy theories passed around about me (no, I am not in league with the devil) and I have had to pull so many knives out of my back, I find it hard to trust people.

But, I have also been told by many people, they appreciate the work I do, I have been called courageous, I have been told I help people, I have been told I am kind and I have been told the Courier is the best weekly newspaper they have ever read.

I have seen much as a newspaper editor, I have done much and I have written much about the happenings in Charlevoix. In the process I have grown to know Charlevoix and its people like it was the back of my hand.

Here are a few of my final thoughts before taking leave:

• When I first came here, local government was very unaccustomed to the idea of open government. Now, they seem to try to get the public involved in many areas and try to take away that veil of secrecy. There are those that want the curtain pulled back to where it was, I urge you all to resist them.

• I would love to play poker against Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner. He has horrible tells.

• I may have been misguided in my first editorial about the location of the new high school. Now, I don't know if it really is the right location and I can understand both sides. I am not young enough to know everything anymore.

• My two favorite older men in Charlevoix were Bruce MacArthur and Jim Hisey. Sadly, Jim passed away last winter and could not read this comment about him. When I first came here, Jim was on the opposite side of me on a few editorials, but he was very nice about it and treated me as a fellow human. We became friends. I enjoyed his tales of being a newspaper owner downstate and his ideas for the community. I miss that old guy.

MacArthur is a man I have grown to respect and is the type of person I hope to be when I am his age. He is a man in his 80s that spends every day playing tennis. He is also a man that is not afraid to fight for what he believes. Agree or disagree with him, you have to admire his energy.

• Some people just don't really get the whole freedom of speech idea. Freedom of speech includes all speech, not just the speech you agree with. Without freedom of speech, your other freedoms are useless. Oh, and editorials are just opinions. Feel free to disagree with them, just don't make it personal.

• News is neither good nor bad, it is just news. I do not and will not take sides in news stories, no matter what you have heard from the rumor mill. Most of the time, the rumor mill is just upset because I reported the whole story, not just the side they wanted reported.

• One of my favorite strange moments was when I was told by a co-worker that a local businessman told her he wished I would hurt myself when practicing for the highland games. Good job showing your maturity level, businessman.

• Sometimes people read too much into my columns, sometimes they did not read enough of the column. I can't tell you how many times I have had to inform an angry caller that I never wrote the statement they were angry about or that if they had read the column all the way through, they would see I was arguing for their side of the issue.

• An issue of the Charlevoix Courier costs 50 cents. For some reason, each summer we have several people that drop by the office, reach in the door and grab a paper without paying. They say they have a subscription at home. That is like me going to a store, grabbing an issue of Men's Health and walking out. When they stop me for shoplifting, I just say, "But I have a subscription at home!"

• There are just as many kind people as there are nasty people in this community. The problem is the nasty people can be so much louder than the kind people.

• Some people don't realize that the editor is responsible for all of the news in a newspaper. I have been responsible and read over 7,000 articles in this newspaper over the last five years. And yes, I was responsible for that piece your loved, as well as that one you hated.

• Out of those over 7,000 articles I have read, there were bound to be some grammatical errors here and there. I am human. I get tired. I make mistakes. But, I loved getting letters telling me about all the grammatical errors someone found that were filled with grammatical errors.

• I thought it was funny how one week someone would be heaping praise on me for my editorial or column and the next week they were telling me I should be "run out of town on a rail."

• One of those that wanted me run out of town said to me the other day, "We expect this new editor to be a big change over you." If by change you mean a woman, then you got your wish. If by change you mean reporting the news only from your standpoint and never reporting the mistakes that are made by government officials, boy are you going to be mad.

• Lastly, to all those that did want me "run out of town on a rail," it must have really frustrated you that after over five years you never succeeded. It makes me laugh to think I drove you that nuts.

With that I wish the new editor, Julie Witthoeft, the best of luck with her new position. Be patient and try not to let it wear you down.

Good luck Charlevoix and goodbye readers. You can still catch me at the Petoskey News-Review where I am still scheduled to write columns and report news stories.

As of Thursday, May 12, Jeremy McBain will be the past editor of the Charlevoix Courier.

Letters to the editor

Suggestions

Editor:

The story about Mr. Whitley, the wheelchair-bound fisherman, is certainly is an example of the unintended consequences of an otherwise good idea. I have a couple of suggestions that might work better than waiting months for an expensive new sidewalk to go in.

Why not put a gate in the fence, and lock the gate? Give keys or the combination to qualified handicapped individuals. If that sounds too "loose" for the authorities, maybe the sheriff could appoint Mr. Whitley as an unpaid Junior Assistant Deputy, with the assignment of observing the waterfront area at random times and reporting any suspicious activity he observes. Doing that would actually improve Transportation Security, not threaten it. Other handicapped fishermen could apply for similar positions, and it is unlikely the response would overwhelm the system.

Bill Briggs
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

Northwest Academy in Charlevoix recently held our fifth annual Career Day for middle and high school students. The student committee responsible for planning the day would like to commend the following community members for giving up their morning to share information about their chosen careers: Dave Phillips, chef; Dr. Pamela Graves, veterinarian; Terry VanTine, information system technician; Dr. Marc Lamc, surgeon; CJ Winnell, EMT specialists; Spec. Jeff Riley, National Guard; Mark Buday, architect; Dan Jacobs, jazz artist.

We would also like to thank John Murphy of Char/Em ISD for assistance in obtaining a transition grant to help fund the day.

School/community partnerships like this provide unique opportunities for young people to explore possibilities for their future. Responses from students indicated that they were very appreciative and had a terrific morning.

Susan Kissinger
School-to-Work Coordinator

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Cat not a stray

Editor:

My son picked up the current issue of the *Charlevoix Courier* today and discovered a picture of his cat on the front page. On page 16 photographer, Benjamin Gohs had another photo of both of my son's cats in front of their own home.

These cats are spayed and neutered, have all their current shots and are not allowed to stay out at night.

I'm keeping the cats with me at my mobile home at Lake Terrace Mobile Home Park. They are NOT dangerous and stick close to home explaining how easily the photographer was able to get his pictures.

Do I need to get them collars w/ name tags? I'd hate to see them die in traps. In fact, I'd be VERY angry!

Billie Crain
Charlevoix

Thank you

Editor:

Before last weeks school board election I knew I would have to sit down and write a letter of thanks to all those who helped me and voted for me no matter what the outcome would end up to be. I must say I am blessed to have the friends and family I have and the support they are always willing to give me in whatever I choose to do. The outcome was very surprising to me but one I was very happy to see. I appreciate all the confidence that the voters have in me and I hope to repay that confidence with a job well done and I look forward to the new experiences ahead.

I'd also like to thank Scott Boss and Barney Way for serving on the board for the past eight years and the efforts they have put in, in creating not only a better school system but a better Charlevoix. It is my belief that any effort put into our kids is an effort that will be paid back time and time again in our lives and theirs as well.

Furthermore, I'd like to congratulate Chris Michaud for being elected and I look forward to working with her and the rest of the board in the near future.

Understandably there couldn't be a worse time to be on the school board due to all the budget cuts that will need to be made but my goal will be to keep the community informed and try to draw more of a community interest into the process for the tough decisions ahead. We will have a far stronger system with everyone's help which will also create a stronger community.

Once again thanks to everyone that voted for me, all that helped me and those of you who always seem to be there when I need you. Thank you!

Dean Spencley
Charlevoix

Operation Basket a success

Editor:

Operation Basket, developed to support the elementary school classrooms, was held on April 22 at the Spring Carnival.

It was a great success and surpassed all expectations. The fund-raiser raised just over $2,600.

This money will be divided between the teachers to use for supplies, projects or field trips.

The Operation Basket Committee would like to thank the elementary school parents and local businesses for their great donations. We would also like to thank the teachers and school staff for their help and support. A special thank you to Sharon Seese for doing all of the jobs no one else wanted, Sue and Jill in the school office for their unconditional support and suggestions, Jeff at the Weathervane and Sue at Esperance for their extra contributions.

Thank you to all who bid on and purchased the baskets. We look forward to next year's Operation Basket. The future of our community is our children and it takes a community to raise them!

Stacey Stewart
Suzy Fenwick
Operation Basket co-chairs

Why does school start so early?

Editor:

I have meant to write in praise of the letters from sixth-graders which you publish occasionally.

The letters are well written, and present concisely the thoughts of these students about local situations which they think should be remedied.

My compliments to the students and their teachers, and I hope some of these suggestions will be acted upon.

A recent one about the early start hours of school days now seems to be a concern in many parts of the country. In my long-ago junior high and high school days in Charlevoix, I remember that we had to be in school at 8:45 a.m.; had four 45-minute classes and/or study hours, lunch hour and a quarter from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., then another four classes and study hours in the afternoon, ending at 4 p.m.

I don't remember how long grade school sessions were, but they certainly did not start any earlier in the day.

Whose idea was it to start school so early, and what purpose is it supposed to serve?

It is pretty much agreed among medical people that young children and teenagers need more sleep than they are getting with these early school hours.

Anne Olmstead,
La Crescenta, Calif.

Thanks volunteers

Editor:

The word in Webster's dictionary "volunteer" means one who does but doesn't have to. That's exactly what our 172 volunteers who service our patrons do - extending themselves to the limit.

These dedicated people show up on their designated day, regardless of inclement weather, their aches, pains or broken limbs. We certainly appreciate their loyalty.

The 20 members of the board of directors deserve a thank you! They are ever faithful in attending the monthly meetings to make decisions pertaining to our outreach program and the complete function of our organization.

We must not forget our eight employees who go that extra mile beyond their job description.

Tasks such as painting, laundering, cleaning windows, chauffeuring people in an emergency and many other chores only they know are carried on.

They are very special people and we are very proud of them.

Without all of these dear volunteers we would not have been able to be in business for the last 22 years, and for that, we sincerely thank each and every one of you.

Rita Orlowski
Board member
The Rainbow Shoppe

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

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Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors is pleased to welcome Mark Knapp as Sales Manager for its Charlevoix office. Mark brings with him 26 years of real estate experience in Northern Michigan.

Mark Knapp (left) is welcomed to his new position as Sales Manager of the Charlevoix office by Tom Gray, General Manager and President of the Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors North Region.

Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors is the leader in real estate sales volume in Northern Michigan, and Mark is uniquely positioned to help continue the company's growth. His success as sales associate with $6.2 million in sales last year, and his experience as a sales manager and Associate Broker in his previous positions demonstrate his ability. Now he will have the additional exposure, marketing tools and other attributes that come with being part of the country's leading real estate franchise and the region's most successful brokerage. Mark is excited to begin leading the company's efforts in the Charlevoix market.

Stop in and say HI to Mark at his new office at 710 Bridge St., or for the best in real estate service, call him at (231)547-4444.

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Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Ostrum graduates

Corey R. Ostrum, of Charlevoix, graduated from Michigan State University's Agricultural Technology with a degree in applied plant science with an emphasis in commercial turfgrass operations. He also have a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in community recreation administration.

Hoffman on the dean's list

Leslie Hoffman, of Charlevoix, was named to the dean's list at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids for the fall/winter 2004 semester.

Real Estate One gets awards

Real Estate One Charlevoix received the platinum circle award from Real Estate One, Inc. at its awards banquet recently. Additionally Bill Dietrich as named associate of the year with the highest sales volume for the entire affiliate network of 32 offices in Michigan. Joan H. Chodak received recognition for her $6 million-plus sales volume. The team of Rose Brachel and Carol Waldowski accepted awards for more than $4.5 million in business. Kim Hejka earned a plaque for over $3.5 million in sales volume and Margie Tamminga was recognized for $2.5 million-plus in sales volume.

WMU grads

Several Charlevoix students graduated form Western Michigan University in the fall of 2004. They, and their degree, were: Timothy Christiansen, with a bachelor of science in industrial technology; Sara B. Parrish with a bachelor of science in elementary; and Ellsworth student Suzanne P. Olsen with a masters degree in counselor education.

Boat shop techs complete program

Several Irish Boat Shop technicians have completed the American Boat and Yacht Council Marine Technicians Program. They were: Kirk Wilson, Mike Belfry and Andrew Delstrom.

Rubingh named to dean's list

Ellsworth native Monica Ruhingh was named to the dean's list for the 2004 fall semester at Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, Va. She is a freshman at the college.

Suicide conference to touch on prevention

The second of three "Life Lessons: Conferences Dealing with Difficult Issues" presented by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will focus its attention toward the complex issue of suicide. Sponsored jointly by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and Third Level Crisis Center, this suicide conference will be 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in North Central Michigan College's Library Conference Center.

The cost is $5 per person, to cover a portion of the lunch. 5.1 hours of Nursing CEAP credits will be available.

Healthcare professionals and concerned citizens are invited to attend and discuss the national and local impact of suicide and learn the symptoms of depression, warning signs of suicide and services available in the community. Because of the complexity of the subject, a broad spectrum of panelists consisting of local professionals and community members will discuss suicide on a local and personal level.

The morning session of the conference will be focused on the prevention, while the afternoon session will focus on bereavement and aftermath.

Moderated by Greg Billiard of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, the conference will feature speaker Jack Klott of Suicide Prevention Consultants in Grand Rapids.

Other panelists on prevention include; Dr. Marit Vogel, a child psychiatrist; Karen Starkey, director of counseling at Petoskey High School; Andrew Sahara, director of acute services for North Country Community Mental Health; Laura Lasater, a registered nurse; Carolyn Koppenol, psychiatrist and medical director of Northeast Community Mental Health; Ken Winter, editor and publisher of the Petoskey News-Review and a local Law Enforcement Officer.

Barb Smith, presenter for Yellow Ribbon group, facilitator of survivor group and past vice president of the Michigan Association of Suicidology will be speaking in the session focusing on bereavement and aftermath.

Family members who have lost a spouse, child or sibling to suicide will also be on hand.

For more information or to register for the conference, contact Greg Billiard at (231) 487-4825.

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Marriage

Williams —Love

Mindy Lee Williams and Joshua Brian Love, both of Byron, were married Jan. 8, 2005 at Owosso Wesleyan Church in Owosso.

Mindy is the daughter of Kelly and Carrie Williams of Owosso and Ricci and Steve Wagner of Byron.

Joshua is the son of Laurie and Tony Kleiber of Charlevoix and the late Brian T. Love.

The are making Byron and South Carolina their home.

Artrain has arrived, will be open to the public May 14, 15

The Artrain will he open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15.

Sponsoring organization, Crooked Tree Arts Center has invited hundreds of northern Michigan students to visit Artrain Wednesday through Friday, when the train is closed to the public.

On one of these weekdays, the Hannahville Indian School from the Upper Peninsula community of Wilson, will make the three hour drive to visit Artrain.

The school was established to address the needs of Potawatomi students, while teaching them about their history and culture.

One of the artworks these students will see is by a Potawatomi artist.

Artists from the Cherokee, Ojibway, Navaho and Hopi tribes are featured, among others.

"All the artworks on Artrain are originals, created by Native Americans from across the North American Continent," said Artrain chair Tom Moran of Onaway.

"This a is great opportunity for us to see this artwork without having to drive hours and hours. We are fortunate to have Crooked Tree Arts Center sponsor Artrain's visit. I hope everyone comes to Pennsylvania Pack this weekend when the train is open to all."

This visit by Artrain is made especially wonderful because of the involvement of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

Members of the tribe have been involved in the planning of events surrounding the visit, including sharing their own culture and history at the opening reception, which was on May 9 when the Women's Handdrum Singers were featured, as well serving as demonstrating artists during educational as well as public tour days.

To learn more about Artrain's visit to Petoskey, visit www.crookedtee.org.

Also, visit www.artrainusas.org to learn about the Artrain organization.

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NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, May 19, 4:30 pm at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

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Writer's dad taught him many lessons for life

By CHIP SAUER
Community Reformed Church

Beacons of Blessing

I wish my dad was still around.

I wish he would have been there for my wedding. I wish I could still ask him for advice. I wish I could see him at his attempts of humor. But that wasn't the plan. But what I am so thankful for is the fact that I had a dad who lived out what it meant to be a dad.

Being a dad is a tough job and sadly it seems to be a lost art in our society today. Rarely do I hear stories from students about how influential and meaningful their relationship with their dad has been. Too often the influence has been negative and more often simply non-existent.

Here's what stood out to me about my dad:

First, he spent time with me. He was involved in my life. He knew my friends and participated in the activities of which I was a part.

Second, he clearly loved my mom. He evidenced that by his words and actions. I never doubted the health of their relationship. I never wondered if they would stay together.

Third, he listened to me and allowed me (as I got older) to make my own decisions. He didn't always agree, but when I made my decision, he supported me.

Fourth, he consistently told me he was proud of me. He affirmed the person I was becoming. He pointed out my strengths and helped me deal with my weaknesses. He loved me through my failures.

Fifth, he helped me see God. Church was always a priority. I do wish we would have had the chance to speak more openly and often about faith, but I never doubted the priority that God held in his life.

Sixth, he modeled quality. What he did, he did well. He took pride in his work and relationships. And finally, he wrote to me.

That may seem strange to you. What does that mean? It means that I have my dad's written words about his thoughts on life, faith, me, and himself. I am so thankful that my dad took time to write how he felt about me on paper.

We never know what plan God has for us. Make sure there is no doubt in the minds and hearts of your children and spouse how you feel about them.

God has truly modeled what it means to be a Father, and it is only by depending upon Him can any man be the husband or dad that God calls them to be. What do you want your children to learn from you about what it means to be a dad?

"The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him." Proverbs 20:7

Obituary

William "Bill" M. Depuy: Feb. 14, 1936 - May 3, 2005

William "Bill" M. Depuy, 69, of Kalkaska, passed away on May 3, 2005 at his home.

William was born Feb. 14, 1936 in Mt. Pleasant, the son of George and Marguerite (Skinner) Depuy.

Bill graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1954 and then attended Central Michigan University. Bill was also a veteran serving our country in the US Navy.

He designed model cars for Ertl; and also worked as a designer and engineer at Freedman Manufacturing in Charlevoix, Log Cabin Homes in Boyne Falls and Craft Homes in Kalkaska.

Surviving is his sister, George Ann Wolf of Mt. Pleasant; his ex-wife, Kay Kisby Ernst, of Illinois; nieces Marcie (Wolf) Szezubelek of Harbor Springs, Stephanie (Wolf) Wiltse of Grand Rapids, Suzanne (Wolf) Hettenvan of the Netherlands; nephew Max Wolf of Mt. Pleasant.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Dan Depuy, and his brother Eugene Depuy.

There will be a celebration of Bill's life on Sunday, at 3 p.m., May 15 at George Ann's residence in Mt. Pleasant.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska.

Courtesy photo

Students and area democrats meet

Several Charlevoix students attended the recent Charlevoix County Democrats meeting to talk about current events at the Flap Jack Restaurant in Charlevoix. Here some of the students discuss the issues with the group.

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Zahner named county public defender

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix County has hired its first female public defender in the past 10 years.

Kerry Zahner, who replaced Mark Muniak in April, is slated to work for the county until 2006 when her contract will come up for renewal.

"I enjoy it. It's what I did when I first became an attorney, so I feel like I've come full circle," she said.

Zahner graduated high school in Charlevoix, attained her bachelor of science from Michigan State University and went on to get her juris doctor from The Capital University in Columbus, Ohio in 1996.

Zahner began her career later in 1996 as an associate attorney with LeFevre & LeFevre working as a public defender in Saginaw.

She then worked as assistant prosecuting attorney and child support investigator under Mary Beth Kur in the Charlevoix County office of the prosecuting attorney from April 2003 to December 2004.

In Early 2005, Zahner opened her own law office practicing criminal, probate and family law.

According to Zahner, she enjoys both the private and public defense work she does.

"I like helping people navigate through the often complicated system," she said. "And I feel more comfortable in my skin as a defense attorney."

As much as she likes defense work, she said, working for the prosecutors office was a great experience which taught her a lot.

Zahner said she is just recently being appointed clients through her public defender duties, which will be her priority.

But, she added, "I will continue to build my practice."

Zahner said running her own practice comes in handy considering she has two young children.

"So far I enjoy the independence of being on my own and the flexibility it offers," she said.

One of the best things about being a public defender, according to Zahner, is simply helping people.

"I enjoy standing up for people who can't always do that for themselves," she said.

Since she began working in Charlevoix, Zahner has dealt with some severe cases including a couple criminal sexual conduct jury trials involving child victims.

"I think people are surprised to learn that we have our share of criminal sexual conduct," she said. "There have been consistently more serious crimes in the area than I expected."

However, she said, she feels she is up to the challenge.

Zahner added that she is honored to be in the company of her fellow public defenders.

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Kerry Zahner runs her own law firm and is also the new public defender for Charlevoix County.

And, she said, she appreciates the support of the judges, commissioners and consortium members in Charlevoix county.

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Students gearing up for high school prom

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The Prom Committee meets to discuss refreshments, decorations and valet parking arrangements with their junior advisor.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Students from Charlevoix high are preparing for their annual prom Saturday night.

According to Junior Caitlin Cole, the prom committee has met approximately every other week for months in order to plan the big event.

"We've been planning since October," she said.

According to the prom committee, the theme of this year's prom is Splash of Class, with a color scheme of teal, black, fuchsia and dark blue.

"We thought it would be fun to have the usual classy prom, but with a little more color," Cole said.

About eight to 10 students work on the committee full-time planning where the event will take place, what materials will be used for decorations and even what color the tissue paper will be.

One of the kids in attendance at the meeting was junior class secretary/treasurer Kristin Dupuis who felt she had some great ideas for the prom.

"I joined the committee because I wanted to make sure the prom was good," she said.

English teacher Karen Peterson serves as one of two junior class advisors.

She said her favorite part of helping with the prom committee is working with the kids.

"They are excited about the prom, so it's neat to be a part of it," Peterson said.

From 8 p.m. to 12 p.m., May 14, the Kings Ballroom of Castle Farms will host the prom. Peterson asked any parents who would like to help, to call the school at (231) 547-3222.

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Campbell appointed to council again

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

The Charlevoix City Council hoped to end any issues with last month's appointment of Gabe Campbell to it with a vote or reaffirmation at the May 2 meeting.

Gabe was appointed to the seat following the resignation of council member — and his wife — Karen Campbell due to health reasons in April.

However, there was some question if the council that voted him in to the open seat had enough people present to allow it to even vote.

At the time, the mayor, Norman "Boogie" Carlson and two council members, Bill Haggard and Bill Bellows, were away on vacation. This left Council Member's Shirley Gibson, Bob Timms, Sherman Chamberlain and Bill Bellows left to vote. However, Bellows was sitting in for Carlson as the mayor and could not vote.

Gabe was nominated and voted in to the open seat by all those left. According to Carlson though, with so many council members away, Bellows not being allowed to vote and Karen resigning, there may not have been a quorum of the council to vote.

"I don't think this is a question of his (Gabe's) qualifications. I would support him for that seat. This is just paperwork," Carlson said in a previous story.

Therefore, at the April 18 meeting, Carlson asked Gabe to resign and be reappointed.

But, the city clerk informed Carlson she did not have the city charter and could not swear Gabe in that night.

Gabe decided not to resign. This meant any votes Gabe made could be voided, according to Carlson.

But council hopes its latest move will end this issue outright.

At the beginning of the May 2 meeting, Carlson asked for a vote of reaffirmation of Gabe's nominations.

There was only one council member absent from this meeting, Haggard, making it a clear quorum. Gabe was voted in unanimously.

"I appreciate it," Gabe said. "I didn't see it as a problem before. I think this will put it to rest."

Harpist to perform at methodist church

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host a concert by Linda Rice at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, May 10.

Rice is the only female gospel harpist in the world with a full-time touring schedule. She plays 100 concerts every year in churches and prisons (federal and state) throughout the United States. Rice will play sixty concerts behind bars in 2005.

She travels with her blue harp, electronic equipment, and her husband, Willis.

The church is located at 104 State St. in Charlevoix. For more information, please call the church at 547-2654. There will be no admission charge, a free will offering will be taken at the conclusion of the program.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MAY 16, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, to receive public input on a proposed amendment to the animal ordinance of the City Code. The Ordinance would amend the City Code by recodifying Title IX, Chapter 133: Animals in its entirety and would add section 9.125, which will regulate dogs in the East Park area.

Section 9.125 is proposed to read as follows:

9.125. Dog Regulations - East Park Area.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day and during the festival known as Apple Fest, no person, who owns, keeps or possesses a dog, shall permit the dog to enter on or within that portion of East Park that is bounded by: on the north - the sidewalk to the south of East Clinton Street; on the south - the paved portion of Mason Street; on the east - the sidewalk which runs along Round Lake between East Clinton Street and East Mason Street; and on the west - the sidewalk adjacent to the east side of Bridge Street between East Clinton Street and East Mason Street.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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Forensics team competes at state finals

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The forensics team was in Mt. Pleasant for the state finals. They are (front, from left): Julie Neidert, Anne Strawbridge (back) Jessica Soto, Anna Taylor, Alex Heffling, Alex Urban, Jacob Kirby, Adam Wager, Cody Morrison, Brian Whitley and Nick Williams. Missing from photo is Susan Curtis.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some select local high school students tested their communication skills in Mt. Pleasant last weekend.

Coach and Director of performing arts at Charlevoix High school, Connie Ford, led her forensics students to the state finals hosted by Central Michigan University May 6 and 7.

"I like the challenge of teaching students to learn to communicate and be flexible in any situation they get into," she said.

For 36 years and counting, Ford's students learn the essentials of story telling, informative, extemporaneous and other forms of public speaking.

According to Ford, some students from Charlevoix always make the state level of competition.

Despite missing out on a trophy by two points, Ford is proud of her kids.

"I think they did a marvelous job placing as high as they did considering so few of them went against schools that had full loads," she said.

And, she added, "We were still able to maintain a solid position."

Anna Taylor placed in the top 12 in extemporaneous category while the multiple group placed ninth in the state.

"We didn't win, but we did quite well," Ford said. "They picked up enough points to be 7th in class C-D."

She added, "When you're going up against Andover and the Detroit School for the Performing Arts, you have some pretty heavy competition."

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Library makes adjustments to plan

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The new 24,000 square foot library plan set for completion in fall 2006 awaits a few minor adjustments.

According to Library Director Valerie Meyerson, while the major demolition is complete, construction has yet to start on the new library building.

"We're about a month later than we planed on being, but I don't think it will hurt anything," she said.

"We took into account that there would be delays."

Meyerson said structural engineers found a couple items in the building which have changed a few points in the overall plan.

"We need more additional columns than we earlier thought," she said.

Clark construction, the same firm which managed work on the Petoskey Library, is handling the Charlevoix project estimated at $5.6 million.

Meyerson said the funds budgeted do not include furniture or other soft fees such as consulting.

The situation regarding the library building currently on Clinton Street hasn't changed much either, according to Meyerson.

"Right now we have the building until we leave," she said.

Meyerson said, "In the 60s the Saltonstall family donated the piece of property. The school really never paid for the land or the building."

However, the school district claims it owns the library building and wants to use it for possible administrative offices.

Others want the library to have the opportunity to sell it and use the money to pay for the new library buildings. Litigation over the ownership of the building has been mentioned.

According to Connie Saltonstall, though a delicate issue, litigation over the old library shouldn't be necessary.

"The reality is that the library owns the library," she said.

Saltonstall said the school believes they have a right to the property by way of a reverter clause.

She added, "As far as I'm concerned, the reverter clause isn't an issue. It was never signed and never executed."

Saltonstall said she and her sister offered to sign off on the deed restriction and trade the Clinton street property for the old middle school in October 2002 at a joint meeting between the library building committee and the building and site committee of the Charlevoix school board.

"They announced to us that they had no interest in that building at all, that they would use either the bus garage property or high school property for administrative office space," she said.

She added, "They went ahead and built a new addition to the high school for athletic training. If they're so short of funds, why not save the money and use it toward offices?"

According to Dr. John Sturock, Superintendent of Charlevoix schools, the money in the sinking fund designated for administrative offices is still there.

He emphasized that the shortage the school is experiencing is in operational, not capital funds.

He added, even if the school board wanted, they could not have traded the middle school for the Clinton street property.

"The law says we have to get the appraised value out of the asset," Sturock said.

To Sturock's knowledge, the library board planned to deal with the Clinton street property issue in April or May.

"We're just waiting for the library to respond to us in regard to the deed," he said.

"All we're saying is, re-file the quick claim deed and make it right so we can go on from here."

Sturock said by renovating the Clinton street building, the schools could possibly save hundreds of thousands of dollars which could then be diverted to other needs.

Attorney for Charlevoix public schools, Gordon Vanwieren Jr., declined to comment in detail as this is an ongoing matter.

However, he said, "At this time the parties are working in good faith to correct the situation."

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Most of the demolition is complete on the new library building which awaits construction.

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Career, tech students honored at dinner

The achievements of approximately 200 high school students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes were recently celebrated before a packed house at the annual CTE Recognition Dinner.

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District hosted the May 3 Recognition Dinner to honor students for being among the top seven percent of those attending Career and Technical Education classes. More than 2,600 high school students enroll annually in the 39 CTE programs available across local schools within Char-Em ISD.

Approximately 600 people attended the Recognition Dinner, including students, parents, Career and Technical Education teachers, and other school personnel.

In addition to each student receiving a pin and certificate, one Career and Technical Education program's activities were highlighted at the Recognition Dinner.

Petoskey High School presented information about Project Thanksgiving, a cooperative endeavor of the Food Service/Hospitality and Tourism and Construction Technology Career and Technical Education classes. The students organized the event to purchase, cook, and deliver Thanksgiving meals to 63 families last year.

In addition to the students, Char-Em ISD recognized six business partners for their continued support of the Career and Technical Education programs. Polly Flippo of North Central Michigan College, Christine Meister of Northern Michigan Hospital, and Chris Wilhelm of Charlevoix Area Hospital were recognized for their involvement in an upcoming medical career investigation to encourage students to enter on e of the many health occupations.

Andy Hayes of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and formerly of Harbor House Publishers, was honored for his role in the ISD-created video highlighting the CTE programs operated at area schools. Carlin Smith of Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce was honored for his continued support of the schools in numerous ways, including as emcee of the Career and Technical Education Recognition Dinner.

Carl Wager of Little Traverse Association of Home Builders was also honored for his organization's support of providing scholarships for Construction Technology students.

The Little Traverse Association of Home Builders and Construction Technology classes from Petoskey, Charlevoix and Boyne City annually team up to build and auction a garage. Numerous sponsors donated toward the 2005 garage built with proceeds supporting student scholarships within Construction Technology programs. Wager presented a check for $1,875 to each of the schools for scholarships (see related story on garage build proceeds).

Carlin Smith, Executive Director of Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, served as emcee for the evening which involved students from all schools within Char-Em ISD.

Book dealer to show how to find rare reading gems

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will feature rare and used book dealer, Mary Carney, at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, June 8 in the lower level of the library.

Carney who is the owner of First Editions Bookstores in Muskegon Heights and Morton will talk about "Spotting a Rare and Collectible Book."

Carney has a background in anthropology and library science. She also has extensive experience in bookbinding. She has been very helpful in evaluating and appraising the Charlevoix library's Michigan Room collection.

Following Carney's presentation, patrons are welcome to bring one book for Carney to appraise. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

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Student art show to be Thursday

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Children from the elementary, middle and high school prepared all year to show off their artistic flair.

The annual Charlevoix public schools K-12 art show kicks off 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at Charlevoix elementary and runs until 9 p.m.

"The entire art departments of all three buildings will be showing an accumulation of what they've done throughout the year," said Mary Beth McGraw, elementary art teacher. There will be many forms of multimedia at the show including drawings, paintings, jewelry, sculpture and textiles.

"That night we also have middle and high school kids putting on demonstrations," McGraw said.

Parents and children will have the chance to interact with the demonstrations such as making their own jewelry.

"We also have student musicians performing throughout the evening," McGraw added.

The art show is a great way for the community to see just what the future generations are up to and it gives the kids a small taste of the world of art.

"They absolutely love showing their artwork. It gives them an opportunity to learn how to operate in a show setting," she said.

According to McGraw, the arts incorporate all subjects, which allows the kids to really learn a lot from completing their projects.

"It's a time to support the arts because they are just an integral part of a complete education," she said.

The art show is also open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Monday.

Middle school band honored

Middle School Band students earned medals for performing at the district Solo and Ensemble Festival on April 16 in Kalkaska.

Students played solos, duets, trios and quartets and earned high ratings for their performances. Soloists were accompanied by Don Neidert on piano. Musicians include — Eighth graders: Kimber Wager, Shelbi Burtt, Katherine Forrester, Christina Miller, Rachel Melke, Ellise Smolenyak, Heather Poston, Veronica Shull, Emma Baker. Seventh graders: Madison Way, Taylor Storm, Mikaela Witthoeft, Larissa Hoolihan, Rachel Boss, Shauna Bradley, Krista Pischner, Jaimee Eubanks, Kaitlyn Boyko, Katlynn Johnson, Jenni Curry, Hillary Lutz, Sara Wilkinson, Bailey Chamberlain, Lily Left, Roberta Molter, Alex Foster, Dana Baier, Amanda Fritsch, Amy Waldron, Katie Young, Megan Menosky, Ciasi Stachler, Nikki Speigel, Catty Bryant, Ally Telgenhof, Kayla Kehrer, Raymond Shenoskey.

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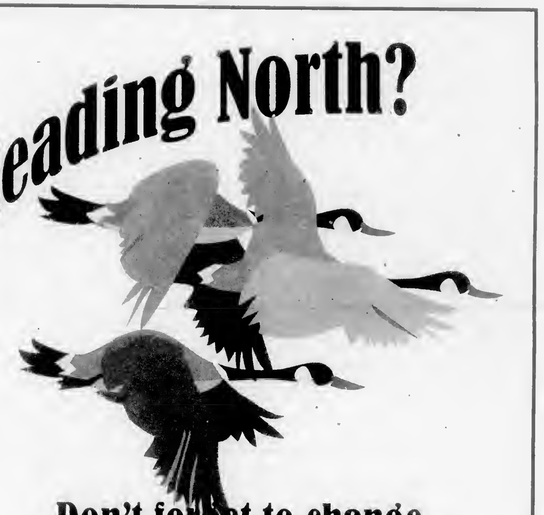

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Charlevoix students visit Washington D.C.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Driving 800 miles for a civics lesson may seem excessive, but some educators feel the excursion is essential to a well rounded education.

Eighth graders from Charlevoix Middle School made their annual journey to Washington D.C. last week.

And according to middle school Principal Keith Haske, the trek was a success.

"The D.C. trip was awesome...the kids were tremendous," he said.

Haske said a part of what the kids learn in eighth grade history consists of studying the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

"This trip helps make that come alive a little bit more than just sitting in a classroom," he said. "I think it goes hand in hand with the curriculum.

Of his four trips with the eighth grade class, Haske said, this was the first time he was able to see the Declaration of Independence due to the fact that it has been undergoing restoration.

"I just really enjoyed seeing the Declaration of Independence and being just inches away from it," he said.

He added, seeing things like both the holocaust and Vietnam memorials help give the kids some insight into history classes they will take later on.

Some of the more interesting stops on the trip, Haske said, were when the kids saw Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian museum and the National Archives.

"I think the kids are always impressed by the changing of the guard," he said.

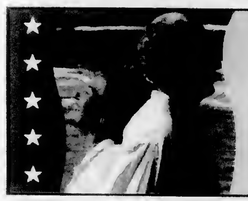
He added, "I really thought our kids appreciated some of the things they saw. It was a pretty valuable lesson."

In addition to all the monuments and historical documents, some kids who normally don't leave the area were introduced to a whole new culture in big city living.

The real highlight, Haske said, "Is everybody came back safe."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(From left) Zach Amstutz, Thomas Parrish, Amber Hoffman, Alyssa McCormack laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns while an Old Guard of the Army's 3rd Infantry assists. The wreath laying ceremony takes place every half hour after the changing of the guard. The kids had to apply a year in advance and names were drawn amongst the eighth grade class to see which four kids would partake.



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Chamber Action

* The 2005 Charlevoix Community Profile & Visitor's Guide is completed and available at the Chamber office.
* The Chamber is booking bands for the Summer Concert Series.
* The Chamber has begun work on the 2005 "Menu Notebook" project.
* The Chamber will sell special centennial flags to celebrate Charlevoix's 100th anniversary.
* The Chamber is in the final stages of planning The Taste of Charlevoix
* The Chamber is planning a Dinner Dance June 18 at the Belvedere Club.
* The Chamber is sponsoring the Charlevoix Summer Solstice Art Show June 25-26.
* The Chamber is working on a bridal registry flyer which will benefit bridal groups and bring additional business to area merchants.
* The Chamber is hosting two fishing tournaments, the Michigan Bass Chapter Federation on June 4-5 and the National Bass Anglers Association on September 24.
* The Chamber is planning a "Charities Night" for Fall of 2005.
* As of this date, the Chamber has 14 groups confirmed and 4 groups pending.

Happy 100th Anniversary Charlevoix!

Charlevoix will celebrate its Centennial this coming June 2005. Special commemorative flags can be purchased at the Chamber office.

Coldwell Banker-Schmidt Realtors Welcomes Mark Knapp

As of May 2nd, Mark Knapp is the new manager of Coldwell Banker-Schmidt Realtors. Stop in and wish him well!

Public Invited to "Halfway to the Top"

On May 20th at 10:00 a.m. there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Halfway to the Top. City and chamber of commerce representatives will be present. The public is invited, refreshments will be served. Stop by to say "Congratulations!" to Mary Faculak and David Guanci.

Community Events

Art Show at Charlevoix Elementary School

Charlevoix Public Schools Art Department presents the K-12 Art Show. Opening nights are May 12th 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; May 13th and May 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Charlevoix Middle School Band Spring Concert

The Charlevoix Middle School Bands' Spring Concert is Thursday, May 19th at 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Join band members after the concert for an ice cream social featuring "Charlevoix Mugs" for sale at $5.00 each.

Blossom Festival at Friske's

May 21st will be an exciting Saturday at Friske's. They are celebrating their Blossom Festival with a pancake breakfast, stroll thru the blossoms, children's activities and wagon rides. It's a good day for some family fun at Friske's.

Castle Showcase - A Community Preview May 30th

You are invited to peruse the grandeur of the newly renovated Castle Farms. Tours will take you through both interior and exterior areas of the fully restored stone castles. Admission is free from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. with tours and activities for the family.

3rd Annual Wheelway Ride/ Walk June 4th

Top of Michigan Trails Council and the Charlevoix Chamber will sponsor a bike ride/walk on the paved Little Traverse Wheelway along Lake Michigan on National Trails Day, June 4. The theme is "Take the Path to a Healthier You". Applications are available at the Chamber office.

The Taste of Charlevoix is June 18th 10am-4pm

Chamber Dinner Dance

The Chamber Dinner Dance is June 18th. This is a wonderful time to welcome the summer season and dance the night away. This event takes place at the nostalgic Belvedere Casino. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.; after dinner chocolate, cocktails and music by KGB at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Chamber office.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

May 18	CCH Annual Creation Celebration & Open House 547-5599
May 19	100 Miles in 100 Days Hospital Foundation 547-8502
May 20-21	The Walloon Lake Inn Cooking School
May 21	Blossom Festival Friske's Orchards 599-2604
May 26	Operation Petunia 547-0455
May 27	Pick-up Geraniums Sales, Hospital Foundation 547-7034
May 28-29	Charlevoix's 7th Annual Antique Show 237-0884.
May 28	Spring Plant Sale 547-1978
May 30	Castle Farms Renovation Grand Opening
May 30	Annual Charlevoix Area Hospital Memorial Service 547-8502
June 4-5	B.A.S.S. Tournament 547-2101
June 3	Hospice Benefit Auction 536-2842
June 4	National Trails Day Bike Ride/Walk 547-2101

Business After Hours

The 4th Annual Spring Charlevoix County Chambers Business After Hours is Wednesday, May 25th from 5-7pm at Elm Point in East Jordan. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT IS ON WEDNESDAY. Sponsors are Corporate Title, Michigan Works, No-Burn and North Central Michigan College

Retail Meeting

The next Retail meeting is May 19th at 8:45 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant

Business Breakfast

The next First Friday Biz Breakfast is June 3 at Grey Gables with guest speaker David Miles from Charlevoix Historical Society

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March of Dimes Walk to help babies

Residents in the Charlevoix-Petoskey area will have an opportunity to support the March of Dimes in it's annual WalkAmerica on Saturday, May 14.

This is an easy five mile walk, beginning and ending at the Winter Sports Park in Petoskey. The walk has been organized so that people bringing small children, or not wanting to walk for five miles, can still participate by walking shorter distances.

The primary focus of the March of Dimes is the prevention of premature births. More than 470,000 babies, one out of every eight, are born prematurely in the U.S. each year.

Some are so tiny they cannot even cry. Many of those babies die, while others face lifelong disabilities. Funds raised by the March of Dimes are used in research programs to prevent premature births and provide education and support to help affected families.

Participants in the annual walk typically are sponsored by friends and family members. Children through age 17 are awarded prizes for raising at least $100.

Adults age 18 and over are eligible to earn prizes, such as T-shirts, sweatshirts and DVD players for various levels of support starting at $125.

Registration for the walk and the awarding of prizes begins at 8 a.m. on the day of the walk, Saturday, May 14.

For pledge envelopes or information, you may call Bill Soellner (231) 526-0301 or Pete Staelens (231) 348-3708.

Coast Guard to co-host boating safety day

The U.S. Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadron, the Charlevoix County Sheriff and the Michigan Department of Natural resources will host Boating Safety Day 2005 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, June, 17, in East Park in downtown Charlevoix.

There will be activities and information for both children and adults including (but not limited to) tours of rescue assets, courtesy inspections of your vessel by the Auxiliary, an obstacle course for the kids, flare and fire extinguisher demonstrations, a helicopter/boat rescue demonstration on Round Lake and much more.

In addition, the Charlevoix County Sheriff will be administering the State Boating Safety Exam. For more information on the exam, call (231) 547-4461 ext. 320.

For any other questions or for more information about this event contact BM2 Rudy Patten at (231) 547-2565.

New friend of the court named

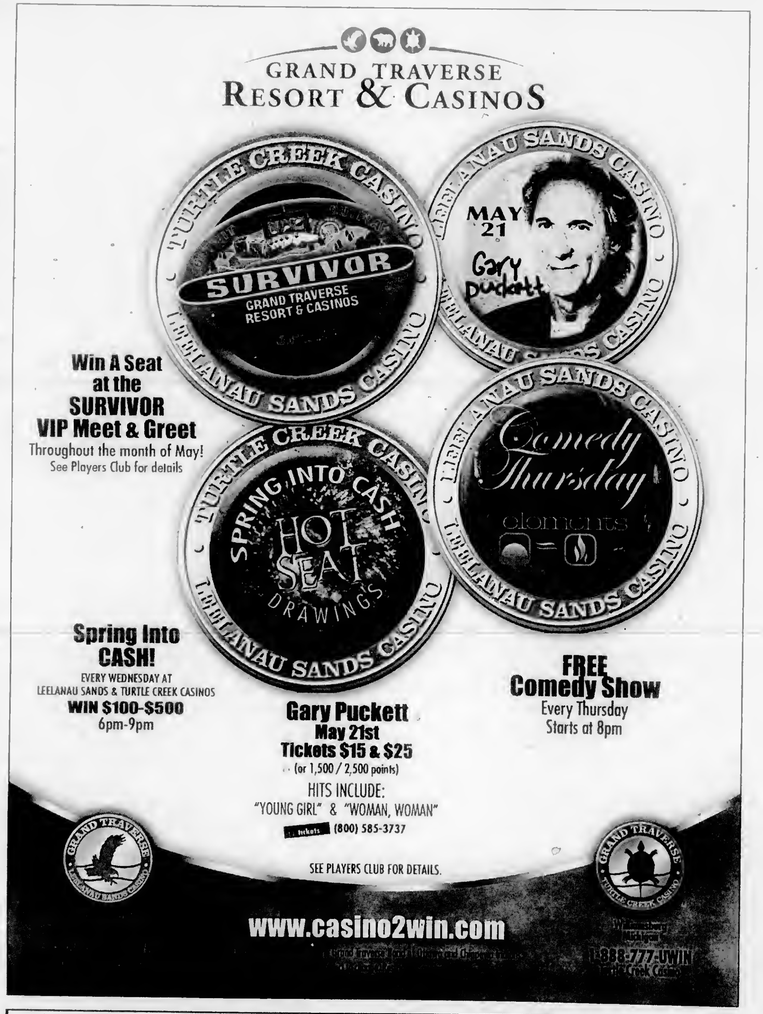
Charlevoix County Circuit Judge Richard M. Pajtas announced that James C. Raber has been appointed to serve as Charlevoix County Friend of Court.

The appointment was effective on April 4 following the retirement of George Ebenhoeh after 28 years of service. The Friend of Court office serves the Family Division of the Circuit Court and has nine employees.

Raber joined the Charlevoix County Friend of Court office in 2001 as Assistant Friend of Court. He was previously employed by Child and Family Services of Northwest Michigan as an intensive foster care worker with families and children. He has worked as a Title I aide at the Boyne City Middle School after completing an internship with the Charlevoix County Probate Court.

Raber received a bachelor's degree in social work from Ferris State University in 1998. He is a graduate of Boyne City High School and attended North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

He is married and has three children.



Classified Ads Pay Off

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Drug search

The Charlevoix Community School District and the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office searched the Charlevoix High School parking lot April 29 with drug sniffing dogs. The search was a routine procedure by the sheriff's office and took place at schools across the country that day. No drugs were found in Charlevoix schools.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 701 OF 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 5.82(23)(b) OF ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 51 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE TO ADD A SPECIAL USE IN THE "C-1" ZONE DISTRICT.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

Section 1. Addition of Section 5.82(23)(b) to Article IV of Chapter 51.

Section 5.82(23)(b) is hereby added to Article V of Chapter 51 and shall read as follows:

(b) Retail establishments having a gross leasable area of greater than 15,000 square feet. Any single retail business shall not occupy a gross leasable area of greater than 45,000 square feet within a free standing of multi-tenant building such as a shopping center. (This shall not act to limit the size of collective businesses located within multi-tenant buildings such as shopping centers.)

The intent of this section is to insure that large retail development is of a quality that enhances the character of Charlevoix, and does not overwhelm its surroundings, and protects and contributes to the health, safety and welfare of the community. Large retail development can result in substantial impacts to the community, such as, but not limited to noise, traffic, community character, environment, and the local economy. (The purpose of this section is to address these impacts and provide for detailed view of such uses.)

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinence shall become effective thirty (30) days after enactment.

Ordinance No. 701 was hereby adopted on the 14th of March, 2005, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Gabe Campbell
Seconded by: Councilmember Shirley Gibson
Yeas: Council members Timms, Bellows, Campbell, Chamberlain and Gibson
Nays: None.
Absent: Councilmember Haggard

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BUSINESS

New owners of Oma's make several changes

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Editor

Del and Lori Hart and Dale and Elizabeth Rich, all of Charlevoix, have big plans for Oma's Breakfast Club now that they are its new owners.

The two couples took ownership of the longtime Charlevoix restaurant on March 1 after deciding they wanted to go into partnership together on a business. With their experience at Oma's — Lori is the former owner's daughter — they thought this would be the best opportunity for them.

Del, who was a cook for a few years before working for East Jordan Iron Works said, "I always loved cooking and I figured owning my own business was better than working my whole life at the iron works. I love it."

Del is the manager and cook for the restaurant.

Elizabeth said regular customers to the restaurant will see some nice changes, starting with consistent hours of operation. She said the business will be open all winter and someone will be there every day.

Elizabeth added other changes include an expanded menu that includes lunch.

She stressed Oma's is not just about breakfast anymore. She also said Oma's is not really a club; anyone can come and eat.

"It is just a name," she said.

Additionally, Elizabeth said the restaurant will now accept credit cards, it is 100 percent non-smoking, it will have outdoor seating in the summer, they are working on a creating a delivery service to the marina and she is redecorating its inside to include student art.

Plus, because Elizabeth is an owner of the Villa Moderne Motel in Charlevoix, people staying at the motel can get a discount on their meals.

She added they are still trying to think of more changes they can make to the business.

"We are open to all kinds of ideas and suggestions," she said.

Oma's Breakfast Club is located in the Oleson's Plaza on Bridge Street in Charlevoix, near Antrim Street. It is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday.

In July, Oma's will be open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. everyday.

For more information on Oma's Breakfast Club, call (231) 547-9722.

Photo by Jeremy McBain

Del Hart (left) and Elizabeth Rich are the new owners of Oma's Breakfast Club in downtown Charlevoix. The restaurant is now open for lunch.

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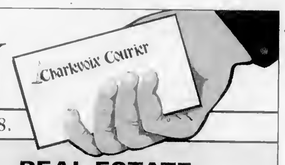

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Historical society to offer prints for birthday 100

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have yet to discover the instigator of its move from village to city.

As Charlevoix moves closer to its anniversary of incorporation, Miles and the historical society ready their collection of keepsakes from the past century.

"We have a headlight off a 1907 two-cylinder Cadillac," he said. "It weighs about a good 25 pounds."

He added, "We have the bell from the old bridge...bridge number four. It came out in 1947. We're going to set it up so people can ring it when they come in."

Some of the many items on display to celebrate 100 years of Charlevoix are a brick from the Parkside restaurant, an old wooden drain pipe, shuffleboard sticks from East Park and a 1930s era drinking fountain.

According to Miles, there is also a 1950s parking meter lined up for viewing.

"(It was) back when you could park for one hour for five cents and 12 minutes for a penny," he said.

In addition, there will be a special exhibit dedicated to the Inn Hotel which fell on hard times in the 1930s and was later dismantled.

"The Inn was one of the biggest hotels in the state of Michigan," Miles said. "In fact, it was second only to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

The other main activity the historical society has planned for the celebration is to sell reprinted photos of previous or currently existing historical sites.

Until recently, the photos were only available to local business owners, many of whom plan to display them at their place of business in recognition the anniversary.

"The photos are 13 inches by 19 inches and are printed on ceramic stock paper," Miles said.

Upon each photograph reads the logo: City of Charlevoix; 100th Anniversary; Act of Incorporation 1905-2005.

According to Miles, the pictures, which are tested to last approximately 150 years, are available for $50 each.

Miles said the photo sale went so well with local businesses, the Harsha House decided to open the sale up to the public.

"Just come in any time we're open," he said.

Harsha House hours for the upcoming season are: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday in May; Tuesday—Saturday in June; Monday—Saturday in August.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Dave Miles shows off one of the photos available for sale. It depicts some churchgoers shoving off from the Belvedere Bayou for Sunday service in the early 1900s.

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SPORTS

Charelvoix soccer team's streak broken

Charlevoix had its unbeaten streak snapped at eight with a non conference loss to Williamston at home on Saturday, 2-0.

Williamston, ranked in the top ten in Division Three, controlled the play most of the day, managing 19 shots on goal to 5 for the Rayders.

Charlevoix split the net minding duties on Saturday, with Laura Nitchman playing the first half and making nine saves and allowing one goal at the 30 minute mark of the half.

Sophomore Lori Zimmerman played in the net in the second half, recording eight saves against the second Williamston score. Maddie McKenzie played a great game defensively and was awarded the Rayders Player of the Game ball.

On May 5, Charlevix beat Boyne City, 5-0.

Jaime Pettis scored two goals and was matched by freshman Becca Madison who also scored two. Ariel Ramsey notched the final goal and assisted Pettis on one of her scores. Sarah Cross had an assist and Madison picked up two assists.

The Rayder defense provided honorable mention all state keeper Nitchman with an easy night as she stopped Boyne on just two opportunities to pick up the Rayders' sixth shutout of the season.

Teresa Potter earned the Rayders Player of the Game ball.

On May 3, Charlevoix beat Traverse City St. Francis, 3-0.

Charlevoix, going with the wind in the first half, kept the pressure on and broke through for a 1-0 lead when Madison converted on a direct kick.

Later in the first half, the Rayder freshmen combined again when Ramsey sent home a shot in the corner of the net on the assist by Kaleigh Blanchard.

Charlevoix came out strong in the second half and maintained the pressure against the wind.

Ramsey notched her second goal of the night when Madison sent a nice through ball to Pettis who laid off the assist.

The Rayders outshot the Liberty 12 to 9 on the night. Rayder keeper Nitchman earned the shutout in the net for Charlevoix.

Our defensive line of Stevie Murray, McKenzie and Lisa Kuebler had a good game in combination to minimize the pressure on Nitchman. Cross, Zita Anderson and Madison were able to control the match.

Madison earned the Rayders game ball.

Boys' track team places second in Traverse meet

The Charlevoix boys' track team finished second in the Traverse City track meet May 6.

The team scored 32 points for second place. Kingsley was in first with a score 39.5. Glen Lake was in third with 30 points.

Individual results for the boys' team were:

• 3200 meter relay — the team of Nate Sotuyo, Brandon Stevens, Scott Plude and Jacob Wimmer finished third with a time of 8 minutes, 28 seconds.

• Long jump — Ryan Seelye finished in first with a distance of 19 feet, 9 inches.

• 800 relay — The team of Seelye, Jared Hunt, Mike DiMartino and Ben Bergmann was in fifth with a time of 1 minute, 35.6 seconds.

• Discus — Jeff Golovich finished in third with a distance of 130 feet.

• 400 meter — Nate Sonyo in sixth with a time of 54 seconds.

• 800 meter — Hunt in fifth with a time of 2 minutes, 6.2 seconds.

• 300 meter hurdles — Golovich in sixth with a time of 42.6 seconds.

• 1600 meter relay — The team of Bergmann, Hunt, Darron Manson and Sotuyo in fifth with a time of 3 minutes, 37.2 seconds.

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Rayders baseball sweeps Harbor Springs

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

It was a week of sweeps for the Charlevoix Rayders baseball team as they defeated Harbor Springs, 6-1 and 8-3, but fell to Kalkaska, 6-4 in seven innings and 6-3 in a four inning darkness shortened contest.

Tyler Bier threw a complete game three-bitter against the Rams, giving up only one walk and striking out nine. He also helped himself at the plate with a single and two RBIs.

Michael Wojan singled, tripled and scored two runs. Matt Teuscher also had two hits, a run scored and an RBI. Eddie Waldron singled, scored and drove in a run.

In game two, Matt Teuscher pitched a complete game for the win. He gave up only six hits, one earned run, struck out four and helped himself at the plate with three RBI.

Waldron had two hits and three RBI. Wojan tripled. Bier singled and scored two runs. Logan Niswander had a pinch-hit RBI single in the third that broke a 3-3 tie and put Charlevoix ahead to stay.

"We jumped on them early (in game one) and Tyler cruised the rest of the way," Coach Bryan Hawkins said. "It was exactly the kind of effort we were looking for. (In game two), I was really pleased with (Matt Teuscher's) control and confidence as the game wore on. I was really happy for (Logan Niswander) to come in and deliver like he did. It really lit a fire under us the rest of the way."

Against Kalkaska, Waldron took the tough loss, throwing 6 2/3 innings in relief, giving up only five hits, one walk and two earned runs while striking out nine. He struck out the first two batters he faced in a one-out, bases loaded situation in the first.

Waldron also led the hitters with a single, double, run scored and RBI. Bier was also 2 for 3 with a run and RBI. Jake Teuscher doubled. Matt Teuscher and Niswander each had RBI singles.

In the nightcap, Charlevoix fell behind 6-0 in the third innings but rallied on consecutive singles by Jake Teuscher, Bier and Waldron. Matt Teuscher then reached on an error and Shannon Gillespie knocked in a run on a fielder's choice, cutting the lead to 6-3.

The game was called due to darkness after the end of the fourth.

"Overall I was satisfied by our effort and heart we showed during both games, but am obviously disappointed with the outcome," Hawkins said. "We felt coming in that it was a good opportunity to win against a perennial power in the league, but now we'll have to re-focus on our games at Traverse City St. Francis."

The Rayders (7-8 overall, 3-3 conference) visit the Gladiators on Thursday, May 12.

Charlevoix's JV team went 3-1 last week to up their record to 13-3, sweeping Harbor Springs, 12-0 and 8-2 and splitting with Elk Rapids, winning 9-6 and losing 10-7.

Lady Rayders beat Harbor Springs, lose to Kalkaska

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders swept Harbor Springs in softball action last week, winning game one, 14-10 and game two, 10-0.

Later in Lake Michigan Conference action, the Rayders lost two to conference leader, Kalkaska, 9-2 and 13-1.

"The team played good fundamental softball," Coach Elizabeth Grunch said. "Things really came together against Harbor Springs where we were very tough on offense and defense."

Desi Faust was the winning pitcher in both games against the Rams, striking out seven in game one and one in game two, where she only walked one.

Genevieve Kochanny, Faust and Sally Haselschwardt all had two hits in the opener. One of Kochanny's was a double. Leah Kelly also doubled.

Sasha Spencley and Jess Gauthier both singled.

In the nightcap, Gauthier had two doubles and a triple. Spencley also had three hits, including a double. Kochanny doubled and tripled.

Faust and Ashley Jones also had hits.

Against Kalkaska, in game one, Spencley, Kochanny, Haselschwardt, Faust and Brittany Niswander all had hits for Charlevoix. Faust was the losing pitcher.

Spencley and Haselschwardt each doubled in game two for the Rayders' only hits.

"Kalkaska is a very good team with a dominant pitcher but we still attacked the ball pretty hard and had lots of opportunities on the bases but we left too many on," Grunch observed. "It was a good effort by the Rayders."

Charlevoix (5-13 overall, 2-6 conference) travels to Traverse City St. Francis on Thursday, May 12.

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Article IV
Delete the definition of "Zoning Board".

Amend the definitions of the following terms: "Air Pollution, Annual Plan, Blasting Pollution, Bond, Noise Pollution, Overburden, and Water Pollution."

Add the following new definitions: "Abandoned, Environmental Plan, Mining Area, Reclamation, and Planning Commission".

Article VI
Amended regulations to:

1. Limit amount of berm construction without vegetation.
2. Increase setback of disturbed land from property boundary.
3. Increase maximum height of buildings.
4. Delete requirement that money damages be paid if water table is affected.
5. Shorten period of time before bond is required.
6. Change references from Zoning Board to Planning Commission.
7. Require all mine operators to submit plans with 12 months of effective date of this ordinance.
8. Increase district size from 40 to 100 acres.
9. Publish a notice if applying for permits for activity within 300 feet of flowing water bodies.

Article VII
Language revised to specify requirements for new mining operations.

Article VIII
Language revised to specify requirements for Annual Plan submittals to the Township by mine operators and requirements for the Township review process. This article also specifies Environmental Plan and contents.

Article IX
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Article X
Raises fines for violations from $100.00 to $1,000.00 per day.

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Brady shot six times morning of April 19

MURDER

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During an interview with Lt. Mike Wheat in the hours after the murder, Goldstick admitted to shooting Brady.

According to Wheat, Goldstick said he shot Brady because he was afraid he would get caught for taking about $2,000 from the VFW fund.

He added Goldstick also said work was piling up and he was afraid Brady would lose faith in him if he found out about the unfinished work.

The Michigan State Police crime lab found the murder weapon later that day in a plastic bag at the Rosenhaus residence 8091 Indian Trails in Charlevoix, the same residence of which Goldstick used to switch vehicles shortly after the murder.

According to Vondra, he spoke with Goldstick in the days following the murder.

"We talked about his financial issues," Vondra said, to which Goldstick reportedly admitted skimming money from the VFW.

"One example was that he was in charge of ordering flags. He would charge flags to his personal credit card and then write himself a check for that amount," Vondra said.

In later discussions Goldstick also admitted to constructing makeshift silencers, according to Vondra.

Vondra's said Goldstick told him a farmer on Barnard road taught him how to make the silencers for squirrel hunting when he was a child.

Several times during the four-and-a-half hour hearing, the defense Robert Banner objected to testimony, citing he would later challenge some of the admissions made by Goldstick.

According to Wheat's testimony, Goldstick has been in isolation since the murder and has since asked to see a mental health professional.

"He (Goldstick) said he felt he may have had a mental breakdown. He also said that his mind is out of control," Wheat said.

Banner asked that Goldstick be bound over on a second degree murder charge, but May said there was too much evidence to the contrary.

Judge May said murder has no reason to the community and it makes no sense to a rational person.

"In my opinion it shows an intent to kill, but also a premeditation," May said.

"There was no evidence of any hot blood or argument. This was the act of somebody that had a plan rather than someone who was angry, upset or trying to flee."

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GARAGE SALE 100

GARAGE SALE - Starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 14. At 08951 Central Avenue, Pine Point, Charlevoix. Baby and children's clothes and much more.

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CRAFT SHOW and Flea Market-**9:00am-4:00pm,** Saturday, May 14, at **Greensky Hill Church** on Old US31 N off Boyne City Road.

(5-11-1-100)

YARD SALE 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 14. Charlevoix-1 mile east of US31 on Boyne City Road at **Grace Church** close to the Argonne. Multi-family sale, furniture, baked items, misc.

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MISC. FOR SALE 134

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BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

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RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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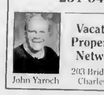

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RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

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(4-13-6-203)

BID 209

CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT

BUILDING DEMOLITION

CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

Charlevoix Public Library (109 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720) will receive sealed bids for Addition and Renovation of the former Charlevoix Public Middle School at or before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2005. A public bid opening will commence immediately following at the Charlevoix Public Library Lower Level. Fax bids will not be accepted.

This portion of the project consists of the following Bid Package:

Bid Package # 2 – Sitework
Bid Package # 3 – Site Concrete, Unit Pavers & Asphalt Paving
Bid Package # 4 – Landscape – Sodding, Trees, Shrubs & Groundcover
Bid Package # 5 – Foundations & Interior Concrete
Bid Package # 6 – Masonry & Stone
Bid Package # 7 – Brick & Stone Masonry Restoration & Cleaning
Bid Package # 8 – Structural & Miscellaneous Steel
Bid Package # 9 – Gypsum Board Assemblies
Bid Package # 10 – Carpentry
Bid Package # 11 – Roofing
Bid Package # 12 – Doors, Frames & Hardware
Bid Package # 13 – Glass, Glazing & Aluminum Windows
Bid Package # 14 – Flooring
Bid Package # 15 – Painting & Caulking
Bid Package # 16 – Specialties
Bid Package # 17 – Elevators
Bid Package # 18 – Mechanical
Bid Package # 19 – Fire Protection
Bid Package # 20 – Electrical
Bid Package # 21 – Technology, Voice, & Data Communication Cabling

The Instructions to Bidders and the drawings and specifications will be available Monday, May 9, 2005, and may be examined at the following locations:

Clark Construction Company – Petoskey Michigan
Clark Construction Company – Lansing, Michigan
Builders Exchange Offices of Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Saginaw
F.W. Dodge Reports of Flint, Grand Rapids, and Southfield

A complete set of bid documents may be obtained for $100.00 by contacting Clark Construction Company's Northern Michigan office at 2 Pennsylvania Plaza, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, 231-348-9300.

A Pre-Bid Walk-Through Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. commencing at Clark Construction's Field Office for the project located at 220 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal exceeding $50,000.

No bid may be withdrawn for 60 days after the bid opening date.

The bidder to whom a contract, exceeding $50,000 is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract amount.

Waiver: The Charlevoix Public Library reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed to be in their best interest.

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LEGAL 210

DRAFT OPERATING PLAN FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT BIG FISH SEPTAGE PRE-TREATMENT FACILITY

The Draft Operating Plan for the Big Fish Septage Pre-Treatment Facility to be located at 12640 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan is available for review and comment at the offices of Site Planning Development, Inc. 12608 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan during normal business hours. The office can be contacted at (231) 547-4429.

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LEGAL 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of **HAZEL FOX, Deceased.**
S.S. #374-05-8329
Date of Birth: 10/30/1906.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, who lived at 7228 Cleveland Avenue, Bellaire, Michigan 49615, died on March 6, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Robert L. Hoffman, Successor Trustee of the Hazel Fox Living Trust Dated June 8, 1995, as amended, or the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Dated: May 4, 2005

Robert L. Hoffman,
Successor Trustee
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720

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LEGAL NOTICE 21D

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 6, 2002, by James E. Karlskin and Mary M. Karlskin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on February 15, 2002, at Liber 458, Page 846, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $119,347.44 principal, $5,362.54 interest, and $150.00 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, May 13, 2005 at 11 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Lot 72, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 197 through 200, Charlevoix County Records.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with interest at the rate of 8.00% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated March 28, 2005

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

(4/13,4/20,4/27,5/4,5/11)

LEGAL 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Julie A McGuire and Herbert A McGuire IV, married to Fleet Bank f/k/a Fleet National Bank, a Rhode Island Corporation Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2001 and recorded February 26, 2002 in Liber 459, Page 843, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eleven Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars and Eight Cents ($11,089.08) including interest 3.266% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, June 3, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 20 of Block 23 and the South 8 feet of Lot 19, Block 23, of Nicholls Third Addition to the Village of South Lake (now city of East Jordan), Charlevoix County, Michigan. Commonly known as 506 Main St, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: APRIL 26, 2005 Fleet Bank f/k/a Fleet National Bank Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-34379 ASAP701540

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MAY 2005

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Senior center fund-raiser

There will he a fund-raising dinner at the Charlevoix Senior Center, 06906 Norwood Road. There is a semi-monthly fund-raising dinner, May 11, 2005. It has a roast pork dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is $8 for adults, $4 children 5-12, children under 5 are free. Take outs are available by stopping in or calling 547-5361. It is open to the public.

Craft show, flea market

The Greensky Hill Church Craft Show and Flea Market is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 14. They are located off Old US-31 North near Boyne City Road.

Tree of life

Christ Episcopal Church and the Tree of Life Healing Prayer Ministry of Traverse City will have a praise and prayer healing service in the fellowship hall at 4 p.m., on Sunday, May 15. Music will be provided by the God Only Knows praise band. Everyone is invited and prayer ministers will be available. (Please use the red doors on State Street near the fire station.)

CPR and First Aid Classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 18 - Adult Heartsaver CPR in classroom B.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 25 - Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in classroom B.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 1 - Basic First Aid in classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

MARSP to meet

MARSP Charlevoix Chapter of retired school personnel will meet at the Boyne City Middle School (across from the public library) at 12 p.m., on May 18. The $8 lunch will be prepared by the Boyne City High School hospitaliters. Entertainment will be provided by the Northwest Academy brass band of Charlevoix.

Spring concert

The Charlevoix Middle School spring concert starts at 7 p.m. on May 19. The public is welcome.

Open house

Grandvue the Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility has an open house and dedication of their expanded and renovated facility. It would like to invite the public to help us celebrate from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 19. The cutting ceremony is at 2:30 p.m. They are located at 1728 S. Peninsula Road in East Jordan.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m., on May 19, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street. Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or drop in. Please bring your ARC donor card or government I.D.

Flag disposal

The Charlevoix Cub Scouts Pack 11 will be conducting a Flag Disposal Ceremony at its May 23 Pack Meeting. This ceremony is for those flags that are no longer serviccable to individuals or businesses in our community.

If any individual or business has a flag that needs to be disposed of you can bring it to the pack meeting or call (231) 547-6862 to arrange for pick-up. The community is invited to attend this meeting that is located on Division Street in Charlevoix.

Raffle

The PTO of the Charlevoix Elementary School is having a raffle for four day passes to the Great Wolf Lodge. All proceeds will go to the family of Parker Ebert, one of their students who is battling cancer. Tickets can be purchased at the Charlevoix Elementary School office for $1 each or six for $5. All other donations are appreciated.

Silent auction

The Charlevoix Children's House is inviting the public to its silent auction at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, at the Grey Gables Restaurant. The Charlevoix Children's House is as a non-profit, Montessori based school serving children from 2 1/2 to 6 years old and their families. The school has been in operation for over 25 years and relies on fund-raising for approximately a quarter of its operating budget. Grey Gables Restaurant will be offering complimentary hors d' oeuvres and there will he a cash bar. For more information call the Charlevoix Children's House at 547-5599.

Skate park meeting

There will be a student skate-park meeting at 3 p.m., May 11 at Charlevoix Middle School. All parents and skaters, inline skaters and BMX riders are urged to attend this meeting for planning the 2005 season. For information please call 547-8063.

Vets appreciation

The American Legion Ernest Peterson Post 228 is planning their Annual Veterans Appreciation Day and open house, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 11, at the post located on the corner of Lake and Main Streets in Boyne City. They will include a display of military uniforms, rifles, equipment, pictures, maps and much more which will be explained and demonstrated by the members. Military vehicles, will be on display, representatives from local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the different branches of our military services. Refreshments will be provided by The American Legion Auxiliary and scheduling will be handled by the Post commander who may he contacted by calling (231) 549-8000.

Anger resolution

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, at 12023 Waller Road, is hosting an Institute in Basic Life Principles (IBLP) Anger Resolution Seminar, Wednesday-Saturday, May 11-14. This is a video seminar conducted by Dr. Bill Gothard.

The seminar will explore the causes of anger and reveal the Biblical remedies which enable us to "put off all... anger" (Col. 3:8) The seminar registration fee is $35, payable to Institute in Basic Life Principles. For more information or to register please contact pastor Dan Gilmore at (231) 547-5711.

Spring buffet

The Charlevoix United Methodist Women invite the public to its annual Spring Buffet Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, May 13, at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. The cost is $7 for adults. There will be a variety of salads, vegetables, meat dishes and desserts. The proceeds from the luncheon will benefit projects the group supports, including local, national and international missions. The church is located at 104 State Street in Charlevoix.

Repubs to meet

Charlevoix County Republicans will have U.S. Congressman Joe Schwarz, MD. 7th Congressional District as their guest speaker at their Lincoln Dinner starting at 6 p.m., Friday May 13, at Boyne Mountain Convention Center. State Senator Jason Allen and State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer will also be in attendance. To join the Charlevoix County Republican Party or for ticket information to attend the Lincoln Day Dinner please contact Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Linda Wertz at (231) 547-8980.

Stover Creek cleanup

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, with financial support from the Charlevoix Community Foundation, invites the public to join in the first Stover Creek Cleanup on Saturday morning, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., May 14.

Kevin Cronk the monitoring and research coordinator for the Watershed Council invites the public to join them in their first effort to help Stover Creek. If you are interested in joining this cause to help cleanup Stover Creek, please call (231) 347-1181 ext. 109, e-mail Kevin@watershedcouncil.org or visit the Watershed Council office at 426 Bay Street across from the Perry Hotel. The Watershed Council would appreciate volunteers registering by May 6 for the May 14 cleanup.

Herder to speak

The Charlevoix Public Library will host author Dale Herder at 7 p.m. on May 17, to discuss his new book, "Common Sense Rediscovered," at the library located at 109 Clinton Street. Questions and discussions encouraged. Light refreshments served by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library. The event is sponsored by Little Traverse Community Reads.

Christian retreat

Win-Some Women Christian Retreats has openings for the upcoming Spring Retreat to he on Mackinac Island. Registrations are being accepted for the Wednesday, May 18 and 19 retreat only. The theme for the retreat is The Revelation of God's Love. Keynote speaker and vocalist is Wintley Phipps along with featured speaker Jeannette Clift George and the theatrical performers A.D. Players. Please contact Juli Fryczynski at (231) 347-6179 or visit Country Clutter, 306 E. Lake Street, in Petoskey to pick up a brochure and registration.

Soccer registration

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer registration is from 5:30 to 7 p.m., May 19 and May 24, in the Charlevoix Elementary School Gym. Registration is for U-6 through U-14 divisions. Fees are $60 per child with a $40 discount for parent volunteer time applicable to all their children registering to play. Any registration received after June 1 is subject to a $10 late fee. Contact Marlene at 547-9452 if you need additional information.

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Writer continues her trip down memory lane

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

The forties were a good time to live, even though we didn't have the conveniences we have today.

Everyone made do with what they had, and there wasn't money for extras, but we enjoyed what we had.

Continuing on in 1940, Peter John and his wife Katie, lived on West Carpenter Street. He was a laborer. Mrs. Ida Johnson lived at 823 State Street with her children, Elverta, Marguerite and Andrew. Melvin Johnson and his wife Alice lived at 211 W. Hurlbut. He was a laborer, and his children were Melvin Jr., Andrew, Ernest and Wilma. Earl Johnson was a clerk at Martin Block Grocery. He and his wife Verna and children Oliver, Phyllis, Nuel, Paul and Martin, lived on Route One, near Barnard.

Joel Johnston owned Johnston's Dahlia Garden at the north city limits on Petoskey Avenue. He raised beautiful flowers on the corner where Uhricks trailer court is now located. Earl Johnston, who did upholstering and furniture repair work, and also lawn mower and scissor sharpening, lived with his mother, Florenee, who was the widow of Henry. In later years, they moved to 305 Mason, where he continued his business. When Dale was a young boy, he would watch Earl as he upholstered furniture, picking up many tricks of the trade.

Dora Jones was the widow of Charles. Her daughter, Mildred, was bookkeeper for the Charlevoix Co Op. They lived at 102 W. Upright. Vernon Jones and his wife Edna Marie, lived at 409 W. Upright, and he was a driver for the Charlevoix Coal and Ice. Co. Their son, Vernon Jr., also lived there.

Otto Kane was a mechanic for the Northern Auto Co., and he lived on Route Three, which was north of Charlevoix, near Burgess. Roy Kane and his wife, Ella, also lived on Route Three. Willis Kerns owned the Argonne. He and his wife, Blanche, lived on Petoskey Avenue. Crayton Kerr and his wife, Mary, lived on W. Carpenter Street. He was a lahorer. Kathleen Ketchman and son Norman, lived at 110 East Hurlbut. Norm was an excellent basketball player when he was in high school, in later years.

Ernest Kibbe and wife Ola, owned Kibbe's store at 204 Antrim. He was a grocer. Their home was located at money for groceries they charged, and so he had them build his stone house. During hard times, people traded services and goods many times.

William Kibbe, Ernest's brother, lived at 104 Palmer with his wife, Rose. John and Evelyn Kincaid lived at 316 Mason. He was in the Coast Guard. Ella King and daughter, Lillian, lived at 203 Mason. She was the widow of George W. Their son, Georgie, was a clerk at F.J. Fessenden and Son. He also lived at 203 Mason. Hugh and Florence King lived at 225 Belvedere. Norman and Celia King lived with their son, Stuart at 115 E. Upright. Samuel and Eva King lived with their children, Robert, Lyle, Sallie Ann and Janet, at 112 W. Upright. He was a salesman for Charlevoix Oil Company. Ray Kipke and wife, Mabel, lived at 1002 Bridge Street. Their children were Nancy, Amy and Bennie. Mr. Kipke was the coach and mathematics teacher at Charlevoix High School. Kipke Field was named for him.

Harker Kirby lived at 408 W. Upright. Frederick Kirkpatrick owned the Kirkpatrick Dairy on Marion Center Road. He lived at 703 Bridge Street. Marie Klooster was a maid and lived at 409 Antrim. She was the daughter of Ralph and Frankie Klooster who lived on the Boal farm in Hayes Township. She later married Edward Heise. Marie's sisters were Esther and Dorothy. Arthur Knaffle owned Arts Gulf Service at 1211 Bridge St. Justus Knapp lived at 305 W. Lincoln with his daughter, Clarissa.

John Knight lived at 204 Belvedere. He became one of the best mayors Charlevoix ever had. He was instrumental in getting American Mold to locate here. Carl Kohler and his wife Benona, lived at 215 Park Avenue. He owned the Kohler Machine Shop, located at 213 1/2 Belvedere, where he offered welding, machine and marine work. Their children were Louis and Martha Jane. Jane later married Bob Lieberman, and they owned Lieberman's Clothing store. Rudy Korth raised chickens and he and his wife Julie, lived on South US-31, where they dresssed poultry for sale. Lawrence Korth and wife, Anne, lived at 801 State Street, and he worked for his dad at the time. Luella Korth also lived there. LaVonia Krchak was a maid, and lived at 409 Antrim. Ellen Koskela was the Superintendent of the Charlevoix Hospital. She lived at 303 W. Hurlbut. Later, she married Mike Hamlin. Arthur and Gladys Krulik lived at 529 Petoskey Avenue. He was a clerk at the A & P food store. Josephine Krulik was a widow (Charles) and lived at 207 Nettleton. Charles Jr. and Spid Krulik also lived there. Frank Krulik lived at 429 Petoskey Ave., and was a fisherman. James and Betty Krulik lived at 412 Prospect. They had a daughter, Janet. He was the meat manager at the A & P food store. Kenneth Krulik was a fisherman, and he and his wife Nellie, and daughters, Wilma and Shirley lived at 410 Prospect. Emerald LaBlance was a fisherman and he and his wife, Helen, and son Paul, lived at 807 Bridge Street. The LaBlance Fish Market was owned by George E. and George A. LaBlance. George E. and his wife Laura, lived at 414 Antrim. Their daughters were Theresa and Suzanne. George A. and his wife, Edna, lived at 105 W. Lincoln with their sons, John, Thomas, Steve and Brendon.

Lula LaPeer lived at 301 W. Upright. Cleo LaPeer also lived there, as did John and Richard Parsons. Harry and Mae Ladd lived at 203 State. Edward Lagerman and wife Margaret, lived at 214 Mason with their children, Norman, Clifford, Mary Alice, Frank, Eleanor Ann and Marjorie.

These are some of the people who lived and worked here in 1940, and writing about them and where they lived is an enjoyable time for me.

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SYNOPSIS - MAY 2, 2005 - 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present with the exception of Councilmember Haggard.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the minutes of April 18, 2005 meeting with corrections.
- Motion adopted to reaffirm the appointment of Gabe Campbell as Councilmember of the Second Ward.
- Motion adopted to accept the development plan review of 1530 Bridge Street.
- Motion adopted to approve the contract with B.A.S.E.S. for $3,000.
- Motion adopted to support Charlevoix Community Food Pantry in their application for 2% grant funds from the Grand Traverse Bay of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion adopted to approve the Lake Charlevoix Mariners' license to use Depot Beach for a period of 5-years.
- Motion adopted to approve the bid from Duthler Truck Center for the purchase of a plow/sander truck.
- Motion adopted to approve the bid from Compressor Service Company for purchase of two air compressors for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Motion adopted to approve routine expenditures under $500 and emergency expenditures under $1,500, with a report to Council under either circumstance at the next Council meeting, until an ordinance can be approved concerning public officials providing services to the City.
- Motion adopted to accept the contract from mad & Hunt to complete the engineering of the snow removal equipment (SRE) building at the airport.
- Motion adopted to accept the contract with Farrington Construction to construct the SRE building at the airport.
- Motion adopted to accept the contract with MDC Contracting, LLC for site work prior to construction of the SRE building.
- Motion adopted to approve the 5-year Capital Plan Improvements Program at the airport.
- Motion adopted to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Dan Barron and John Taylor to the DDA.
- Motion adopted to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Francis Flanders and appointment of Shane Cole to the Planning Commission.
- Motion adopted to set a public hearing May 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for the proposed ordinance amendment prohibiting dogs in the East Park area.
- Resolution 2005-05-01 adopted approving marina project engineering from United Design contingent upon Waterways' approval of contract as to form the United Design's proof of insurance coverage.
- Resolution 2005-05-02 adopted authorizing Pollack Design Associates to proceed with the final design of the marina project, contingent to waterways' approval of the contract as to form.
- Resolution 2005-05-03 passed authorizing execution of the Federal Grant Agreement for the SRE building.
- Resolution 2005-05-04 passed authorizing execution of the State Grant Agreement for the SRE building.
- Ordinance 701 of 2005 adopted adding Section 5.B2 (23) Size to Title V, Chapter 51 of the City Code.
- Council met in Closed Session to discuss a written opinion from the City Attorney and to consider a property purchase.

Council adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

Carol A Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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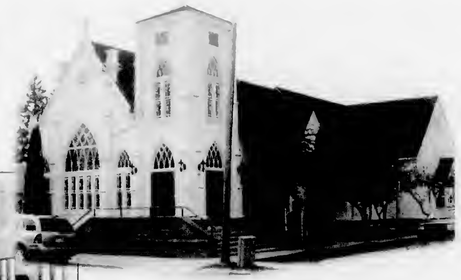

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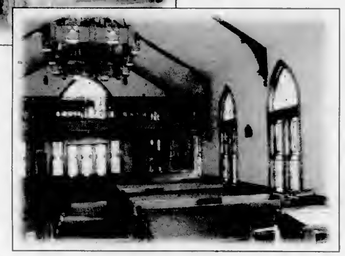

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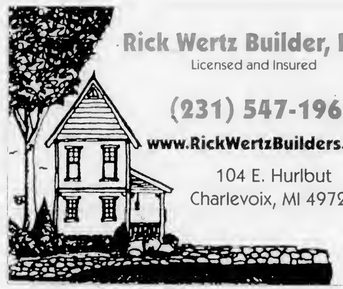

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Ruling: $1 million to two former county employees

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

After hundreds of hours of hearings and depositions, two previous Charlevoix County employees were awarded over $1 million in damages last week in circuit court.

Grand Traverse Circuit Court Judge Thomas G. Power presided over the courtroom as a 6-person jury handed down the verdict. The decision awarded Sandra Ward and Jacqueline Rozema over $1 million in a Whistleblowers Act suit they filed against their former boss, previous Charlevoix County Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur.

"They were retaliated against after longtime employment because they simply told the truth — they were caught in the crossfire of the Kur, Jarema lawsuit," Grant Parsons, the Traverse City attorney representing Ward and Rozema, said.

The women's claims against Kur started in 2002 when they testified against her in a Whistleblowers Act case Kur's former assistant prosecutor John Jarema brought against her and the county. Both Ward and Rozema said Kur retaliated against them due to their testimony.

Jarema, the current county prosecutor, was present for much of the Ward and Rozema proceedings.

Some "retaliation" described by the women included denial of a conference attendance request, requiring attendance at regular staff meetings, issuance of a confidentiality policy and phone etiquette requirements. They said these new policies were compounded by the cool attitude allegedly being directed at them.

Parsons said these allegations

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Spring awakening

Spring is finally here, or so thinks this white trillium on Church Road which finally awakened from its winter slumber last weekend to find things haven't quite warmed up yet.

Goldstick to plead insanity

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

David Edward Goldstick is attempting to use an insanity defense for his alleged involvement in the recent slaying of former Charlevoix resident Hubert William (Bill) Brady.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, Goldstick's defense attorney Robert Banner filed a Notice of Insanity Defense in Charlevoix Circuit Court last week.

"Take notice that the defendant in this case proposes to offer in his defense testimony to establish insanity at the time of the alleged offense and gives notice of his intention to claim the defense," Banner stated in the notice.

Jarema said an order for a criminal responsibility examination was signed by Judge Richard Pajtas during a scheduling conference late last week.

He added, Goldstick will be investigated by an examiner from the State of Michigan center for Forensic Psychiatry.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Gavin William McClintic, 35, Mt. Pleasant. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days with credit of one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail, six months probation, submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Amber Ann Roberts, 23, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days, to serve six days, 77 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,280 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Dean Noack, 21, Midland. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $830 in fines and costs.

Timothy Ray McCullough, 28, Charlevoix. Non-sufficient funds less than $100. Serve 10 days in jail; $319.88 in fines and costs.

Gregory Michael Webb, 36, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property under $200. Serve 93 days in jail with credit of three to serve 15 days, 75 days held in abeyance, six months probation, PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $350 in fines and costs with the rest to be determined.

Robert Gerard, 43, Boyne Falls. Operating while intoxicated, operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. To serve 93 days in jail with credit of two, to serve 30 days, 30 days on electronic monitor, 51 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 12 months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jerome Gregory Petriw Jr., 29, Boyne City. Police officer fleeing and third degree vehicle code, operating while intoxicated. Serve 14 months in jail with credit of 15 days, 360 days to be served, 24 months probation; $1,050 in fines and costs.

Amy Lyn Miner, 28, address unknown. Probation violation, attempted false bomb threat. To serve 12 months in jail with credit of 42 days, to serve 120 days in jail, probation extended for 12 months.

Brenton Allen Rake, 22, East Jordan. Controlled substance, maintaining a drug house. To serve 11 months in jail with credit of two days, to serve 180 days, 24 months probation; $590 in fines and costs.

Mark Thomas Cooper, 50, address unknown. Breaking and entering with intent. Minimum three years to maximum 10 years with credit of 35 days; $9,573.81 in fines and costs.

Kevin William Schmidt, 20, Charlevoix. Probation violation, attempted accessory after the fact to a felony. Serve 365 days in jail with credit of 91, to serve 270 days, probation continued for 12 months.

Chad Alexander Johnson, 19, Charlevoix. Four counts of police officer fleeing third degree vehicle code, two counts police officer assaulting/resisting/obstructing, operating while intoxicated. Count one through six serve 365 days in jail with credit of 110, to serve 365 days, count seven serve 90 days in jail, to serve 90 days with 36 months probation; $10,384.45 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Brittany's, 115 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by James Gerou and Terry Gerou.

Cox Construction, 2400 Lake 26 Road, Marion, by Daniel Cox.

Appearance Plus, 925 Second Street, Boyne City, by Zachary Minor Jones.

The Accessory Shack, 06395 US-31 South, Charlevoix, by Brian VanMeter, President.

Stuck Family Construction, 12970 Robins Ridge, Charlevoix, by Matthew D. Stuck.

East Wind Spa, 36435 Donegal Bay Road, Beaver Island, by Jayne K. Bailey and Karen J. Whitecraft.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David Whisker III, 23, Boyne Falls and Ashley Lynn Carson, 21, Boyne Falls.

Peter James Meyers, 33, Boyne City and Patricia Marie Haharth, 28, Boyne City.

Michael John Rostar II, 27, Charlevoix and Angela Lynn Menutt, 23, Charlevoix.

Patrick James Malewitz, 21, Charlevoix and Holly Lynn Dunkel, 20, Petoskey.

David Christian Votruba, 61, Charlevoix and Susan Lynn Busch, 55, Charlevoix.

Divorce

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Heather Anthony vs. Mike Cain

Births

Morgan Michele Deming, weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces, was born to Jeff and Michele Deming of Boyne City on May 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Linda Van Damme of Watson and Richard and Sharon Deming of Grand Rapids.

Rachel Doris Clausen, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Steve and Sandy Clausen of East Jordan on May 8, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sihlings are John and Jay. Grandparents are Bob and Kathy Schmoldt of Boyne City and Court and Sandy Clausen of East Jordan.

A son, Trevor Michael Bonar, was born to Terry and Heather Bonar of Petoskey on April 28, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital. Trevor weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces. His siblings are Brittany and Cassidy. Grandparents are Donna and Jerry Shupert of Charlevoix, Barbara and Pete Huskisson of Bay Shore, Hal and Kathy Lewis of Petoskey, and Mike and Stacy Bonar of Seattle, Wash.

Leah Marie Smotherman, weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces, was born to Brett and Amanda Smotherman, of East Jordan, on May 9, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Ken and Brenda Dixon of Bad Axe and Roe and Jackie Litteral of Adrian.

Ar've Edwin Allen Sheppard IV, weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Ar've Sheppard III and Jennefer Byars of Pleasant Valley May 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Ar've D. Sheppard II of Pleasant Valley, Kathy Sheppard of Pleasant Valley, Andrea Hurtado of Mount Morris and James Byars of Burton.

Liam Doyle Dreyer, weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces, was born to Anne Doyle and William Dreyer II, of Charlevoix, on May 9, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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The Charlevoix Courier will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, 2005.
Deadlines for News & Advertising for the June 1 paper will be Thursday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m.

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Three birthdays, one family, one day

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

Local second grade Charlevoix Elementary School teacher Nicole Sterrett isn't in the Guinness Book of World Records, but some think she should be.

Since her first pregnancy in 2001, Sterrett has had a child born every two years on May 8 without fail.

According to Toni Moriarty-Smith, manager of the women and children department in pediatrics at Northern Michigan Hospital, in her 20 years of work in the medical field, she has never seen anything like it .

"I think it must be really exciting for the family," Moriarty-Smith said. "It must be a really exciting time of year for them."

Sterrett said she and husband Todd love it.

"I think it's terrific," she said. "I think it's something that's pretty unique."

She added, "I was an only child growing up and I've always wondered what it would be like to have brothers and sisters, so I think it's kind of neat."

Sterrett gave birth to a girl, Libby Lee Sterrett in 2001 and two boys, Phillip Robert in 2003 and Patrick Michael in 2005.

While the due dates of the first two children were unplanned, Sterrett said once she and her husband learned it would be possible the third child could land on the May 8, they gave it a try.

"Our two-year-old doesn't really understand it, but he loves the baby," Sterrett said. "They are both thrilled that they have a new addition."

She added, "Our daughter thinks it's just great that she has two brothers for birthday gifts."

Sterrett isn't quite sure how they will celebrate next year, but she is certain all the kids will get their say as far as their special meal and dessert is concerned.

"They definitely get their own cake and their own birthday song," Sterrett added.

Courtesy photo

Nicole and Todd Sterrett of Charlevoix welcomed Patrick Michael into the world May 8. Their third child to be born that day. The Sterrett threesome is pictured above. They are Libby, Patrick and Phillip.

Friske Orchards celebrate blossoms

Friske Orchards will host its annual Blossom Festival, Saturday, May 21 with a full day of activities for families.

The festivities will begin with a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. This will be followed by strolls through the blossoms, wagon rides and entertainment by John Marek, who portrays Johnny Appleseed and doubles as a musician, juggler and balloon artist.

Area author, Nancy Ritsema, will have her book *Norwood* available featuring the account of Norwood native William Harris, who introduced the resolution to the Michigan legislature in 1897 making the apple blossom the state flower.

Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix, at Atwood, right on US-31. For more information, call (231) 599-2604 or visit the Friske web site at www.friske.com.

Correction

Based on incorrect information given to us regarding Charlevoix's 100 anniversary celebration, misinformation was included in a story titled "City to turn 100 on June 1," which appeared on page one in the May 4 edition of the Charlevoix Courier. The banner was designed using existing Charlevoix city flags which are available at the City Manager's office in Charlevoix City Hall.

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OPINIONS

The First Amendment

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Former staff writer takes editor's seat

Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

Some long-time Charlevoix Courier readers are likely rubbing their eyes and feeling an unusual sense of deja vu this week as they scan the paper and find my familiar name turning up in unfamiliar territory.

My name has been missing from Courier news copy since last spring when after four years as staff writer, I opted to spread my professional wings with the well-known local lighting component manufacturer, Spectrus-LexaLite.

At LexaLite I filled the marketing coordinator's position — assisting in the redesign of the Spectrus Inc. product catalog, helping formulate advertising copy as well as prepping for exciting domestic and international trade shows.

Charlevoix is fortunate to have such a well-respected manufacturer operating locally and employing a very talented group of professionals.

After a successful year in corporate America, I've accepted the Courier editor's position.

I opted to return after a professional epiphany that brought me to the conclusion that my brain runs like a well oiled printing press. I am convinced journalists are a different breed. When I hear sirens I wonder where everyone is going and without fault I find a stranger at any event to ask a list of 50 questions.

While I share the excitement of being a writer with my colleagues, I share something else with our readers, a genuine love for this community.

Charlevoix is not only beautiful, it is a dynamic political hotbed, rich in history and chock full of opportunity. I am excited to have a front row seat as our town continues to evolve.

I want to thank those readers that made phone calls, stopped me in the grocery store and sent cards and flowers to welcome me back.

My opportunity to take over the helm means there will be a transition period as I get my feet wet. Bear with me, there are bound to be mistakes here and there.

Please also join me in wishing former Courier editor Jeremy McBain all the best in his new post at the *Petoskey News-Review*. McBain was successful in increasing readership and confidence in the quality of this paper, a legacy I plan to continue.

Julie Witthoeft is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be reached by calling (231) 547-6558 or e-mailing news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Change needed in approach to education

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Concern with the status of education in our country is at an all time high. Bill Gates says that our high schools are obsolete, and even those that are doing what they do well are not preparing students for the 21st century. As a person with a life-long career in education I have begun to wonder what can be done.

When I was a graduate student at Michigan State University (MSU) in the late 1950s, one of my fellow scholars was from New York. He would proudly say that in the state of New York it was possible to go from kindergarten through advanced graduate education in high quality public institutions with somewhere between low and no tuition costs for the individual student. The state of New York considered that a well-educated populace was worth what it cost to educate them. California at about the same time had a comparable and widely-envied public education system. Neither of those systems is envied today.

I taught for five years as a graduate student at MSU and for 30 years in private higher education. I have developed some prejudices about how education should be accomplished, which I would like to share.

Improvement in education comes not from testing or specific curricula, but from respect for the educator. To put it another way, education cannot be enhanced by demeaning teachers. Some teachers are certainly better than others, but the vast majority are way better than no teacher at all. Teachers as a minority in the population are an easy target of demagogues who can make the claim that teachers and teacher's unions are involved in some sort of liberal conspiracy to brainwash students into believing in evolution and gay marriage. Demonizing teachers is no way to improve education.

The urge of those in positions of political power, from school boards to secretaries of education, and even presidents, to control what is to be taught is a strong one.

Freedom of the classroom and tenure for experienced teachers is almost the only way to prevent that from occurring. Tenure is not primarily about job security, it is about being able to speak truth to power and not to lose your job because you have spoken.

Certainly, teachers make mistakes, but left mostly to their own devices they don't all make the same mistakes, and society as a whole can benefit from that democratic operation. Allowing a wide variety of teachers to choose what will be taught and how it will be taught is certainly superior to having one or more non-teachers make those choices for reasons of politics, economics or ideology.

Charlevoix has a fine and progressive school system, at least in part because we don't spend time denigrating our corps of teachers. Respect for teachers and what they do is at the heart of a superior education system. Standardized testing, appropriate funding, modern facilities and a challenging curriculum are all well and good, but if local or national leadership demeans teachers, education will suffer, and even Bill Gates will not be able to save it.

Respect for the group of people doing their important job has a broader significance. Justice is undermined by disrespect for judges. The function of law is undermined by disrespect for lawyers as a group. It is not possible to treat doctors as money-grubbing, self-interested hacks and simultaneously build confidence in health care. And finally, a society's leaders cannot ridicule intellectuals and claim to respect clear thinking. If we see ourselves as doing important and worthwhile work, surely we can see the work of theirs as equally valuable.

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Letters to the editor

Second Amendment rights

Editor:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. (Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution)

We often hear that the Second Amendment only guarantees the right of states to have a Militia (National Guard). The people who make this argument call this the "collective rights" interpretation of the Second Amendment. Others talk about changing times and that the right to keep and bear arms applied only while serving in the militia. Because the militia, as it existed in 1789, no longer exists, the right to keep and bear arms has evaporated. This is called the "conditional rights" interpretation.

Both arguments have been extensively discussed and rejected in a Federal Circuit Court case called United States v. Emerson. The following is part of that case: The Second Amendment states that "the people" have the right to keep and bear arms. The collective right advocates state that this means the collective people and not individuals.

These folks ignore the fact that the first amendment also talks about right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances ..." and the Fourth Amendment guarantees, "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures." No one states that the right to be safe from unreasonable search or the right to peaceably assemble belongs to the government and not individuals.

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LETTERS

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So, the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right. The second amendment is embedded within the Bill of Rights. Every one of the other rights and freedoms set forth in the first nine amendments of the Bill - whether or not phrased as a "right of the people" - protects individuals, not governments; none of the Bill of Rights provisions protect persons only in connection with service to the government.

Article I, section 8, clause 16 of the Constitution states that Congress shall have the power, "To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia," Why would the Second Amendment be inserted to establish a Militia that had already been established in Article I? I have been asked how I felt about guns and I said "It's hard to have any feelings about inanimate objects." I feel supportive about the right to own guns; I disapprove of crimes committed with guns. But I have no emotional feeling about the gun itself. Too often people who support the right to keep and bear arms are trapped into emotional arguments by people who actually have an emotional dislike of that inanimate object. We are often drawn into arguments that attack the Second Amendment but, the Second Amendment exists and that should be the end of the discussion.

No justification is needed for freedom of speech, or the right to remain silent, or the right to be represented by an attorney or the right to have a jury trial. Neither is justification needed for the second amendment. All of our freedoms have served us well. Our country's continued existence is their justification. They need not be further justified.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

Norwood steeple fund

Editor:

First, I would like to thank the staff at the Courier and especially Benjamin Gohs for the wonderful article on the Norwood United Methodist Church steeple project. We really appreciate the article.

Secondly, I'd like those in the community who would like to see the steeple back in place to know that there is a fund called the Norwood UMC Steeple Fund in place. Contributions to the fund can be sent to the fund in care of George Light at 19814 Lake Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

We have a huge task before us since we are a small congregation but with help and perseverance, we hope to hear the bell ring again over Norwood.

Marion Shea-Light
Charlevoix

Recognizing service

Editor:

We have all, throughout our lifetime, met outstanding individuals who've made the lives of others more successful and much more enjoyable. There are two ladies in our community who have consistently, year after year, done just that. I thought it was way past time that we all say "thank you" to these wonderful individuals who've made our little town a much nicer place.

I am speaking about Edith Gilbert - local author, etiquette expert and Kathy Johnson - in charge of fundraising at our hospital. If you get a chance to take a look at the very complimentary article about Edith in the new Traverse Magazine, it says it all. Her dedication to this community, her tireless efforts have made us all better people because she's here with us. It is always nice to know how to hold a fork, knife and be sure to get that thank you card in the mail after someone has done something nice for you. As we all know, it's the little things in life that make us all so happy.

Kathy Johnson by force of personality and outstanding effort has raised millions and millions of dollars for our hospital, and supervised our wonderful volunteers that make it possible for the hospital to be what it is today. As I said at a dedication program for her last week, "she is like the statue in front of the hospital with a small boy carrying a hurt lamb on his back to get him help", she has done the very same thing for us and our hospital. She has since retired and will be calling the state of Virginia her new home.

Both of these individuals have and will continue to make Charlevoix beautiful. Thanks again ladies for all of the things you have done for us.

Bill Schuiling
Charlevoix

Find a water hobby

Editor:

I think more people should get involved in water activities in the summer. We have lots of lakes around us, and the water can supply good hobbies. People need to respect the water, too. Maybe if people did more in the water, they would respect it more.

Without a doubt you can agree we have lots of bodies of water near us. We're near Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan. Lake Superior and Lake Huron are relatively close to us too. With the lakes so close to us, it would be easy to get involved in water activities.

Next, is that people need to respect the water because they need to treat the water better and perhaps then they would know more about how it acts. Maybe if people respected the water they could know when the water was going to be hazardous or, where it was dangerous.

Finally, the water can provide good hobbies. Two good water hobbies are scuba diving and boating. Jet skiing and fishing are good hobbies. It shouldn't be too hard to find a water pastime that you enjoy.

I think more people should get more water hobbies. It shouldn't be tough to get a water hobby around here with all the lakes around. I hope that this summer you will remember what you have read about getting involved in water activities.

Aaron Schnaekenberg
Sixth Grade
Charlevoix Middle School

A political question

Editor:

Which maxim has experience proved to be more truthful? Democracies are peaceful nations. Peace through strength. War increases the national military industrial complex expenditures and power.

Ray E. Peltz
Charlevoix

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Recess for NHS

Last week, Charlevoix High School students welcomed a visit from members of the high school's National Honor Society. The groups had lunch and played on the playground. Pictured above are third grade student Caroline Boss and high school honor society member Shannon Dibble.

Child and Family Services offers new foster care program

Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan is pleased to announce its continuing partnership with the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation with a new program award.

The Independent Living Program helps youth in foster care obtain the skills they need to live successfully as adults when they age out of the foster care system. The program provides information and education about how to complete job applications, interview, budget their money, rent a house or apartment and opportunities for higher and vocational education. Field trips include a visit to the bank and to the grocery store to learn first hand about service, the cost of food and healthy, low-cost meals.

"The Independent Living Program is one answer to the needs of teens whose biological parents have been unable to teach them skills that we often take for granted," said Jim Scherrer, Child and Family Services Executive Director. "Young people respond very well to this kind of active approach to skills-building and for many of them it's the difference between applying for a job and actually getting and keeping one. We anticipate a great group thanks to the support of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation."

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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present with the exception of Councilmember Haggard.

The following proceedings took place:

- Moboon adopted to approve the request for a minor development plan amendment for Charlevoix State Bank, 102 M-66
- The Mayor and Council discussed repairs to Michigan and Depot Beach Ballrooms

Council adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 18 at Charlevoix Middle School
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 25 at Walloon Lake Country Club
- 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 12 at Boyne City Middle School
- 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 19 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 30 at Charlevoix Middle School
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. August 6 at Walloon Lake Country Club.

Minimum age for class attendance is 12. Students should bring date of birth information with them for registration purposes. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack because there will be no meal time.

If you currently have an on-line boating safety certificate, you must take a proctored test and received a state honored boating safety certificate. The state only honors on-line course complete certificates that have been verified by proctored Michigan exam.

The proctored exam will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 17 in Charlevoix's East Park Pavilion.

This is only for those who have an on-line boating safety certificate. Individuals will take the state exam and are free to leave upon successful completion.

Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

Completion of the class is mandatory for individuals born after December 31, 1978 to operate a personal water craft (jet ski), for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate a boat and for parents that allow their children between the ages of 12 and 14 to operate a personal water craft. Parent must be riding with the child during operation.

For more information call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division at (231)547-4461, ext. 320.

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B.A.S.E.S basics

Celia Kelly from B.A.S.E.S completed a series of presentations about the legal consequences of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use to all ninth grade students at Charlevoix High School this April

Bergmann Center, Inc. of Charlevoix would like to thank the Community for their support in making the third "Starlight" Dinner, Dance and Live Auction a great success. The Center raised over $6,500 during this event that took place on May 1 at Knights of Columbus Hall.

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Obituaries

James Lee Elliot: Aug. 31, 1908 - May 13, 2005

James Elliott

James Lee Elliott, 96, of Charlevoix went home to be with the Lord on Friday, May 13, 2005.

He was born in Chicago, Ill. on Aug. 31, 1908, the only child of Ella Maude and William Lee Elliott.

As a child Jim learned much about street smarts, drive, and determination. He also acquired a life long love of boats, trains, and opera which continued to fascinate him throughout his life.

As a young boy, Jim ventured alone on frequent train trips to visit his grandmother in Crystal. He also enjoyed watching his father work on the street cars of Chicago. Jim was an eyewitness to the historic sinking of the Eastland in Chicago harbor in 1915. In his adult years, Jim wrote a personal account of the disaster for "Inland Seas Magazine."

Jim graduated from Lindbloom High School, Chicago, in 1922, and briefly attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He left college, however, to return home to support his parents. Jim worked a variety of jobs, from a fireman on the railroad to running a gas station to selling carpets. In 1942 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served with honor until 1946. He attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and received several commendations, including the Legion of Merit.

Upon his discharge Jim married Phyllis Marie Hewitt on July 20, 1946. They moved to Sterling, Ill. and together built Midwest Food Service, Inc., a company which provided food service to factories, companies, and hospitals throughout eight states, including the former Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey. The Elliotts sold the business in 1962.

Jim remained professionally active as President of Lee Consultants. He also served on numerous boards, including a 28-year tenure with the First National Bank of Sterling, Ill. In 1963 Jim wrote "Red Stacks Over The Horizon," a history of the Goodrich Transportation Company. He became well-respected for his maritime expertise, and was a noted collector of Great Lakes artifacts. Jim went on to become the General Manager and Special Consultant to the President of the Grand Trunk Car Ferry Service. He retired in 1971.

Jim lost his beloved Phyllis to cancer in 1974, and at that time moved from Sterling. On July 4, 1976 he married Evelyn Mae Eng.

Jim has been a summer and full-time resident of Charlevoix since 1951. His love of Round Lake, his passion for this area, and his volunteer fundraising efforts for the Charlevoix Fire Department will long be remembered. Jim's charm, wit, and humor were only matched by his kindness and grace.

In his later years, Jim was wonderfully cared for by his loving team of amazing caregivers, and his devoted dog, Tasha. Perhaps Jim's greatest lesson to all of us is how we can age with a softening heart and a fuller appreciation of God's love.

Jim is survived by his wife Evelyn, and by his loving daughters, Jan Biddiek (Ron Vanden Brink) of Petoskey, Sally Winter (Robert, Jr.) of Winnetka, Ill., and step-sons, Patrick Eng (Mary Dell), and Michael Eng of Columbia, Mo. He is also survived by his wonderful grandchildren, Meghan Biddiek, Jennifer Winter, Elizabeth Winter, Caroline Winter, Robert Winter III, Katherine Winter, and step-grandchildren Matthew Eng and Jennifer Eng.

Funeral services were at Winchester's May 16, The Rev. Dr. James P. Mitchum officiated. Burial took place at Mt. Emblem Cemetery, in Elmhurst, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Jim be made to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, M-119, Suite F, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

Alexandrine M. Siudara: Nov. 29, 1917 - May 9, 2005

Alexandrine M. "Alex" Siudara, 87, died May 9, 2005.

She was born Nov. 29, 1917.

She was the wife of Dr. Leonard J. Siudara for 67 years; sister of Bartholomew Gasiorowski (predeceased) and sister of Melvina Rogers (predeceased); mother of Dr. Jerome (Elizabeth), Leonard "Bud" (Susan), Timothy (Elizabeth), Thomas (Patricia), James (Cynthia) and Maribeth. She was the grandmother of Missy, Patrick, Michael, Andy, Chris, Peter, Jamie Beth, Andrea, Mark, Tyler and Tiffany.

Alex Siudara came to Berkley in 1948 with her husband, Dr. Leonard, who was one of the original family practice physicians to serve in the area. There she raised her six children and was a member of the National Shrine of the Little Flower parish. She was active in the Oakland County Osteopathic Auxiliary. Alex was at her best when someone needed help. She had many talents, including playing the organ, crafting and playing the stock market. She beat the Dow Jones Index more often than not. But, woe to any broker who put her into a "loser!" She loved "market timing" and was good at it.

Alex and Doc were among the early yachting explorers of the waters of Georgian Bay and the North Channel of Lake Huron in the 1950s and 1960s. Wherever they went, they always had a boatload of kids with them. She was "all family." They flew the burgee of the Great Lakes Cruising Club when that organization was in its infant years.

Alex was also a very early member of the Clinton River Boat Club and, along with "Doc," did much to develop "Club Island" located at the entry to the middle channel of the St. Clair River. The "Alexandra" was regularly moored at Club Island for many summers. Alex and Doc, on their retirement from the yachting circle, were awarded a lifetime membership in the Clinton River Boat Club in recognition of their many contributions over the years.

Alex and Len retired in 1979 moving north to Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan. The move was associated with Doc becoming the resident island physician. One needs to be a trooper to live on Beaver Island year-round, braving the winter gales and heating their north shore home with a wood burner. But, Alex loved it. She was a trooper. Her seven-year term as a full-time island resident ended when Doc retired a second and final time in 1986. Thereafter, she enjoyed island living each year from May through October.

Alex was a member of the Holy Childhood Catholic Church on Beaver Island and a contributor to the Beaver Island Historical Society. She also sang for several years with the local chapter of the Sweet Adelines, a ladies barbershop harmony group. Len, her devoted mate of 67 years, and her six children and 11 grandchildren will miss her. She was a unique and caring person who loved the simplicity and fresh air of the north country and has chosen to be interred on the island.

Donations in memory of Alex Siudara may be sent to the Beaver Island Historical Society, St. James, MI. 49782. There was a funeral mass at the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Saturday, May 14.

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Death Notice: Robert T. Heise

Robert T. Heise, 51, of Charlevoix, died February 11, 2005. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 29, at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. Marshall Collins officiating.

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Bill Depuy: Feb. 14, 1936 - May 3, 2005

William "Bill" M. Depuy, 69, of Kalkaska, passed away on May 3, 2005 at his home.

William was born Feb. 14, 1936 in Mt. Pleasant, the son of George and Marguerite (Skinner) Depuy.

Bill graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1954 and then attended Central Michigan University. Bill was also a veteran serving our country in the U.S. Navy.

He designed model cars for Ertl; and also worked as a designer and engineer at Freedman Manufacturing in Charlevoix, Log Cabin Homes in Boyne Falls and Craft Homes in Kalkaska.

Surviving is his sister, George Ann Wolf of Mt. Pleasant; his ex-wife, Kay Kisby Ernst, of Illinois; nieces Marcie (Wolf) Szczubelek of Harbor Springs, Stephanie (Wolf) Wiltse of Grand Rapids, Suzanne (Wolf) Hettenvan of the Netherlands; nephew Max Wolf of Mt. Pleasant.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Dan Depuy, and his brother Eugene Depuy.

There will be a celebration of Bill's life at 3 p.m., Sunday, May 15 at George Ann's residence in Mt. Pleasant.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska.

Ann Mikulski: Nov. 8, 1921 - May 13, 2005

Ann Alice Mikulski, 83, of Charlevoix, passed away May 13, 2005 at Tendercare Nursing Home of Gaylord.

A service was given May 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Thomas A. Neis officiated and burial was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Ann was born Nov. 8, 1921 in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada the daughter of Alex and Ksenia (Dziadyk) Petrow. On May 30, 1938, she married Frank Mikulski in Dauphin. They owned a family business and raised their two sons in the Detroit area before moving to Charlevoix in 1972. Frank preceded her in death in 1978.

Ann was a member of St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Altar Society and the Charlevoix Garden Club. Her grandchildren were very special to her.

She is survived by two sons, Barry S. (Nancy J.) of Maple Grove, Minn. and Dean (Nancy J.) of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, Jason (Kathy) and Megan of Minnesota, Christopher and Matthew of Charlevoix, one great-grandson Gavin and one step-granddaughter Erica of Minnesota; two brothers: Ernie (Marilyn) Petrow of Calgary, Alberta and John Petrow of British Columbia.

Ann was preceded in death by two brothers, Michael and Fred.

The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Local agencies bring Safety Day to East Park

The U.S. Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the U.S. Power Squadron, the Charlevoix County Sheriff and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will host Boating Safety Day 2005 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 17, in Charlevoix's East Park.

There will be activities and information for children and adults including tours of rescue assets, courtesy inspections of your vessel by the auxiliary, an obstacle course for kids, flare and fire extinguisher demonstrations, a helicopter/boat rescue demonstration on Round Lake and more.

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S.A.N.E. investigates local drug use

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

You may not be able to buy crack cocaine on the corner of Bridge Street and Park Avenue in Charlevoix, but it is available.

Over the last few years the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (S.A.N.E.) has made some large busts in the area yielding cocaine, marijuana and even heroin.

"We have been a little busier than times in the past," said Detective Lieutenant Ken Mills, Unit Commander of S.A.N.E. "It comes in streaks, though we have seen an increase in marijuana busts recently."

According to Mills, S.A.N.E. is comprised of nine sworn officers, a prosecutor and two administrative assistants.

"We are always doing big operations, but people who are not in the drug community don't know what we're doing," Mills said. "What we do is identify trends of illegal drug use and sales, we identify traffickers and trafficking organizations and we develop criminal cases on those persons."

He added, "We have had some big cases over the past year here that affected Charlevoix County," Mills said. "We had a case where a guy was bringing up kilo quantities of cocaine."

According to Mills, the investigation which started around the end of 2003 yielded several indictments resulting in four people going to federal prison.

"What they were doing was teaching people how to make crack to get people hooked on that and sell it," he said.

Mills added, that this is an ongoing case and while many details cannot be relinquished, more arrests are planned.

"In November 2003 we seized about 300 grams (approximately three quarters of a pound) of cocaine and an ounce of crack cocaine," he said.

According to Mills, the going price for a gram of powdered cocaine is about $100 which makes for high profitability. Though street drugs are a major concern, there is a growing problem that many people aren't aware of.

"One of the things we've seen that's been an increasing problem in our area is the abuse of prescription drugs," Mills said.

He added, "Part of the problem is the availability of prescription drugs. With cocaine and heroin people generally go down state to get it, but prescriptions are fairly easy to get."

Some people take advantage of the availability of prescription drugs because there is so much money in it. In fact most prescription medication on the street found its way there through a legally obtained prescription.

"Oxycontin is one of the more popular drugs and we pay upwards of $75 for an 80 milligram pill, so you can see the amount of money involved," he said.

People who sell their prescription drugs often do so as a means of supplementing their income when they have financial troubles.

According to Mills, Oxycontin, methadone, Vicodin and other prescription drugs are just as addictive as street drugs, but are more readily available.

"They don't have the stigma like crack cocaine or heroin, but they can be just as deadly as street drugs," he said.

"Everyone is affected in some way by substance abuse," Mills said. "Whether you have a friend or family member who uses drugs or a stranger driving down the road posing a potential threat to your well-being."

"It's out there, we're not immune to it in northern Michigan," he said.

Courtesy photo

The large amount of heroin, hypodermic needles and marijuana confiscated during a drug raid by the S.A.N.E. task force is just the tip of the proverbial iceberg as both street and prescription drug abuse increase in the area.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, drug related deaths in the seven county area the department covers, including Charlevoix County, have steadily increased from four in the year 2000 to 12 in 2003.

"And we expect 2004 to be even worse," Mills said.

He added, "We're the only strictly narcotics investigators in the seven counties we work including Charlevoix county and we try to have the biggest impact we can."

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BUSINESS

Uniforms Unlimited now offers medical equipment

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Special to the Courier

Uniforms Unlimited, located in the Glen's plaza on M-66, has expanded its business to include selling and renting medical equipment.

Owner Cynthia L. Cebulski said she decided to start offering medical equipment because she saw there was a need in this area.

"You couldn't get it in Charlevoix. You had to drive to Petoskey or Harbor Springs," she said.

With an ill family member or someone that has just gone through an operation, driving long distances like that can be a challenge.

So, Cebulski decided the time was right to expand her already busy uniform sales business.

Uniforms Unlimited offers customers many types of medical supplies, such as walkers, wheelchairs and oxygen equipment. Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross/Blue Shield are accepted.

"It has been well received," Cebulski said.

She stressed the business continues to sell uniforms of all types and this is just an expansion of the company.

Uniforms Unlimited is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday.

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Cynthia Cebulski (left) and Renee Cebulski are now offering medical equipment at their business Uniforms Unlimited.

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Charlevoix officer memorialized

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

Nearly 40 years after his death in the line of duty, Charlevoix policeman Earl William Crandall was honored.

Crandall died on the evening of July 20, 1966, but several decades passed before his name would appear on the wall lining the walk at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. His honor finally came to fruition, thanks to his daughter, Debbie Crandall Stutzman and Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson.

"I think the initial effort started about two years ago when we asked Debbie to participate in the program," Halverson said.

According to Halverson, he suggested to Stutzman that her father's name be put on the memorial among the over 17,000 men and women who gave their lives in service.

"One thing kind of lead to another and we had discussions about the possibility that his (Crandall's) death would meet the criteria for his name to be put on the memorial in Washington," he said. "We asked that he (Crandall) be considered and we were notified eventually that he did meet the criteria to be put on the wall."

From articles written about Crandall after his death, people had many nice things to say about him and the fact that he had a knack for dealing with young people, Halverson said.

He added, "He drove the school bus as well as being a police officer. I think it showed by the second job he chose to take, that he enjoyed young people."

Born in 1909 and raised in Charlevoix, Crandall was 57 when he died while struggling with a suspect during a traffic stop. He managed to subdue the suspect and then died of a heart attack directly following the scuffle.

"The night he died, I remember him coming into our family's restaurant and taking a break," Stutzman said. "He came in and had coffee and was talking and laughing about some of his experiences in his job."

According to Stutzman, at one time her father and his wife Esme Crandall owned Esme's Grill which was in the building where the Flight Deck currently operates. In all Crandall had four children including three sons; Roger, Ronald and Scott.

"I know he really liked young people. He was always very involved in family activities," Stutzman said.

She said her father worked on boats, drove a bus for the Detroit Street Railways, was a member of the Masons and even chauffeured for R. E. Olds of Oldsmobile.

"He had a pretty interesting life," she added.

Stutzman and her husband went to Washington D.C. last week for a gathering in honor of all officers for National Police week, May 15-21. There was a candlelight vigil May 13, where Crandall, along with the names of 414 other deceased officers were officially recognized on the walls lining the memorial walkway.

"I think we're all very pleased and think it's long overdue," Stutzman said. "But mostly (we're) pleased that he's honored because he was dedicated to his profession as a policeman and to the youth in Charlevoix."

"He was always willing to give them a chance," she added.

Stutzman said it is wonderful that Halverson wants to make sure Crandall is remembered not only by the family, but Charlevoix as a whole for his work in the community.

Stutzman said, "The family would really like to thank Dennis Halverson because he is really the one who pursued this and we really appreciate that he made it happen."

According to Ronald Dean Crandall, Officer Crandall's second oldest, he was away from home in 1966 when he heard the news.

"I had just turned 18 and I was stationed down in Texas," he said. "The chaplain told me in the middle of the night. Two or three in the morning and I flew home the next day."

Crandall's son said he remembered that his father worked much of the time in order to take care of his family.

"He'd go to our games and school functions when he could, but he worked the evening shift with the police station and then worked at the fire hall when he wasn't on duty as a policeman," he said.

"Pretty much a normal upbringing in Charlevoix in the 1950s and 1960s," he added.

According to Crandall's son, his father deserves the honor for working nearly 17 years between the police and fire departments.

"I think it's really about time," he said. "He's a Charlevoix native who put in a lot of years in the police force."

Crandall's name is located on panel 55, at West-24 in the memorial at Judiciary Square in Washington D.C.

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Trails council to conduct Trails Day ride/walk event

The Top of Michigan Trails Council will be conducting a hike ride/walk on the paved, non-motorized Little Traverse Wheelway from Charlevoix to Bay Harbor's East Park along Lake Michigan on National Trails Day, June 4.

Outdoor enthusiasts around the country will be participating in trail-related events on that day. The theme of Trails Day is always health-related, and this year it is "Take the Path to a Healthier You."

The event will be a fund-raiser to assist in the development of trails in Northern Lower Michigan.

Participants may turn around at any point on the trail and do not need to ride/walk the entire 26-mile round trip. Suggested turn around points are the Adams Roadside Park--7 miles round trip; West Park — 16 miles round trip or East Park--26 miles round trip. Restrooms and picnic tables are available at each of these locations.

Sign-in, start and late registration are at the Charlevoix Township Hall at the corner of Waller and Old Orchard roads. Start between 9 a.m. -11 a.m. Registration before May 27 and pay $10. After May 27, the fee is $15 each. There is no charge for children 12 and under.

All those paying a registration fee will receive a t-shirt, snacks and be eligible for door prizes provided by Charlevoix area merchants.

The Top of Michigan Trails Council, is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, has as its mission to advocate and facilitate the development of safe, year-round trails in Antrim, Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Montmorency, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

The Trails Council, is an all-volunteer non-profit organization with headquarters in Petoskey. Registration fees for this ride will go toward furthering its mission.

The Little Traverse Wheelway concept predates the Trails Council, with efforts to link Charlevoix, Petoskey and Harbor Springs via a paved trail going back to the late 1970s. Construction started with the portion of the trail through Bayfront Park in Petoskey in the late 1980s. The only sections remaining to be built are a 1.4-mile stretch between Bay Harbor and Petoskey and a three-mile section into Harbor Springs. Work to obtain easements for those sections is continuing; the easements are expected to be in place this year.

For information or registration, please go to www.trailscouncil.org or contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 800-951-2101.

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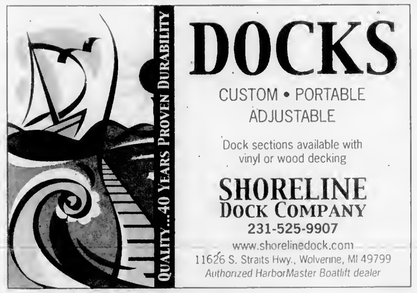
Members of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club planted 500 yellow daffodils along the Little Traverse Wheelway last fall with guidance from the state.



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The race for city council seats is on

By JEREMY MCBAIN
Special to the Courier

Charlevoix voters in the first ward will be heading to the polls Aug. 2 for a city council primary.

According to Charlevoix City Clerk Carol Ochs, the seat of first ward councilman Robert Timms needs to go to primary because three people have submitted petitions for it. They are Timms, Rebecca Swayze-Doan and Steven Bennet.

"It should be real interesting," said Timms about the election this year.

Timms, known for his penny-pinching style on council, said he was looking forward to the general election in November, but was not excited about having to go to a primary election in August.

"It would be nicer if there were just two and it would go to the November election and not have the expense of a primary," he said.

Petitions for city council candidates were due at the city clerk's office Tuesday, May 10.

The second ward's Bill Bellows is up for relection, as well as Timms. He will be facing Eugene Beer in the November general election.

Finally, the third ward's Shirley Gibson is also up for reelection. However, no candidates have filed to run against her.

Ochs said write-in candidates for both the primary and general election will be accepted up to the Friday before that election.

Donations sought for senior party

Charlevoix High School senior class parents are looking for donations for this year's senior party.

For the past 15 years, the parents of the senior class have hosted an all night graduation party to give graduates a safe way to celebrate.

A change in venue has been made this year to offer more surprises for students and to increase attendance.

But, the parents committee is still in need of cash donations to make the evening affordable to all students. They are requesting cash donations be sent to the high school on Marion Center Road.

Student tickets for the event go on sale Thursday, May 19 for $30 per student.

Hospice auction to take place at Castle

The 2005 Hospice of Northwest Michigan Auction will be June 3 at Castle Farms.

Through the generosity of local businesses and patrons, funds will be raised to help offset volunteer and bereavement services provided to Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Donations will be grouped in package form this year, combining similar themes to showcase unique items from persons and businesses supporting Hospice of Northwest Michigan. A single item example features an original oil painting by artist Martha Landis titled "New Orleans Flower Shop." A kayak has also been donated. There is a large range of items and there is something for everyone.

Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction. Jim White and Jeff Macfarlane are two lively auctioneers who will ensure an entertaining evening beginning about 7:30 p.m. Margaret Thomson, a local pianist, will provide music before the live auction begins. Tickets are $30.00. Prizes include a complimentary beverage, a chance to win a $300 or a $200 door prize and hors d'oeuvres provided by Sayre's Catering, Mancelona, Grey Gables, Charlevoix and Darlene's Restaurant, East Jordan.

Tickets are available at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, Busy Bridge Antiques in East Jordan, The Clothing Company in Charlevoix, Orchard Hills LTD in Bellaire and at the door. The Hospice Office should be contacted regarding any questions (231) 582-2842.

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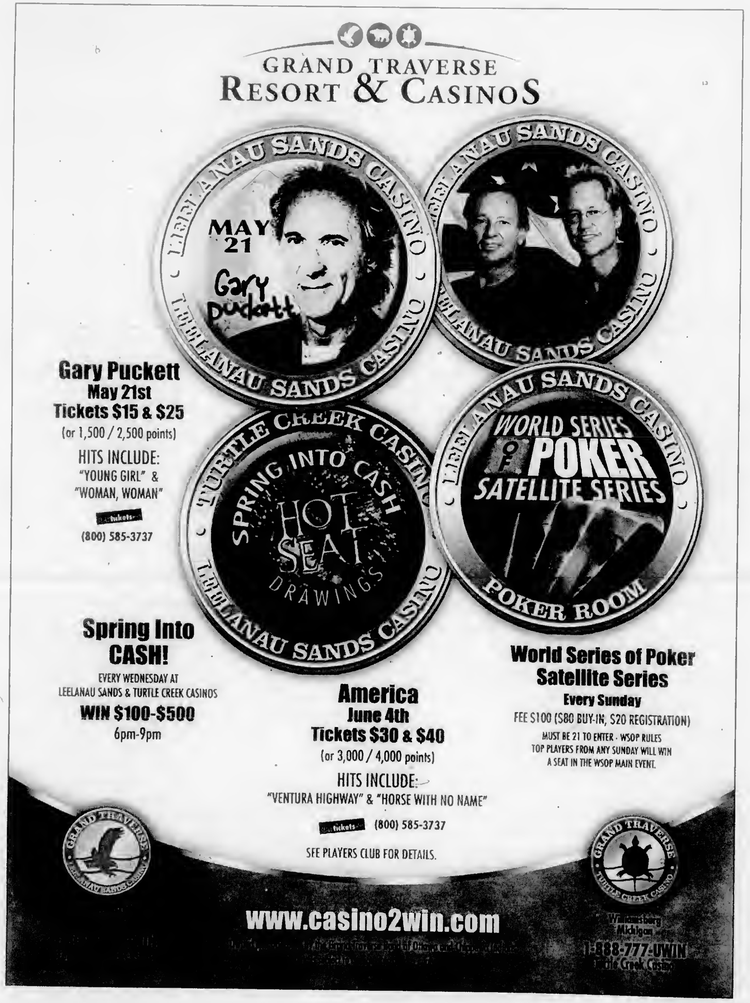

Technology plan for schools underway

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

Today's youth seem to have the reputation of being computer savvy and Charlevoix Public Schools want to keep it that way.

The Charlevoix School Board has a plan to help ensure the technological literacy of all its students while qualifying for much needed state funding.

"In order to tap into those funds you have to have a plan," said Dr. John Sturock, Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools. "And it's good to have a long-range plan to be on top of technology."

The plan was originally implemented in 1995 with the idea that learning is a lifelong process which includes technology.

"Every few years we revisit it and update it," said District Technology Coordinator Scott Mays. "We actually try to integrate technology into all aspects of the curriculum so it's not a stand alone learning process."

The No Child Left Behind Act levied some technological literacy requirements but that's not why Mays and a group of teachers crafted the plan.

Mays said, "Even before any of this came about we've been working on a K-12 technology curriculum to make sure our students are exposed to all the technology they will encounter during their lives."

The plan also calls for enhanced communication with students, staff, parents and the community via the district/school web site which will provide all aspects of information about the schools as well as online parental access to grades and attendance.

Other goals include students becoming technologically skilled by the end of eighth grade.

"The benefit for everybody is through the use of technology and a district wide K-12 curriculum that students are able to learn at a higher level," Mays said. "We realize that technology isn't the end all of learning, but it's a very important tool."

Some of the perks of having a technology plan have already been realized by the school system, according to Mays.

"We've probably averaged, since 1998, between $20,000 and $30,000 a year in refunds and discounts in telecommunications services that we can invest in technology. We've also received about $90,000 to $100,000 in grant money directly related to having a technology plan in place," he said.

Many parts of the plan, such as a computer in every classroom, are already in place.

"Having a computer in every classroom isn't a one time investment because eventually they have to be replaced. So much of that plan is designed to cover the updating and replacement of existing technology," Mays said.

In order to achieve its goals of access to up-to-date multimedia, telecommunications networks and Internet resources, the district must acquire new technologies on a regular basis while old technologies are simultaneously evaluated.

"The goal is to replace computers after no more than five years and to update or replace software after no more than three years," the plan authors state.

Funding will be sought for certain parts of the plan and some of it is paid for by vocational programs such as nursing, CAD and others.

"The two computer labs at the high school were bought out of funds from the programs they run," he said.

This is a draft intended to give the board some direction on how to proceed. The final plan, complete with costs will be presented at the June 13 school board meeting which will take place at 7 p.m. in the media center at Charlevoix High School.

Mays said, "The district is working on a budget forecast to identify future needs, but as with every other aspect of the school finances we're looking for other avenues of funding."

Mays added, "Don't get budget forecast mixed up with budget commitment. We want people to see what the district is doing and have them get involved."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Third grader Wesley Drost practices her typing skills just before going on the Internet in her weekly computer class.

Official Notice

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE
JUNE 2, 2005 - 5:30 P.M.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2005. The meeting will start at 5:30pm in the Charlevoix Congregational-UCC Church, 101 State St. The agenda will include a review of the year's activities and an election of persons to the Board of Directors. The Public is welcome.

Bryan Roloff Memorial set for Sunday

The Eleventh Annual Bryan Roloff Memorial Benefit, will take place May 22 at the Flight Deck and Paul Bunyan Lanes from 2 p.m. to midnight.

Eight bands will play all day: 3 p.m. Bumpus Hound, 4 p.m. Namus, 5 p.m. Dogwood Sandwich, 7 p.m. Stunt Coyote, 8 p.m. Mojo and the Boogieman, 9 p.m. Model Citizen and 10 p.m. The Push.

Bryan Roloff, the man behind the gathering was a talented guitarist and opened up for Foghat/Nazareth on May 2, 1993 in Traverse City just days before he suffered a brain tumor and died May 6, 1994. Bryan was only 30 years old.

"This Memorial Concert is just the type of event Bryan would have enjoyed and a way for the Roloff family, fellow musicians and friends to keep his music and spirit alive while helping someone else," Shirley Roloff, Bryan's mom, said.

This years proceeds will go to Jim Hart (AKA) Jay Anthony who was in an accident and is paralyzed. Jay (Jim) was a DJ for Lite 96 Radio and also did Karaoke at the Flight Deck for some time (please stop by to wish him well).

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Charlevoix residents roughed it 100 years ago

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Karen Lewis works to get the 100 Years of Charlevoix display ready. It will include this scale model windmill built by Clarence Bartlett.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

In 1905 the New York Giants won the World Series, Mark Twain turned 70 and Bloody Sunday provoked a revolt by working class Russians.

Charlevoix might not have been permeated by excitement and chaos by world standards, but there was still quite a bit going on in the city's first year.

"Bridge Street had only been paved for a year and the other streets were made of dirt," said Harsha House Curator Dave Miles. "So you had mud conditions in wet weather and blowing grit and dirt in dry weather. This was also the era of no snowplows, so you can imagine what the conditions were like."

According to Miles, before the advent of the automobile, it was so quiet in Charlevoix you could sit on your front porch and hear absolutely nothing.

"The first car arrived in 1904, so cars were a real rarity in 1905," he said. "The main transport was by boat or by train."

This lack of cars also meant an increase in horses inside the city limits.

"Runaway horses were common on Bridge Street and people in the downtown area often kept cows in their backyard," Miles said. "It was not unusual for a cow to break out and wander downtown."

Entertainment options may seem to exist to a lesser extent in Charlevoix than in larger cities, but a century ago the locals found more than a few ways to have a good time.

"We had no movie theaters, so your entertainment was always live and it was either in the Lewis Grand Opera House or Bartholomew Hall," Miles said. "They brought in traveling shows, plays, musicals and lecturers."

In addition to the shows, there were a few winter sports to keep you occupied.

"If conditions were right you could skate on Lake Michigan. If they were good enough you could skate from north to south point," he said. "And, you could iceboat on Lake Charlevoix which was a real thrill because a 50 mph wind could accelerate you up to 90 mph."

As beautiful a town as it was, Miles said, parts of Charlevoix had serious issues with sanitation.

"The waterfront on the Bridge Street side of Round Lake was an utter disgrace," he said. "All the store owners on

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Miles shares history leading up to centennial

CENTENNIAL

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Bridge Street threw their trash behind them. It was rat infested, it stank, it smoldered and it was dangerous to walk through."

In 1905, groceries and dairy products were delivered to your door by horse-drawn carriage in summer and horse-drawn sleigh in winter.

The fourth bridge over the channel was the second swing bridge, which moved from side to side in order to let tall boats pass, which according to Miles, the local kids thoroughly enjoyed.

"When the bridge was readay to open and the bridge tender's attention was focused on the boat, they (kids) would run down underneath and climb onto the undercarriage and hang on," Miles said. "There were instances of these daredevil kids making faces at the passengers and the crew as the portholes passed."

Since saw dust is an excellent insulator, ice houses and lumber yards had a symbiotic relationship in 1905 with one situated right next to the other.

And, Miles said, while barely anyone had indoor plumbing, cold food was common

"Everybody had an icebox," he said. "Ice was stored in warehouses on Round Lake and Lake Charlevoix."

He added, "You would have ice delivered to your house year-round."

Telecommunications have come a long way since Charlevoix's early days as a city, according to Miles.

"Your phones didn't have any dials or buttons on them so your phone was connected to a switchboard downtown," Miles said. "The operator would say, 'Number please,' and when you were connected she would plug you into that number on the switchboard."

If the operator recognized your voice, there would generally be an exchange of pleasantries along with an update on the hot town gossip before you were connected.

When someone wasn't feeling well, you could use your new phone to call your family doctor.

"We didn't have a hospital at that time, so you either went to the doctor or the doctor came to see you," he said, "House calls were a common occurrence."

There was also quite a difference in fashion, Miles said.

"You showed up to high school in a white shirt, jacket and tie. And the girls wore long dresses," he said.

On the beach, women wore wool swimsuits which allowed only their arms, neck and face to show.

"They were clad to the tips of their toes," Miles said.

He added, physical laborers often wore shirts, ties and vests to work, everybody wore long underwear in colder months and with the exception of winter, all laundry was hung outside to dry.

"So everybody saw everybody else's personal belongings," Miles said. "There were no secrets."

'Operation Petunia' is set for Thursday May 26

Charlevoix residents and visitors will once again be out in force May 26 for the annual Operation Petunia.

Each year the organization Keep Charlevoix Beautiful welcomes summer with a large planting party in town. Residents and visitors team up to plant petunias on five miles of Bridge Street, both sides of the road.

Planting starts at 5 p.m. from Mercer Boulevard to the municipal airport and usually takes about an hour. There will be block captains, identified by their orange vests, who will direct volunteers, answer questions and give out picnic coupons good for hot dogs, chips, cookies and refreshments.

The picnic in East Park for the volunteers begins at 6 p.m.

It is suggested that volunteers dress for the weather in comfortable clothing. You should also bring garden gloves and towels.

The event brings out about 800 volunteers each year.

After the planting, the flowers are weeded four times a season by the Charlevoix Band Boosters and watered by Dale and Marilyn Boss with the Petunia Truck.

The petunias cost about $13,000 and are funded by individual and business donations.

Donations can be made to: Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, P.O. Box One, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

There will also be a Petunia Brunch on Sunday, July 17 at the Grey Gables. Tickets are $35 — with $15 being tax deductible — and will be available at the petunia planting picnic.

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SPORTS

Rayder baseball team tallies one win and three losses

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Rayder pitcher Jake Teuscher had a superior week on the mound but it wasn't enough to keep the Charlevoix baseball squad from having a 1-3 week in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Teuscher threw two complete games, allowing only five hits in 11 innings. He walked only one and struck out eight. But due to a lack of hitting support, Teuscher was 1-1, losing to Traverse City St. Francis, 2-0 and beating Boyne City, 1-0.

In the Rayders' other games, they lost to St. Francis, 7-6 and to Boyne, 3-2.

"It was disappointing," said Coach Bryan Hawkins, "But I felt we took some steps as a team and a program."

In game one against St. Francis, Teuscher held the Gladiators to only two runs on four hits but Charlevoix managed only four hits themselves — by Jake Teuscher, Matt Teuscher, Tyler Bier and Ezra Bakker.

"It was a frustrating game for us as a team in many ways," Hawkins observed. "We had enough opportunities to score but made some crucial base running mistakes that really cost us in the end."

In game two, the Rayders led 5-1 through five innings but the Glads tied the game with a four-run rally in the bottom of the sixth and won it in eight innings on a two-out, two-run single.

Bier took the loss in relief. Eddie Waldron threw 5 1/3 innings, giving up four runs, one earned and striking out three.

Waldron had three hits and an RBI. Bier had two hits and an RBI. Matt Teuscher doubled and scored.

Logan Niswander had a pinch-hit RBI single. Jake Teuscher, Bakker and Michael Wojan all had hits as well.

The opener against Boyne was a classic pitcher's duel with Jake Teuseher and Boyne's Caleb Helsley going head to head. Charlevoix scored the game's only run in the top of the first with Jake Teuscher reaching on an error, followed by infield singles by Wojan and Bier.

Niswander then reached on an error, plating Teuscher.

That sole run was all Jake would need as he carried a no-hitter into the bottom of the sixth. A bloop single was the only blemish on his game but he finished up the 1-0 win.

The Rayders had only three hits themselves with Cliff Jones getting the only safety after the first inning.

In the nightcap, the Ramblers broke a 2-2 deadlock in the bottom of the fifth and scored the decisive run.

Waldron took yet another tough loss, yielding seven hits, three runs, one earned in a five inning complete game. He walked only one and struck out five.

Jake Teuscher had two hits. Matt Teuscher, Waldron, Wojan and Jones each had hits.

The Rayders (8-11 overall, 4-6 conference) hosted Cheboygan on Tuesday, May 17. Results will appear in next week's Courier. Charlevoix hosts Harbor Light Christian on Friday, May 20.

The Rayder tennis team heads into post-season undefeated

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Varsity Rayder tennis squad is headed into conferenee and regional meets this week after closing regular season play undefeated.

"I'm excited, we've had a great year leading up to this," Erik Lundteigen, the varsity tennis coach said. "If these guys play well we have a great chance of winning."

The team kicked off the biggest week of competition for the year this Tuesday, May 17 at the conferenee tennis meet at Petoskey High School. In conferenee play, eight teams competed for the conference title. Results from this meet were not available by press time.

The team will close the week May 20 in regional play. Regional play for Charlevoix tennis singles players will take place at 9 a.m. at Traverse City Central High School and doubles players will face opponents at 9 a.m. at Traverse City West High School.

Lundteigen said his players are confident heading into this week's competitions. The group celebrated an 8-0 defeat over Boyne City May 10 and a 4-4 tie against Harbor Springs late last week.

In singles play at the Harbor Springs meet Adam Wager tallied a win while fellow singles players Nate Turner, Matt Novotny and Justin Klooster recorded losses.

Strong doubles play at Harbor Springs carried the group to its split finish with doubles teams Sparky Nitchman and Taylor Martin, Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux and Dustin Dibble and Dan Swenor recording wins. Doubles team Cody Wheat and Mike Greyerbeihl lost.

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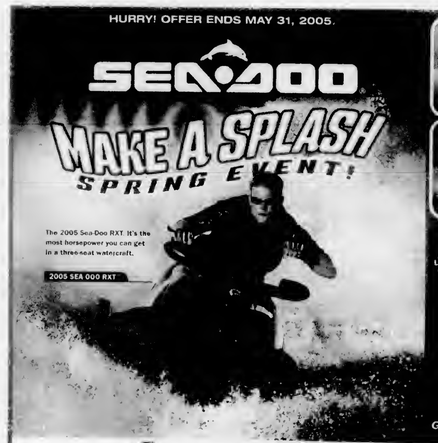

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SPORTS

Rayder track teams finish strong at invitational

The Charlevoix High School varsity boys' track team took first May 12 at the East Jordan Invitational while the girls' team took fourth.

The Rayder boys had a score of 128. Harbor Springs was in second with a score of 97.33.

The girls had a score of 60. Cheboygan was in first with a score of 150.

Individual results for the boys were:

• Discuss — Jeff Golovich was in third with a distance of 126 feet, 4 inches. Ray Jones was in fourth with a distance of 122 feet, 9 inches.

• Shot put — Golovich in third with a distance of 42 feet, 7 inches.

• High jump — Michael DiMartino in fourth with a height of 5 feet, 6.10 inches. Nick Gotshall in fifth with a height of 5 feet, 6 inches.

• Pole vault — Hunter Boss in third with a height of 10 feet.

• Long jump — Ryan Seelye in first with a distance of 21 feet, 2.25 inches. Travis Johnstone in fourth with a distance of 18 feet, 6.76 inches.

• 3200 meter relay — the team of Nate Sotuyo, Jared Hunt, Darron Munson, Ben Bergmann in second with a time of 8 minutes, 19.55 seconds.

• 300 meter hurdles — Bergmann in first with a time of 16.11 seconds. Golovich in second with a time of 16.22 seconds.

• 100 meter dash — Seelye in first with a time of 11.82 seconds.

• 800 meter relay — The team of Seelye, Hunt, Munson and Bergmann in first with a time of 1 minute, 36.15 seconds.

• 1600 meter relay — Brandon Stevens in third with a time of 4 minutes, 42 seconds.

• 400 meter relay — The team of Travis Johnstone, Spencer Hankins, Nate LaBlanee and Dan Elliot in third with a time of 47.70 seconds.

• 300 meter intermittent hurdles — Golovich in third with a time of 43.02 seconds.

• 800 meter run — Sotuyo in first with a time of 2 minutes, 3.28 seconds.

Individual results for the girls' were:

• 3200 meter relay — The team of Theresa Martin, Lindi Edger, Shannon Dribble and Brittney Lamb with a time of 10 minutes, 9.38 seconds.

• 100 meter hurdles — Emily Heffling in third with a time of 16.82 seconds.

• 800 meter relay — The team of Heffling, Sonya Plude, Robyn Petzak and Elizabeth Madison in third with a time of 1 minute, 53.17 seconds.

• 1600 meter run — Lindi Edger in fourth with a time of 5 minute, 40.62 seconds.

• 400 meter relay — The team of Plude, Petzak, Caitlin Ernst and Emily Heffling in third with a time of 54.31 seconds.

• 400 meter dash — Betsey Dennis in sixth with a time of 1 minute, 5.61 seconds.

• 300 meter low hurdles — Heffling in third with a time of 50.91.

• 800 meter run — Brittney Lamb in third with a time of 2 minutes, 28.94 seconds.

• 200 meter dash — Petzak in fourth with a time of 28.34 seconds.

• 1600 meter relay — The team of Theresa Martin, Betsey Dennis, Shannon Dibble and Elizabeth Madison with a time of 4 minutes, 18.91 seconds.

Lady Rayder soccer shuts out rival Harbor Springs

Charlevoix prevailed in a tight battle of rivals facing Harbor Springs at home Monday.

The Rayders connected for the game's only score 25 minutes into the first half. Freshman Becca Madison sent a nice corner to the far post where senior Jaime Pettis sent the ball home. Charlevoix controlled most of the first half. Harbor was able to mount only one shot opportunity.

The Rayders continued their control into the second half but with about 15 minutes left, a stoppage in play allowed Harbor to gain momentum. The Rams took a drop ball down the right side and had their best opportunity of the night when the shot glanced off above the crossbar.

The Rayders then regrouped and held off the Rams for the win. Charlevoix managed 13 shots on goal while the Rayders keeper Laura Nitchman made 6 saves for the shutout.

Charlevoix received excellent defensive play from senior Madison McKenzie, junior Lisa Kuebler and freshman Meighen Havens, who played well marking Harbor senior Lynn Blomberg. Sarah Cross, Madison and sophomore Zita Anderson played strong games in the midfield. Freshman Ariel Ramsey kept the Rayders on the attack from her forward spot. Anderson was awarded the Rayders Player of the Game ball.

Charlevoix improved to 8-1-1 (10-4-1 overall), keeping its hopes alive for a Lake Michigan Conference title. The Rayders travel to Grayling Friday.

A tough week for Rayder softball

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders softball team had a tough week, losing two doubleheaders in Lake Michigan Conference play. The Rayders lost to Traverse City St. Francis, 11-6 and 7-0 and to Boyne City, 10-9 and 12-2.

The Rayders are now 5-17 overall and 2-10 in the league.

Genevieve Kochanny had three hits in the first game of the St. Francis doubleheader and two in the second game two to lead Charlevoix's hitting effort. Sally Haselschwardt singled and doubled in game one and had two singles in the nightcap.

Leah Kelly had two hits in the first game and pitched four innings of shutout relief in game two. In the opener, Sasha Spenceley and Caitlin Mitchell also had hits. Murphy Gillespie singled in game two. Dessi Faust took the pitching losses in both games.

Against Boyne City, the Ramblers scored the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Brittany Niswander had two hits. Mitchell had the big hit, a three RBI double. Spenceley, Faust and Kelly all singled.

In the nightcap, Haselschwardt and Gillespie had the Rayder hits. Faust again took both pitching losses.

Charlevoix hosted Cheboygan on Tuesday, May 17 but results were unavailable at press time.

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	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Certa	3				
Will Telgenhof	1				
Justin Peart	1	1			
Gunner Lundhaigen	2	1			

CUBS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Shane Sutherland	1	1		1	
Tucker Fenwick	2	1			
Andrew Mitchell	1	1			
Devin Drain	2				

MAY 10 - REDS 12, TIGERS 7

TIGERS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Brad Rizzo	1				
Jackson Buday	1				
Kelsey Engstrom	1				
Devon Bohomley	1				
J.J. Bohomley	1				
Ryan Erskine	1				
Cody Galy	1				
Jake Sharrow	1				

REDS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Zachary Hankins	3				
Sam Eakes	2				
Austin Putman	2	1			
Jared Cole	3				
Devin Largent	3				
Garrett Armbrutz	3				

MAY 12 - CUBS 14, ANGELS 9

CUBS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Andrew Mitchell	4				
Skylar Herriman	4				
Logan Eckardt	1	1			
Ryan Joy	3				

ANGELS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Hunter Cox	3				
Luke Klinger	3				
Mick Seabes	1	1			
Justin Peart	3				

MAY 12 - REDS 13, TIGERS 10

REDS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Sam Eakes	4				
Devon Bottemly	4				
Jamie Cakes	2				
Austin Putman	3				
Spencer Stewart	3				

TIGERS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Shane Galy	1				
Cody Galy	1				
Turner Havens	1				
Zach Wynkoop	1				
Trevor VanNorman	1				
Jake Sharrow	1				
Austin Eggers	1				

MAY 11 - ATHLETICS 13, DODGERS 9

ATHLETICS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Andrew Potter	2	1			
Boog Nitchman	1				
Cody Herriman	1				

DODGERS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Paul Stoll	2	1			
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Justin Erskine	1				
Clyde Schoencover	1				

MAY 11 - ST. LOUIS CARDS 15, BOSTON RED SOX 1

CARDINALS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Matthew Klooster	1	2			
Thomas Rich	1				
Wyatt Drost	1	1			
Logan Kline	1				
Keegan Lablance	1				
Corbin Turkelson	1				
Jeramy Domivery	1				

RED SOX
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MAY 9 - CARDINALS 9, RED SOX 4

RED SOX

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
David Merrill	1	1			

CARDINALS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Logan Kline	1	1			
Wyatt Drost	1		1		
Thomas Rich	1				
Miles Kerr	1				

MAY 9 - ATHLETICS 6, DODGERS 1

ATHLETICS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Riley Corcoran	1				
Cody Herriman	1				

DODGERS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Branden Darrah	1				

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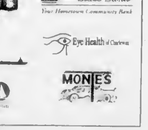

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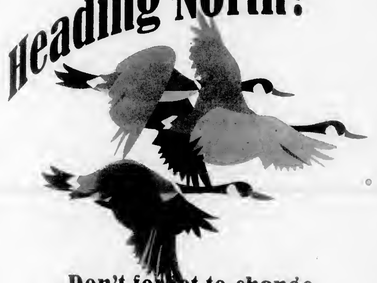

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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

ATTENTION ALL former Grandvue Medical Care Facility Board Members: We would like to invite you to send in a photograph of yourself for placement in our new conference room. Please contact Jane Korthase, Human Resource Director, at (231) 536-2286 with any questions. Grandvue Medical Care Facility, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, MI 49727.

(5-11-2-076)

SERVICES AVAILABLE 084

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(8-19-tf-084)

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HELP WANTED 086

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(5-11-4-086)

SALES-I AM a busy Insurance Executive who needs someone to personally learn all aspects of my business. That person must be able to make decisions, be of good moral character, and eager to learn. He or she will be involved in all areas of sales operation and could go into management. Sales experience will help, but is not necessary. I am primarily looking for attitude and personality. Many company fringe benefits are available, with an opportunity to earn up to $50,000 first year. This position offers unlimited upward mobility for someone who is a hard worker and is determined to succeed. Please call 231-947-4390 and ask for Human Resources.

(4-27-4-086)

LUMBER YARD seek full time yard help. Responsibilities include customer service, bunking of loads and yard maintenance. Fork lift experience and knowledge of basic building materials a plus. Position includes a full range of benefits. Apply at Wolohan Lumber, 6472 M-66 N. Charlevoix.

(5-18-1-086)

HELP WANTED 086

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(5-18-2-086)

PART-TIME HELP WANTED 087

DEDICATED MOTIVATED person able to follow directions, wanted, very part-time, afternoons. At Ourves of Charlevoix and Boyne City. 231-330-5155 leave message.

(5-18-1-087)

AUCTION SALES 096

CEDARVILLE, MI Snow's Bar Auction May 29, 2005. Includes real estate, furniture, fixtures and original 550 Resort Class C License. Registered Bidders only 877-306-7653.

(4-6-8-096)

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GARAGE SALES 100

CHARLEVOIX - 211 W Hurlbut, Fri-Sat, May 20-21, 9-6. Family of twins condensing down. Girls to 4T (many unisex), plus size women's, toys, household.

(5-18-1-100)

GARAGE SALE - Starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 21. At 08951 Central Avenue, Pine Point, Charlevoix. Baby and children's clothes and much more.

(5-18-1-100)

CONDO FOR RENT 158

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. 231-881-3528.

(3-9-tf-158)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

CHARLEVOIX 2,500 sq. ft., office/retail, 1204 Bridge Street. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(11-10-tf-168)

12,600 SQUARE FEET. Charlevoix, northside, ceiling heights 14 feet and 16 feet, 3 overhead doors, 2 truck wells. $1.75 sq. ft. +. Bob Kern, Real Estate One. 231-547-5100.

(11-24-tf-168)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

RETAIL SPACE FOR LEASE

Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. Approximately 2000 sq. ft. First time available in 25 years. Prime location. Available 6/1/05. Call 547-2342. Leave a message.

(4-13-tf-168)

APARTMENTS FOR RENT 169

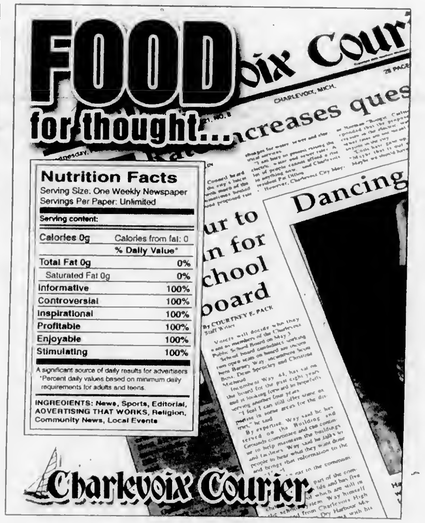
CHARLEVOIX, ONE BEDROOM contemporary, close to downtown, laundry area. $445 per month. Rent includes trash pick up and snow removal. NO PETS/NO SMOKING. One year lease. Call 231-547-6052, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

(2-9-tf-169)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate $1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-tf-171)



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STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

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(9-15-tf-174)

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(3-31-tf-174)

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(12-28-tf-174)

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(8-27-tf-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

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(8-27-tf-181)

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(3-16-tf-203)

40' AND 50' BOAT SLIPS 2005 season lease, Pine Lake Yacht Club on Lake Charlevoix. Full amenities. $3,300. Cal Todd 248-352-2454.

(4-13-6-203)

BIDS WANTED 209

Charlevoix County is now accepting bids for the restoration of an existing wall opening from the Treasurer's Office into the main corridor of the county building. This will include removal and relocation of certain equipment, wall enclosure, material and debris plus installation of a new fire rated rolling curtain and counter along with finishing all new work to match existing space. General requirements and scope of work of this project can be obtained at the Office of the County Clerk, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Please submit any bids in writing to the Charlevoix county clerk, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. on May 25, 2005. Charlevoix County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

Charlevoix State Bank is applying for a drive-thru bank branch location at 102 M-66, Charlevoix, MI. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Scott M. Polakoff, 500 West Monroe Street, Suite 3500, Chicago, IL 60661 -3697 not later than May 31, 2005. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Julie A McGuire and Herbert A McGuire IV, married to Fleet Bank f/k/a Fleet National Bank, a Rhode Island Corporation Mortgagee, dated May 7, 2001 and recorded February 26, 2002 in Liber 459, Page 843, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eleven Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars and Eight Cents ($11,089.08) including interest 3.266% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, June 3, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 20 of Block 23 and the South 8 feet of Lot 19, Block 23, of Nichols Third Addition to the Village of South Lake (now city of East Jordan), Charlevoix County, Michigan. Commonly known as 506 Main St, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: APRIL 26, 2005 Fleet Bank f/k/a Fleet National Bank Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-34379 ASAP701540

L(5/4,5/11,5/18,5/25)

LEGAL NOTICE 201

PUBLIC NOTICE

Date: May 18, 2005

Permit No. MI0057737

Charlevoix WWTP

The Michigan department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a discharge permit to: the City of Charlevoix for the Charlevoix wastewater treatment facility located at 15116 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. The applicant discharges treated sanitary wastewater to Lake Michigan, in the NE1/4, SE1/4, Section 28, Town 34N, Range 8W, Charlevoix County.

The Draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously issued permit: 1) current general permit coverage is being converted to individual permit coverage, which includes the addition of a mercury monitoring requirement, and 2) a requirement to conduct short-term whole effluent toxicity tests.

Comments or objections to the draft permit received by June 20, 2005, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact: Barry Burns, Permits Section, Water Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-3301, e-mail: burnsb@michigan.gov.

Copies of the public notice, fact sheet, and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet (http://www.michigan.gov/deq - on the left side of the screen click on Water, Surface Water, and NPDES Permits; then click on "Permits on Public Notice" which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Bureau Cadillac District Office located at 120 West Chapin Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, telephone: 231-775-3960.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

CLAIMS NOTICE

Re: Robert G. Mathers Trust

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate or trust of **Robert G. Mathers** may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, **Robert G. Mathers**, whose last known address was 402 Groveland Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712, died on April 8, 2005.

The decedent established the **Robert G. Mathers Trust** on June 15, 1999.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Trustee, **Shirley A. Mathers**, at 402 Groveland Street, Boyne City, Michigan 49712, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the trust estate will thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED ON MAY 18, 2005.

Attorneys for the Robert G. Mathers Trust:

Gray, Ford & Seaman, P.C.
By: John K. Gray (P27368)
325 South Union Street
Traverse City, Mi 49684
(231)947-7160

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BID 209

CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC LIBRARY PROJECT

BUILDING DEMOLITION

CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN

Charlevoix Public Library (109 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720) will receive sealed bids for Addition and Renovation of the former Charlevoix Public Middle School at or before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2005. A public bid opening will commence immediately following at the Charlevoix Public Library Lower Level. Fax bids will not be accepted.

This portion of the project consists of the following Bid Package:

Bid Package # 2 – Sitework

Bid Package # 3 – Site Concrete, Unit Pavers & Asphalt Paving

Bid Package # 4 – Landscape – Sodding, Trees, Shrubs & Groundcover

Bid Package # 5 – Foundations & Interior Concrete

Bid Package # 6 – Masonry & Stone

Bid Package # 7 – Brick & Stone Masonry Restoration & Cleaning

Bid Package # 8 – Structural & Miscellaneous Steel

Bid Package # 9 – Gypsum Board Assemblies

Bid Package # 10 – Carpentry

Bid Package # 11 – Roofing

Bid Package # 12 – Doors, Frames & Hardware

Bid Package # 13 – Glass, Glazing & Aluminum Windows

Bid Package # 14 – Flooring

Bid Package # 15 – Painting & Caulking

Bid Package # 16 – Specialties

Bid Package # 17 – Elevators

Bid Package # 18 – Mechanical

Bid Package # 19 – Fire Protection

Bid Package # 20 – Electrical

Bid Package # 21 – Technology, Voice, & Data Communication Cabling

The Instructions to Bidders and the drawings and specifications will be available Monday, May 9, 2005, and may be examined at the following locations:
Clark Construction Company – Petoskey Michigan
Clark Construction Company – Lansing, Michigan
Builders Exchange Offices of Traverse City, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Saginaw
F.W. Dodge Reports of Flint, Grand Rapids, and Southfield

A complete set of bid documents may be obtained for $100.00 by contacting Clark Construction Company's Northern Michigan office at 2 Pennsylvania Plaza, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, 231-348-9300.

A Pre-Bid Walk-Through Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. commencing at Clark Construction's Field Office for the project located at 220 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal will be required with each proposal exceeding $50,000.

No bid may be withdrawn for 60 days after the bid opening date.

The bidder to whom a contract exceeding $50,000 is awarded will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total contract amount.

Waiver: The Charlevoix Public Library reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive defects in bids, and to accept bids and make awards in any manner deemed to be in their best interest.

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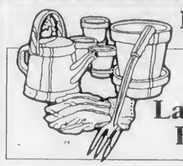

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MAY 2005

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

CPR and First Aid Classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuseitation courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 18 - Adult Heartsaver CPR in classroom B.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 25 - Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in classroom B.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 1 - Basic First Aid in classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Retired teachers meeting

MARSP Charlevoix Chapter of retired school personnel will meet at the Boyne City Middle School (across from the public library) at 12 p.m., on May 18. The $8 lunch will be prepared by the Boyne City High School hospitaliters. Entertainment will be provided by the Northwest Academy brass band of Charlevoix.

Spring concert

The Charlevoix Middle School spring concert starts at 7 p.m. on May 19. The public is welcome.

Grandvue open house

Grandvue the Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility has an open house and dedication of their expanded and renovated facility. It would like to invite the public to help us celebrate from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 19. The cutting ceremony is at 2:30 p.m. They are located at 1728 S. Peninsula Road in East Jordan.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will have a blood drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m., on May 19, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street. Please call (800) 448-3543 for an appointment or drop in. Please bring your ARC donor card or government I.D.

Flag disposal

The Charlevoix Cub Scouts Pack 11 will be conducting a Flag Disposal Ceremony at its May 23 Pack Meeting. This ceremony is for those flags that are no longer serviceable to individuals or businesses in our community.

If any individual or business has a flag that needs to be disposed of you can bring it to the pack meeting or call (231) 547-6862 to arrange for pick-up. The community is invited to attend this meeting that is loeated on Division Street in Charlevoix.

PTO raffle

The PTO of the Charlevoix Elementary School is having a raffle for four day passes to the Great Wolf Lodge. All proceeds will go to the family of Parker Ebert, one of their students who is battling cancer. Tickets can be purchased at the Charlevoix Elementary School office for $1 each or six for $5. All other donations are appreciated.

School enrollment

New Family Enrollment and Open House at Charlevoix Children's House.

Families interested in registration or information for the Fall at Charlevoix Children's House are invited to attend the Fall Registration and Open house on Wednesday, May 25th, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. There will be a presentation on the Montessori Method of education and the school's philosophy and curriculum. Parents will have the opportunity to experience the classroom, materials, and have an overview of the three year, 3 – 6 year old curriculum offered at the school. Charlevoix Children's House offers flexible scheduling for full or half days between the hours of 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM for your 2 to 6-year-old child. Do not miss this valuable opportunity for your child's education. Charlevoix Children's House is located at 08700 Mercer Blvd. in Charlevoix. For more information please call 547-5599.

Spring retreat

Win-Some Women Christian Retreats has openings for the upcoming Spring Retreat to be on Mackinae Island. Registrations are being accepted for the Wednesday, May 18 and 19 retreat only. The theme for the retreat is The Revelation of God's Love. Keynote speaker and vocalist is Wintley Phipps along with featured speaker Jeannette Clift George and the theatrical performers A.D. Players. Please contact Juli Fryczynski at (231) 347-6179 or visit Country Clutter, 306 E. Lake Street, in Petoskey to pick up a brochure and registration.

4-H soccer registration

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer registration is from 5:30 to 7 p.m., May 19 and May 24, in the Charlevoix Elementary School Gym. Registration is for U-6 through U-14 divisions. Fees are $60 per child with a $40 discount for parent volunteer time applieable to all their children registering to play. Any registration received after June 1 is subjeet to a $10 late fee. Contact Marlene at 547-9452 if you need additional information.

Hospital Guild sale

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, is having it's first annual Black & Decker Product Sale on May 24, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Black & Deeker offers some fine quality consumer products such as housewares, small power tools, lawn and garden products and related accessories.

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Meetings and organizations

Service organizations

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information. call 237-9249.

Church groups

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjaek Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

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Goldstick files notice of insanity defense

MURDER

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"The center for forensic psychiatry is going to evaluate his mental state now and his mental state at the time of the incident," Jarema said.

Under Michigan law a person is legally insane if they suffer from certain kinds of mental illness or as a result of retardation to a degree that the person lacks the understanding of what they did.

To better understand Goldstick's mindset at the time of the alleged murder, forensie psychiatrists will go through statements he made after the incident and other pieces of evidence.

Goldstick's one-day evaluation could happen in the Ypsilanti area, but Jarema said, investigators will likely come to Traverse City. In either case, Goldstick will be transported in custody.

While Jarema isn't sure of the exact date this case will go to trial, he expects it will occur sometime this fall.

Statistieally and historically Goldstick has only a slight chance of being found insane, but Jarema said, "If he comes back and he's not competent to stand trial I would have the opportunity to request an independent examination."

According to Dennis Lawrence, clinical supervisor of North Country Community Mental Health, several tests may be used to determine Goldstick's mindset at the time of his alleged involvement.

"Basically they're going to try and figure out whether he knew right from wrong at the time and whether or not he understands the system well enough to provide a defense for himself," Lawrence said.

According to Lawrenee, insanity is a legal term, not a medical term.

He said examiners generally look for insufficient comprehension to stand trial because a person can be mentally ill and still understand the proceedings.

"Some of the things the forensie examiner may look for is if Goldstick was so psychotic he wasn't aware of his behavior or couldn't control his behavior," Lawrence said. "Or, if he had some type of brain injury which prevented him from comprehending his actions or the results thereof."

Lawrence added that it's a rare occasion that anyone wins a case by using the insanity defense.

"It's used less often than people think," Lawrence said. "Some research years ago showed that in reality it was only used in about one percent of cases, while the perception is that it is used in more cases."

A couple of tests which may be used to help determine Goldstick's sanity status could be the M'Naghten Rule, also known as the right-wrong test, which says, "A defendant may be exeused from criminal responsibility if at the time of the commission of the act the party accused was laboring under such a defect of reason, from a disease of the mind, as not to know the nature and the quality of the act he was doing or if he did know it, that he did not know he was doing wrong."

Another test which may be used is called the Irresistible Impulse Test which basically says people with a mental disease prohibiting them from controlling their actions are excluded from criminal responsibility.

According to Goldstick's defense attorney Robert Banner, he isn't aware of any history of mental illness from which Goldstick suffers, "But, he (Goldstick) has indicated, from a mental health perspective, he was not doing well the last couple of months."

According to Banner, Goldstick made three independent statements about his involvement in the murder to police, the validity of which will be questioned at a hearing.

"The purpose of the hearing that we will have is for the judge to determine whether the statements were voluntarily made," he said. "Right now the case is not really one of who did this, as much as why or was there premeditation."

Adventure outreach program offered

Eleventh Hour Outreach of Charlevoix is now recruiting and taking applications for its backpacking expedition July 8 - 16 for boys ages 13 and up.

Each summer for the past 3 years a team of adventurous boys from Northern Michigan trek deep to the Marble Mountain Wilderness area in Northern California.

The summer enrichment camp came into being when two local youth leaders Chad Closson and Tyvin Whittaker desired to create an expedition that was aimed at helping at-risk boys. Since its inception we've led over 40 backpackers deep into the rugged back country out west.

Although the camp originated for boys that were considered at-risk, we now take any young boy that has an adventurous spirit. Fathers are welcome to join as well, but it is an extreme challenge that should not be attempted without being in good physical condition.

Located along the famed Pacific Crest Trail (a continuous mountain trail that stretches south to north from Canada to Mexico) the Marble Mountain Wilderness area has over 80 lakes laden with fat rainbow and brook trout.

"The maturing process that transpires during the trip is marvelous to observe," says Whittaker. "Strapping a 35-pound backpack loaded with survival gear to young shoulders has a way of educating a boy about personal responsibility. They learn in a hurry what is essential for their week in the wilds, and more important, what is not."

Boys that endure the arduous trek up the mountain from the valley floor are rewarded with panoramic views, clear alpine lakes, starry nights, campfire stories and possibly the chance to glimpse a bear or even the elusive mountain lion.

Days in the wilderness are spent on exploring caves, rock climbing, swimming, fishing and hiking to remote lakes, as well as high diving and jumping into deep waters for the adventurous ones. Each night after dinner the boys record in their own journals thoughts and feelings about what they experienced throughout the day.

The expedition team will be flying round trip from Traverse City to San Francisco. Backpackers will have the opportunity to visit the Pacific Coast as well as camp under the giant redwoods. Cost for the 7-day wilderness/adventure is $599. This price includes air-fare, camp meals and ground transportation.

A brochure and application can be obtained by writing to Eleventh Hour Outreach, P.O. Box 267, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or by calling Tyvin Whittaker (231) 237-9686. Space is limited and deadline for registration is June 1, 2005.

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County insurance to pay fine in Whistleblowers Act case

COUNTY

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prompted them to leave their posts and take medical leave during the winter of 2003. In April of 2003 they took their claims a step further, filing suit against Kur. At one point Judge Power threw the case out. But the disgruntled duo did not give up, firing back with the Whistleblowers Act violation claim.

The recent seven day, 20 plus witness trial ensued.

After six hours of deliberation, the jury in this case found that Kur's actions as described by the women constitute "constructive discharge." That is, working conditions for the two were so intolerable that they were left with no choice but to quit. This constructive discharge concept is the cornerstone to their Whistleblowers Act violation claim.

Compensation in this case was awarded to Ward and Rozema for economic, non-economic and future economic damages. The jury awarded Ward with $552,068.74 in damages and Rozema with $505,713.65 in damages.

According to Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon, this over $1 million penalty will be paid by the county's insurance company at the present time but higher premiums and deductibles that will likely be handed down will come from taxpayer's pockets.

When all is said and done, Parsons said that penalty will likely climb to $1.25 million as he and his clients plan to ask for attorney fees and related costs to be reimbursed as well. They plan to file this motion in the next few weeks.

While Parsons feels the fallout of this will bring about positive change for Charlevoix County government operations, Brannon disagrees.

She said the decision, "raises a red flag for management." And "for employees I guess if you're disgruntled, sue the county. That's the message it sends."

Dennis Taylor, a Traverse City attorney representing Kur is preparing to appeal.

"Defendants are going forward with their post verdict remedies," Taylor said and declined to comment further.

Parsons said his case wouldn't change at the appellate level and he is confident Ward and Rozema will prevail.

"I don't think they'll (Kur and Taylor) win one (appeal) that's for sure. The record in this case is totally supported by the verdict," he said.

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'Skip day' party bust

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A senior skip day party thrown by a group of Charlevoix High School seniors turned into a major bust for local and state law enforcement.

Charlevoix High School seniors declared Friday, May 13 senior skip day. According to high school principal Gary Grundman, this is not endorsed by the school as an official day off but has become a tradition for the senior class.

"I've been a principal now since 1980. My reaction to incidents like this is always the same — kids make stupid mistakes and this is one of them. I'm very thankful they weren't injured and I'm very disappointed in them. But kids make mistakes," Grundman said.

The incident occurred Thursday night, May 12 and carried over into the early morning hours of May 13, senior skip day. About 20 seniors between the ages of 17 and 18 were involved.

The group decided to throw a party the night of May 12. The gathering took place in the woods off the seasonal portion of Stephen's Road in Charlevoix's Hayes Township.

Just after midnight the morning of May 13, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office received an anonymous call. The caller, a parent of a partygoer, said underage drinking was going on at the site.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater said when three sheriff's deputies and two Michigan State Troopers arrived they found several cars and a bonfire. There were no tents pitched there.

Lasater said 14 of the students at the party were ticketed for being minor's in possession of alcohol. About five others ran into the woods, one of whom was retrieved. Only one of the students cited was uncooperative.

On May 13, Lasater informed the school as to what had transpired.

Charlevoix High School Athletic Director, Jim Kanine, said six of those ticketed for underage drinking were competing in varsity athletics programs.

Kanine said all of the six student athletes are first time offenders which, according to the school's extracurricular policy, means they are ineligible to play in 30 percent of the team's season.

All six students were immediately suspended from activities. Two of the six are tennis players and will miss the remainder of the season, including regional and state competition.

Those that are baseball players were subject to a 20-game suspension and can return for the last game of the season which will take place today, May 25.

Grundman said further disciplinary action was not taken because the party was not a school sponsored event and did not take place on school grounds.

Car wash 'no threat' to nearby Stover Creek

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some locals fear a the new Charlevoix Sparkle Buggy Auto Wash may harm Stover Creek, but experts say the car wash shouldn't be a problem.

Decades of littering and urban development were responsible for putting the creek on a list of damaged waters. Only recently was it removed from the list through careful study and hard work.

According to Charlevoix County Drain Commissioner and Soil Erosion and Storm Control officer Marc Seelye, Stover Creek, which runs from up by Marion Center Road to Lake Charlevoix, should be safe from harmful runoff.

"Any of the contaminated water from the car wash is supposed to go into the sanitary storm sewer," Seelye said. "So barring any natural disaster, the creek should be fine."

He added, "It's a sound design that they submitted, it's a workable project."

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Friendly feathered visitors

Each year a family of birds nests near the air conditioning unit at the Charlevoix Courier office located off Mason Street. These three were resting close by to stay warm Monday morning after their mom delivered a snack.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Jamie Kimberly Kelly, 32, Charlevoix. Larceny greater than $200 less than $1,000. Serve 180 days in jail with credit of one day, 164 days held in abeyance, 15 days community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, six months probation and a letter of apology; $4,800 in fines and costs.

Charles Richard Brooks, 30, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit of 75 days, to serve 18 days.

Brian Keith James, 42, Conway. Larceny greater than $200 less than $1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit of one day, to serve 30 days, 319 days held in abeyance, 15 days community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail with 12 months probation and a letter of apology; $950 in fines and costs plus an amount to be determined.

Brian Keith James, 42, Conway. Operating a snowmobile when ordered not to. Serve 30 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Thomas Howard McDonald, 22, Gaylord. Operating while license suspended first offense. Serve 20 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Myron Randall McIntire, 19, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 15 days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Kevin Michael Hamilton, 21, Pontiac. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service in lieu of five days in jail, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess controlled substances/alcohol; $930 in fines and costs.

Gregory Nathan Wright, 18, Alanson. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol - third offense. Nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess controlled substances/alcohol, attend IMPACT classes; $355 in fines and costs.

Michael George Karaszewski, 31, Mancelona. Domestic violence - second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 22 days, 328 days held in abeyance, 15 days community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, one year probation; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Justin Lee Whipple, 22, Petoskey. Operating while license suspended first offense; $500 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Bay Shore Woods LLC, 13196 Cedar Street, Charlevoix by F. Dean Mikulski and Nancy Mikulski.

Affordable Auto Repair, 6685 M-66, Lot #87 Charlevoix, by Jeremy Moses.

MJW Enterprises, 12458 Country Club Drive, Charlevoix by Marvin Witthoeft.

Taylor's Door to Door, 917 Lake Street, Petoskey by Jonathan Taylor.

Charly's Restaurant, 100 Michigan Avenue, Charlevoix by Helen V. Coon.

Accents By Pamela, 100 Boyne Avenue Suite A, Boyne City by Pamela Hartwice.

Fraley Lawn Services Plus, 05580 Barnard Road Charlevoix by Timothy W. Fraley.

Boulder Park Cottage Rentals, 14870 Park Avenue Charlevoix by Joan L. Chodak.

Ken's Construction 815 East Main Street, Boyne City by Kenneth E. Ordiway.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Brian Michael Patten, 33, of Boyne City and Charity Lee Huff, 29, of Boyne City

Donald Edward Abbey Jr., 39, of Charlevoix and Jennifer Lynn Zeitler, 22, of Charlevoix

Chet Wilson Craw, 24, of Clark Lake and Megan Lynn Lefevre, 21, of East Jordan

Aaron Michael Taylor, 30, of Holland and Jill Marie Karkosak, 26, of Boyne City

Sheriff increases patrols in Charlevoix County

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater advises any Charlevoix County citizen concerned with traffic safety on a specific road to contact the sheriff's office for concentrated patrol consideration.

Possible traffic safety concerns include; speeders, careless or reckless drivers, drunk drivers and more.

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This program will be in addition to regular sheriff patrol activities. Request should be directed to Lasater at (231) 547-4461. Lasater will assign specific patrols.

Births

Yannis Hahn-Burnell weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces was born to Martina Hahn and Kevin J. Burnell of Walloon Lake on May 12, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Teghan, 10, Johanna, 10, Alison, 8, and Brianna, 6. Grandparents are John and Debbie Burnell of Bay City, the late Joyce McCauley of Indian River, Kdrin Bleyel of Rodgau, Germany, and Christophe and Renate Hahn of Einbeck, Gerimany.

Jet Paul Ramey weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born to Paul and Aimee Ramey of East Jordan May 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Barbara Seaver of Petoskey, Joe Pront of Rosebush and Mark Ramey of Goose Creek, South Carolina.

Correction

Due to a reporter's error in the story titled "Charlevoix residents roughed it 100 years ago," that appeared on page 18 of the May 18 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, information was incorrectly reported. It should have read, "A 15 mile-per-hour wind could accelerate you up to 90 miles-per-hour." And, Dave Miles should have been cited as co-director of the Harsha House, not the Curator.

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Local creek no longer endangered

CREEK

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According to Kevin Cronk, the monitoring and research coordinator for the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, some of the biggest threats to the creek have nothing to do with wastewater.

"I don't know of any direct wastewater discharge. From what I understand there is fairly tight control over the wastewater," he said. "If there were any runoff from the car wash it could obviously impact it (Stover Creek)."

He added, "And we would hate to see that happen since we put in the time to study and actually enhance the creek."

According to Cronk, the damage to the creek probably had more to do with garbage and nearby development.

"It's more of a cumulative impact," he said. "I think it's more attributed to urban development than anything else along the creek."

Cronk said pollutants like road salts, automotive fluids, and fertilizers from lawn and gardens are responsible for putting Stover Creek on the impaired list.

Years ago, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) determined biological conditions weren't as healthy as they should have been. Through the efforts of conservationists and volunteers the creek was recently removed from the list.

"We have been working on that creek for a while," Cronk said. "We just did a cleanup and a study on the macro invertebrate populations."

Cronk said the cleaner a body of water is, the more complex life forms it can hold.

"There are some sensitive groups of insects found on the creek," Cronk said. "Based on that, it is a high-quality stream."

This May's cleanup of the creek was funded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and implemented by Tip of the Mitt in conjunction with concerned citizens.

"We had volunteers go to certain sections of the creek and collect refuse," Cronk said. "In one section I found a lot of plastic grocery bags and Styrofoam and a lot of refuse associated with the cemetery."

Cronk said he also found sleeping bags, tents and a car battery in the middle of the creek.

"It's a social responsibility that, unfortunately, people don't all feel they should respect," he said. "By our estimates we picked up four or five cubic yards (or about two full-size pickup truckloads) of garbage."

Cronk said he isn't sure if the cleanup will continue into next year, but Stover Creek could certainly use the attention.

"That will depend on funding. I think if we had the money we would want to do another year's worth because we didn't accomplish everything we wanted to," he said. "With another year of cleanup we could get more done."

Courtesy photo

According to some local experts, the new car wash , Sparkle Buggy Auto Wash, in Charlevoix Township currently under construction should pose no harm to nearby Stover Creek. (Above) Volunteers drag trash out of the creek during a May 14 clean-up.

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Wear a "Buddy" Poppy with pride

EDITORIAL

On Memorial Day, many area veterans and volunteers recognize friends and family members by distributing poppies for donations.

Everyone is used to solicitors begging for the few pennies that are left over after the month's bills are paid. Usually, these ill- mannered people call during dinner, or worse, just when you've put the kids to bed.

But, when an elderly woman with a bright smile, carrying a bouquet of paper poppies walked into our office last week, We didn't want to close the door on her.

She was here representing the local chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). She requested donations in exchange for a poppy made by veterans.

We not only wanted to listen to her but were reaching in our pockets before she could open her mouth.

Later, we were approached by an older man, also representing the VFW, wearing the same bright, white smile and holding a similar bouquet of red poppies. When asked to purchase one, we kindly showed him our lapels adorned with the poppies we had acquired earlier that day and said we'd hit him up next year.

On May 27 and 28 the American Legion, Unit 226 and its auxiliary are distributing poppies. A blurb about this effort appears on page seven of this week's Courier.

Both the legion and the VFW then distribute proceeds to veterans' assistance programs.

It's not only the purpose of the poppy drive we're lauding in this piece, it's the approach.

We have been approached by just as many non-profit solicitors as we have for-profit entities. But it was the sincerity and smile from the poppy crew that won our hearts and our dollars.

Congratulations to volunteers and veterans who participated in this top-notch fund-raising effort.

And, to our readers, we hope to see everyone at Memorial Day events May 30 sporting a poppy.

For more information about Memorial Day happenings in Charlevoix, reference the news release on page nine of this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier.

Letters Policy

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

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Letters to the editor

Food project reps thankful

Editor:

Representatives of The Manna Food Project say, "Thanks"

Volunteers — where would this world be without them? Most of today's service organizations were originally started by volunteers and The Manna Food Project, along with the 23 pantries/agencies it serves throughout Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties, is no exception. The hard work and dedication of hundreds of volunteers keeps the surplus and donated food moving out into communities where the need is greatest. Perhaps you are one that comes to load your van or truck to transport the food to your pantry/agency. Are you the smiling face that helps distribute and carry food to a client's car? Do you quietly work by yourself repackaging bulk food items? Or are you in charge of collecting food to donate to the pantry?

Maybe you are one of the unseen "elves" that quietly appear in the evening to restock shelves, change light bulbs, label food items or fix doors. Whatever your contribution it is a great one and appreciated more than you will ever know. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that keep The Manna Food Project and other pantries going. We wouldn't be here without you. God bless you all.

Kathy Hart
Executive Director
The Manna Food Project

School should start later

Editor:

Are your kids not wanting to get up in the morning? Are they squeaking, don't get me up so early? Well that can change if all of you readers agree that we need to start school later, because kids aren't getting enough sleep, many kids miss breakfast which is the most important meal of the day, and kids have trouble paying attention in class.

First off, kids are not getting enough sleep. All kids need to get at least nine hours of sleep every day. Many kids end up going to bed at 10:00 or later. All kids that ride the bus have to get up at 6:00 in the morning, so they only get eight hours of sleep.

Another reason is kids can't pay attention because they're half awake. The first few hours of school many kids can't keep their heads off the desks too. A lot of kids are tired all day long and yawn which is distracting to the teacher.

My last reason is that kids miss breakfast, which is the most important meal of the day. When kids get off the bus they only have four minutes to eat breakfast in the cafeteria. Then they would have to eat their breakfast in seminar, which a lot of teachers don't let you do.

As you can see starting school later would help kids pay attention in class. All the other kids in school could sleep in an get better grades. I'm sure a lot of parents would like this change too.

Wyatt Drost
Sixth Grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Kur decision unfair

Editor:

One more time I am going to take my chances at writing to the newspaper, even though I have written more letters than I actually sent or have been printed.

First I would like to say, no one asked me, told me, or offered me money to write this letter.

Since I have been residing out of the area for the past few years, I have refrained from expressing my opinion on most of the economic and societal issues that have taken place in the Charlevoix-Emmet area. Even though I have a considerable interest in what happens there, I hesitate to put my opinion in writing as it may be misinterpreted, misrepresented and/or used against me by whomever finds it in their interest: However, I am once again appalled by our so called "justice" system and the involvement of those attorneys in the process of litigation at the expense of our taxpayers (How much of the $1 million did Mr. Parsons receive from Charlevoix County's insurance company?)

To be honest, when I moved out of the area, I lost track of who was suing who, for what and where the money was coming from to pay the settlements (and/or attorneys).

My sentiments about the jury's decision in favor of the plaintiff against our previous prosecutor were the same as Mary Beth Kur's "Stunned and disappointed." From the beginning of the conflict that started between John Jarema and his "followers" against Mrs. Kur, the words "It's not about money" flew around. What I want to know is who ever believed that and do we still believe that?

If we do, how foolish are we? Should we take a good look at the attorneys who have the money in their pockets (bank) or already spent? I take issue with the statement "it's not about money" and feel that someone should confront each attorney about how much money "they" made in each of these lawsuits. If no one was paid to "be quiet" or "speak up" and if jurors were not influenced by press coverage discussion outside the courtroom and/or "politics" after two or three highly publicized court cases, it would certainly surprise me. I am not making allegations. I am only pointing out what might be possibilities.

Once again, I state my support for Mrs. Kur. I worked alongside her when she was assistant prosecutor in my employment with Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency. I stood beside her in the prosecution of a highly publicized and controversial "racial intimidation/assault case that involved people I loved dearly as my "family." I watched as she tried cases with integrity and guarded restraint with conviction and compassion for victims. I believe as I always have that she has the ability to determine who the real "victims" are.

What I do believe is Mary Beth Kur did the best job she could as a prosecutor and did it well. I saw her take persecution that was totally uncalled for and saw to it without ever breaking the law. If a jury saw fit to judge against Mrs. Kur based on what they "believed" the law said, then it is my "opinion" we need a better way to educate jurors. Likewise, this letter is a statement of my "opinion." Take it or leave it.

Norma Keller-Eby
Cross Village

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End wars in Middle East

Editor:

End wars in the Middle East — the wars in the Middle East were a lie before they started and continue to insult and infuriate anyone who feels at all connected with the human race. The Bush administration is building a military empire in Iraq in order to make further strikes against sovereign nations. The current administration's goals include invading, occupying and then stealing resources from as many Middle Eastern nations as is possible. Don't let this happen. Now is not the time for complacency. Write, call or e-mail your legislators and tell them $200 billion dollars building up someone else's country is criminal. Tell them 200,000 dead people can not possibly be justified. Tell them if they don't speak out against the genocide going on in the Middle East you will not vote for them next cycle.

Steve Little
Charlevoix

Kudos to commissioners

Editor:

On behalf of the Tobacco Reduction Coalition, I would like to thank the Charlevoix County Commissioners for their recent approval of the Smoke-Free Workplace Regulation that we recently presented to them.

Environmental tobacco smoke (second-hand smoke) is a very serious health hazard, responsible for an estimated 26 deaths in our four-county region each year, or more deaths annually than those from auto accidents, alcohol, drug overdose, AIDS, and fires combined (MDCH statistics). Experience from other Michigan counties, as well as other states, shows that smoke-free workplace regulations do make a difference. They create a healthier work environment, encourage present-day smokers to quit, reduce long-term health costs for employers and for the larger society, and set a healthy example for future generations. And they cost almost nothing to implement, and require very little enforcement resources.

Thank you, commissioners, for helping make Charlevoix County a healthier place to work, shop, visit and live.

Kenyon Stebbins, PhD, Chair of the TRC
Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency

More gym class needed

Editor:

Do you think it would be pleasant to have kids happy? I think students need to have gym as a regular class because they would be getting energy from exercising. They would be more active and fit, and not as many kids would be overweight.

First, if we had gym every day we would get more exercise. Exercising gives you energy and keeps you awake. A lot of kids are tired before recess. But after recess not as many kids are tired because they are more awake from exercising. So they do better in class.

Another reason gym should be a regular class is students would be more active and fit. An example of how running helps people is a man on "Oprah" lost 500 pounds just running around a track. Now he runs four miles a day. In gym almost all the games include running. So kids would be more in shape.

Finally, a lot of Americans are overweight and having gym class regularly would help overweight students. The United States is considered one of the most overweight countries. From 1999 to 2000 the percent of overweight kids ages 12 to 19 went from 4.6 to 15.5 percent. Just think what it is now.

In conclusion I think they should combine English and reading to make space in our schedule for gym.

So I think gym should be a regular class. Then maybe kids could accomplish more in class by having energy. Students would also be more fit.

Dylan Sladek
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Stop light for safety

Editor:

Do you worry about your child's safety crossing the road from, or to school? Maybe you should think about a push button stop light on the intersection of Bridge Street and Garfield.

That way it would be safer for your boy or girl to cross the road. A stoplight could also help drivers pay more attention to pedestrians. It would also assist kids crossing the highway by being sure that the cars would stop.

It could save several lives by regulating traffic and people crossing by allowing small groups to pass. Another example could be reducing the chance of a car hitting a person.

Another reason is that sheriffs could relax a little more on duty. A sheriff would not have to sit and watch over every one. It would be one less thing they would have to worry about.

With a push button stop light you would not have to worry about your child's overall safety crossing the road from, or to school.

Andrew Scholey
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Students are too tired

Editor:

Do you think we should start school later in the day? I do because starting later will make school more fun.

The first reason we should start school later in the day is because it is so hard to get up so early. We don't get enough sleep because we have to get up at 6 a.m. I normally go to sleep at 10 p.m. Then I have to go to school at 7:36 a.m. so I only get 8 hours of sleep, and I should get nine to 10 hours of sleep.

Another reason we should start school later is so it will be easier to listen in class because we won't be so tired in class. We won't be so tired because we will get enough sleep. We will also be more active through the day because we have energy from getting enough sleep.

Finally, in the morning we will have time to eat breakfast at home. We should have time to eat because it will give our bodies energy. We can also think better because we won't be hungry.

In conclusion, I think you should think about letting us start school later so we will be better in school. Please consider my request.

Amy Pelon
Sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

More middle school sports

Editor:

I am a sixth grader who loves golf and hockey. I think we need a middle school golf and hockey team. Parents do you want your kids out of your hair? Well, if there were a golf and hockey team for middle school we probably would be.

First, these two sports would be great exercise for most kids. Most kids in the U.S. are obese and not healthy if kids were more active they would probably be happier about themselves because they are skinnier.

Another, reason is kids could learn new sports. Some kids don't play sports but golf or hockey might interest them. These sports are not well known, but if there were more teams it might change its popularity.

Finally, golf would teach kids great etiquette and manner for other people. Some kids don't have any sportsmanship at all. Hockey would teach kids awesome leadership. It would also make us stronger.

Those are all the reasons I think we should have a middle school golf and hockey team.

Logan Kline
Sixth grade
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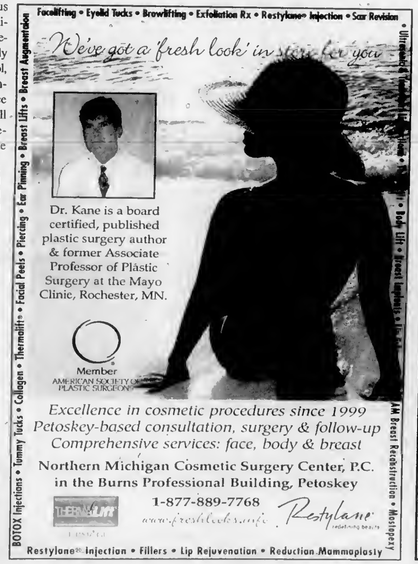

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ISD dinner celebrates student achievement

The achievements of approximately 200 high school students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes were celebrated before a packed house at the annual CTE Recognition Dinner.

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District hosted the May 3 recognition dinner to honor students for being among the top seven percent of those attending CTE classes. More than 2,600 high school students enroll annually in the 39 CTE programs available to local schools within the Char-Em district.

Approximately 600 people attended the dinner, including students, parents, CTE teachers and other school personnel.

In addition to the students, the Char-Em ISD recognized six business partners for their continued support of the Career and Technical Education programs.

Polly Flippo of North Central Michigan College, Christine Meister of Northern Michigan Hospital, and Chris Wilhelm of Charlevoix Area Hospital were recognized for their involvement in an upcoming medical career investigation to encourage students to enter the many health occupations.

Andy Hayes of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and formerly of Harbor House Publishers, was honored for his role in the ISD-created video highlighting the CTE programs operated at area schools. Carlin Smith of Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce was honored for his continued support of the schools in numerous ways, including as emcee of the CTE Recognition Dinner.

Courtesy photo

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock (left) hands a pin to a Career and Technical Education (CTE) student who was honored at the CTE Recognition Dinner hosted by the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District May 3.

Carl Wager of Little Traverse Association of Home Builders (LTAHB) was also honored for his organization's support of providing scholarships for Construction Technology students.

The LTAHB and Construction Technology classes from Petoskey, Charlevoix, and Boyne City annually team up to build and auction a garage. Numerous sponsors donated toward the 2005 garage build with the proceeds supporting student scholarships within Construction Technology programs. Wager presented a check for $1,875 to each of the schools for scholarships.

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The glory of success

Local cancer survivor Michelle Biddick ran a triathlon last week to benefit cancer research. She raised $1,900 for the cause. Above Biddick, pictured at left, finishes the race at Harbor Health and Fitness where she was welcomed by friend Gay Hodge and others.

Harbor Industries donates cabinet to elementary school

Harbor Industries teamed up with the Charlevoix Elementary School and the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's Early Education Department to help parents of young children.

Leslie Van De Car, a family school liaison with the ISD, discovered the need to house Stepping Stones to School materials for parents in a cabinet at the elementary school.

"I approached Harbor Industries because I was having difficulty finding a pre-made cabinet that would be the size needed for Charlevoix Elementary School's Lending Library," Van De Car said. "After talking with Eric Thompson (Harbor Industries' Store Fixtures Department Manager), he suggested leaving a couple of rough designs with him of what was needed."

A drawing was drafted, a few changes and additions were made and the project was off and running. To Van De Car's surprise, the company donated all the labor and parts for the cabinet, which was built by Harbor Industries employee Fred Brosofske.

The lending library is a joint effort between Charlevoix Elementary School and the Stepping Stones to School network to assist families with children ages birth to five. The cabinet houses resources for parents and includes books, videos/CDs, tapes, and literacy activity bags. Parents can check out items for two weeks. Harbor Industries added a mail slot on the side of the cabinet for returned items.

The new cabinet is located in the foyer at Charlevoix Elementary School, near the kindergarten classrooms.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Elementary School principal Dick Swenor (left) thanks Harbor Industries Store Fixtures Department Manager Eric Thompson for the company's donation of a cabinet to house resources for families with children ages birth to five.

American Legion to distribute poppies

The American Legion, unit 226, and its auxiliary will distribute the American Legion poppies on Friday and Saturday, May 27 and 28.

The poppies may be picked up at Birdies Beauty Shop at 101 Mason Street in Charlevoix. For more information or to volunteer, please call co-chairman Katie Curtis at (231) 547-6943 or Birdie Whitley at (231) 547-2791.

Both the legion and VFW organizations distribute the poppies once a year to gain funds to assist local veterans. The poppies are made by disabled, hospitalized veterans, who earn a small amount by making the poppies.

The veterans groups purchase the poppies from those hospitalized veterans and distribute them nationally. The donations received from the public for the poppies are used locally to assist veterans and their families.

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Church offers special service to familes who have lost children

The community is invited to the "Burial Service for the Children" at 4 p.m. June 12.

This worship service of Holy Communion and healing is being offered by the Healing Ministry of Christ Episcopal Church.

"Burial Service for the Children" is especially for the benefit of those who have had their lives affected by the loss of a child due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome or any form of defect or illness that claimed the life of the child at an early age.

The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. E. James Gunn, Rector of Christ Church. Father Jim and Jan lost their first child at the age of two months due to multiple congenital birth defects.

The readings, music, sermon and overall content of the "Burial Service for the Children" is meant to provide a healing opportunity to grieve the loss and receive God's grace - even if the loss occurred many years earlier.

Gunn said when this service took place at his previous parish, a woman who, 25 years before, had a miscarriage at three months was finally able to release the pain she had carried all of that time.

After the sermon each person will be invited to place a slip of paper with the name of any child whose death affected their life into a small wooden casket. When the service is over, there will be a procession outside and the casket will be buried using a regular graveside service. Trained prayer ministers will be available from beginning to end to pray with anyone who needs help in their grief.

For more information, call Christ Episcopal Church at (231) 547-6322.

Obituaries

Tyler James Dickerson: Aug. 14, 1992 - May 15, 2005

On Sunday, May 15, 2005 Tyler James Dickerson peacefully passed away. He was born August 14, 1992. He was 12-years-old.

Tyler is a beautiful angel who loved life. The character, wisdom, compassion and appreciation for all of life that he developed in such a short time on this earth was so far beyond his years. His life deeply touched everyone he encountered. Our little Tyler loved to ride his dirt bike, he was a natural born rider. Tyler took excellent care of his belongings, his motorcycle, his bicycle — he was instinctively mechanically inclined, he loved to tinker and find out how things worked. He had a bright smile and contagious laugh, his eyes sparkled with his wonder and curiosity about the world around him. Developing an ability to giftedly express himself both in writing and in art he continued to surprise and amaze us. Tyler excelled at everything and would never give up until he accomplished his goal. He was modest, humble and so very kind.

Tyler was born in Colorado and a piece of his heart was always there with his family. He visited his father often and loved the mountains. His love of his family was as vast as the Colorado landscape.

Tyler was fiercely protective of his mother, they where deeply bonded. They shared a life of respect and love as they learned from each other how to be the best people they could be. Being very affectionate, Tyler lavished his mother with love. His sense of humor always amazed and brought so much laughter into their lives. He was so happy. He brought joy to the world. He was the light of Carols life.

Surviving Tyler in death are his mother Carol Dickerson of Alta Loma Calif., father Tom Dickerson of Carbondale Colo. Grandmother Cliftene Meredith of Charlevoix. Grandparents Paul and Meredyth Dickerson of Montrose Colo. Aunt Susan and uncle Walter Smith of Delmar Iowa, Aunt Dianne LeDoux and cousins Brett Viol and Breanna LeDoux of Ellijay, Ga. Uncle Jack Stuart and cousin Jessie Stuart of Yantis, Texas. Aunt Laurel Stuart and cousins Michelle, Rachel and Joel Walker of West Palm Beach, Fla. Aunt Staci Dickerson of Carbondale Colo. Uncle and aunt Jon and Emarae Garcia-Dickerson and cousins IvAnn and Hayden Garcia-Dickerson of Montrose, Colo. Cousin Christopher Dickerson and his dog Nut.

Preceding Tyler in death are his grandfathers, Jack Stuart and Dale Meredith, grandmother Ann Dickerson and uncle Mark Stuart.

Services celebrating Tyler's life were May 18, 2005, at the Flipside Church in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. A service will also be held later this spring in the high mountains of Colorado at the family mountain property.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Tyler's name to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005-4001.

George W. Wright II: Oct. 22, 1922 - May 20, 2005

George W. Wright, II, M.D., 82, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Flint, died Friday, May 20, 2005, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Mass of the Resurrection took place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 24, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, the Rev. Thomas Neis officiated.

George was born October 22, 1922, in Bethpage, Tenn., the son of George W. and Hattie (Storey) Wright. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a medic from 1942-1945.

He received his undergraduate degree from Memphis State University, then earned his Medical Doctorate from the University of Tennessee. He was on staff at both McLaren General Hospital and Hurley Medical Center in Flint from 1963 to 1988, serving as Director of Psychiatric Services for Hurley during that time.

George was founder and director of the Genesee Psychiatric Center in Flint from 1971-1988. He was an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Michigan State College of Medicine. George was recognized in 2004 for completing a half-century of service in medicine from the Michigan State Medical Society.

On Dec. 28, 1978, George married Michalene "Mike" (McGuire-McNamara) in Grand Blanc. They moved to Charlevoix in 1987, and George retired from private practice in 2002.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, the American Psychiatric Association, Northern Michigan Medical Society, and was a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. George was an avid supporter of numerous community organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Michalene; children, Vedah (Charles) Daboub of Dallas, Texas, George W. Wright, III of Dundee, Miss., Patricia (Les) Deisler of Durand, Sharon (Peter) Kinsey of French Camp, Miss., Sarah (Dan) Denson of Woodlands, Texas, Mark Wright of Lampe, Mo., Carol (Don) Cicero of Canton, Ga., Erin (Jim) Bemis, William Wright and Andrew Wright all of Charlevoix; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Warren (Jeanne) Wright, MD of Waveland, Miss.

George was preceded in death by his son Mark, daughter Kathy, granddaughter Courtney, sister Sarah, and daughter-in-law Pam.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary's Church or to the University of Tennessee Medical School. George's family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey for the tender loving care he received.

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Area Church Services

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ISD seeks Americorps volunteers

The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District is seeking 20 AmeriCorps members to work with local school districts during the 2005-2006 school year.

The Char-Em ISD is entering its eighth year of the AmeriCorps program. This program is designed to reduce physical and emotional violence among students through lessons and training in no bullying, conflict resolution, character education and good citizenship.

The 20 AmeriCorps members will be assigned to one school within Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. The commitment is full-time and requires completion of 1,700 hours of service during the year.

Each member receives a living stipend of $10,600, single subscriber medical/dental insurance and childcare reimbursement. Upon completion of the year, AmeriCorps members receive a Federal Education Award of $4,725 which can be used to pay off previously approved student loans or used for future education expenses such as tuition, books, fees or supplies.

Members must be 17 years old, have a high school diploma or GED certificate and be free of any criminal convictions related to violent behavior.

Those interested should contact Linda Johnson at the Char-Em ISD at (231) 547-9947 to sign up for a two-hour orientation meeting. Orientation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, May 27, in Charlevoix. The Char-Em ISD is located at 08568 Mercer Boulevard in Charlevoix.

Memorial Day events planned

Charlevoix's Memorial Day recognition will take place May 30.

The day will include a moment of remembrance as well as a parade.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, May 30 at the flagpole in Brookside Cemetery. There, the Charlevoix American Legion will lead a celebration of remembrance ceremony for fallen comrades from all wars and conflicts with a wreath laying.

The wreath laying will be followed by a parade at 10 a.m. from East Garfield Street to East Park. Senator Carl Levin and Congressman Bart Stupak will participate in the parade.

The Rayder marching band will play after the parade, in East Park.

A reading of names of fallen Charlevoix veterans and those currently serving in Iraq will also take place in the park.

Contact Valerie Pedersen at (231) 547-6558 with names of active service personnel.

For event information call the American Legion at (231) 547-9203.

Obituary

Charles M. Wagner: April 13, 1918 - May 20, 2005

Charles M. Wagner, 87, of Charlevoix died May 20, at home.

A graveside service took place Tuesday, May 24, at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix, the Reverend Thomas Neis officiated. Charles was born April 13, 1918 in Cleveland, Ohio the son of Charles and Jennie (Rauscher) Wagner.

On June 13, 1942 he married Gertrude I. Kasiewicz in Cleveland, Ohio. She preceded him in death on September 14, 1994.

Charles was a corporal in the U.S. Army during World War II serving in the European Theater. He worked at Wojan Aluminum in Charlevoix until retiring, and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Charles is survived by his daughter Debra A. (Richard D.) Baker; granddaughter Jaime (Antonio) Perez; grandson Matthew Baker; granddaughter Layla Perez and grandson Diego Perez all of Charlevoix. The family suggests memorial contributions to The American Diabetes Association.

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Family of local cancer victim seeks community assistance

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Parker Ebert

The family of a local second-grade student at Charlevoix Elementary School could use some help fighting his serious illness.

According to Ellen McDonald, her eight-year-old son, Parker Ebert, was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma early this spring.

"It's a long road, but you just do what you got to do," McDonald said.

According to the Pediatric Oncology Resource Center, Rhabdomyosarcoma accounts for over half of the soft tissue sarcomas in children and depending on where the tumor is located, are often earmarked by a noticeable lump on the child's body.

"He's doing okay. We have good days and bad days, but his spirits are good," McDonald said. "He loves to ski, play baseball, collect Pokemon cards, he's a big reader and he loves anything that involves computers."

Originally, McDonald said, doctors didn't realize her son had a form of cancer.

"He had something on the inside of his cheek and they thought he might have bitten his cheek and got an infection," she said. "But after a CT scan they thought it probably wasn't an infection."

Signs and symptoms of Rhabdomyosarcoma can include lumps, swelling, firm and painless to touch, in the extremities, the groin area, drooping eyelids, protruding eyeball, hoarseness, difficulty in swallowing and abdominal pain lasting more than a week.

The resource center said, "Keep a close eye on your child for small lumps which do not disappear in a week or so, but instead keep growing larger. Especially watch the pelvic region and the arms and legs. Also watch for any changes in the eyes."

Ebert's treatment time is estimated at 48 weeks in which time he will be given radiation treatment lasting Monday through Friday for a month.

According to McDonald, the first three months of treatment have gone pretty well.

"We have been seeing improvement," she said. "Everything is hopeful right now. The chemotherapy makes him sick some days and some days it makes him tired."

Elementary school counselor, Kristen Beach, approached the Parent Teacher Organization to organize a fund-raiser to help Ebert.

"We are doing a fund-raiser right now. It's a raffle for five day passes to Great Wolf Lodge donated by Great Wolf Lodge," she said.

The drawing for the raffle will take place this Friday, May 27. Proceeds will help defray travel and other miscellaneous costs.

McDonald said the funds raised from the raffle will help a lot because she cannot work at her job as sales director at the Weathervane right now since her son so often feels too poor to go to school.

"He (Parker) was home on IV (intravenous) antibiotics for a month, so he couldn't go to school," she said.

The medical portion of the bills are paid for by the Children's Special Health Network.

The biggest hardship, she said, is other costs.

"It's the year of me not working and all the driving back and forth," she said. "We're used to having two incomes."

Her husband, Brian McDonald, was able to travel for a couple of treatments, but he usually stays home and works.

Raffle tickets are $1 each or six tickets for $5. Tickets are available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the elementary school located at 13513 Division Street in Charlevoix.

Donations should be sent to Bay Winds Federal Credit Union in Charlevoix in care of Parker Ebert.

Courtesy photo

Making waves

First through sixth graders from Charlevoix's St. Mary's School enjoyed swim lessons at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool last week. The school paid for this year's lessons using tips earned at fund-raising events.

Trails council celebrated anniversary

The Top of Michigan Trails Council celebrated its Tenth Anniversary May 24.

This milestone honors the nine founding sponsors of the organization including — Horace "Huffy" Huffman (deceased); Dave Irish, Harbor Springs; Wes Hovey, Harbor Springs; Robert Horner, Harbor Springs; G. A. Olofsson, Jr., Harbor Springs and Stuart, Fla.; John G. McCoy, New Albany Ohio; Dale F. Doehrman (deceased); and Max Naas (deceased).

These men and their families, led by Huffman, gave generously to provide seed money for organizing the trails council in May of 1995.

The council marked the event with a dinner celebration at the Petoskey-Bay View Country Club as part of the its annual meeting. Tom Bailey, Executive Director of the Little Traverse Conservancy, who was also heavily involved in helping to create the council, was the featured speaker.

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Dollar Tree expands to supercenter

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's Dollar Tree has expanded into a supercenter to offer shoppers more options.

"A lot of our regular customers have commented on the change. They really like it — it's a lot nicer," Dollar Tree store manager, Karen Smith said.

Smith explained that plans for the renovation started about a year ago when the store's neighboring retailer, Rent-A-Center went out of business. She said at that time, she and assistant manager, Brandy Lapeer, discussed expanding their discount variety store into that space.

Their talks came to fruition at the end of March when construction on the new Dollar Tree Supercenter began. The store did not close during the renovation. The project was complete in late April. A grand opening took place May 14-15 at the site located next to Kmart in the Charlevoix Commons at 6600 M-66.

The renovation brought the retail space, where everything is sold for $1, from 5,000 square feet to 8,000 square feet. Smith said they now offer a greater variety of items, wider aisles and a new check-out space.

"We think more merchandise and variety will result in more sales," Smith said.

She said area customers that used to shop Gaylord and Traverse City Dollar Tree Superstores can now shop locally. A small Dollar Tree exists in Petoskey.

Following the grand opening she said sales have increased but she is expecting to see a big hike after Memorial Day as tourists and seasonal residents make their way to town.

The expansion resulted in the creation of three more jobs, bringing the total number of employees to seven.

As of January 29, 2005, Dollar Tree Stores, Inc., headquartered in Virginia, operated 2,735 stores in 48 states. The Charlevoix Dollar Tree has been in business for seven years.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The local Dollar Tree has super sized its retail space.

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Grand opening

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Coldwell welcomes manager

Mark Knapp has been named sales manager at the Charlevoix Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors office.

Knapp brings with him 26 years of real estate experience in Northern Michigan.

Helen Norman, Knapp's predecessor, will move back into a full-time sales position at the Charlevoix office.

Ken Schmidt, Coldwell's CEO, said, "In Charlevoix, we also appreciate the efforts Helen made. We're pleased both these fine sales professionals will be remaining with us, and we're confident that Mark will be able to step right in and keep the office growing."

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Knights donate to center

Steve Seeley from the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus presents Suzanne Muma, executive director of Charlevoix's The Bergmann Center, with a $423.65 donation which was raised from the Knights Annual Tootsie Roll Drive which took place in March.

Huntington Bank hires new retail investor

Chris Millward

Chris Millward has joined Huntington Bank as a retail investment specialist and team leader.

Millward will be responsible for investment sales in Huntington's North District which includes the Boyne City, East Jordan, Petoskey, Charlevoix, Kalkaska, Grayling, Pickford and Sault Ste. Marie offices. He will be based in Boyne City.

Millward, a native of Traverse City, graduated from Ferris State University with a BA in Business Administration. He is a fully qualified with all required NASD licenses.

Millward resides in Boyne City with his wife, Nikki.

City fights corn field blaze off Black Road

At around 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 the City of Charlevoix Fire Department responded to a combine/field fire at the Martinchek Farm in Marion Township.

The farm is located at 04223 Black Road. At the site, David Martinchek was harvesting corn in a field when the 1982 New Holland TR85 combine he was operating caught fire near the rear of the unit. Martinchek was able to get out of the combine, but was not able to put out the fire. The combine was a total loss.

The field also caught on fire and about three acres of cornstalks burnt before the fire was extinguished. Firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to the portion of the field not yet harvested.

No one was hurt in the fire. Firefighters were on the scene for about one hour.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS - MAY 11, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on May 11, 2005. Commissioner Patrick was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the April 27, 2005 meeting as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #05-033, Purchase of Delinquent Taxes.

Motion approved Resolution #05-034, New Computer for Equalization.

Motion approved Resolution #05-035, Application for Funds, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign any necessary documents.

Motion approved Resolution #05-036, Create New Fund - Forfeitures and Foreclosures.

The meeting was adjourned.

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City to hire investigator

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix City Council is in the process of selecting a detective to investigate the CCMS check mistake that cost the city over $220,000.

"I would like to find how the invoice was routed — where it traveled from and to. I'm wondering what happened all the way down the line. It's enough money to look into. I want to know where the buck stops," First Ward Charlevoix City Councilman, Bob Timms, said.

At council's meeting May 16, city clerk, Carol Ochs presented council with references for Michael Neihardt, a detective with Michael Neihardt Investigations of Kalkaska.

However, she did not present other possible detectives for the job because she felt her office's role in the CCMS issue presented a conflict.

Timms agreed to further explore Neihardt's credentials and costs and also find another candidate.

The decision to investigate was made in early April when council discovered a costly error had been made. A check for over $220,000 was inadvertently written to CCMS, a contractor hired by the city to work on roads and sidewalks.

At that time, Timms requested an investigator outside the city be hired to look into the debacle because internal inquiries didn't seem to be going anywhere.

The check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then supposed to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

In February, a report given to council outlining why the mistake was made pointed to miscommunication.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi, who was on vacation when the check was issued, was not aware United Fire was supposed to be paid instead of CCMS. A letter from United Fire was supposedly sent to Brandi prior to his vacation, but Brandi claims he never received it.

Brandi's stamped signature as well as that of Ochs, appeared on the check.

When Brandi realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment, but it was too late, CCMS had cashed the check.

This mistake resulted in United

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June 6, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, to receive public input on a proposed conflict of interest ordinance of the City Code. The Ordinance would delete the current wording of Section 1.57 of the Charlevoix City Code and replace it with a provision that prohibits contracts by City Officials or City Employees with the City subject to certain exception.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance is available at the City Clerk's Office.

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City Council investigates costly CCMS check debacle

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the check.

This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the City of Charlevoix. In December of 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United the over $220,000 it already paid CCMS.

In the meantime, the city sought coverage for this mistake from its insurance provider, the Michigan Municipal League Meadowbrook. However, the city's insurer did not agree to pay the bill.

According to Brandi, court proceedings have not been initiated to settle the issue.

In an effort to avoid possible future payment problems, both Brandi and city manager Mike Wiesner now sign every bill before they go through. The city has also requested that its auditors look at check issuing procedures during their year-end review which is scheduled to take place in early June.

Seasonal ban on dogs in East Park

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's canine residents and visitors can no longer take part in summer and Apple Festival fun in East Park.

At it's May 16 meeting, Charlevoix City Council hosted a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the city code to ban dogs from the grass area of East Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day and during October's Apple Festival.

No one from the audience commented and the council voted unanimously to pass the ordinance.

This decision stems from concerns brought to light in July of 2003 by Charlevoix resident Jill Picha whose granddaughter was almost bitten by a dog during a craft show taking place in East Park.

"I pushed it and I'm very pleased it went through. I'm pleased for the animals as much as the children — they have to be panic stricken in those crowds," Picha said.

While Picha first fought for the ban in 2003, citing safety and sanitation concerns, the ordinance was voted down by the council because enforcement would be difficult.

Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson said enforcement of the ordinance that was recently adopted will be a continued effort for his force.

While Picha supports council's decision, Charlevoix resident Joan Wagner is disappointed.

Wagner, who has bred Labrador retrievers for over 20 years, said, "I'm disappointed I can't take my dog for a walk through the city park. I like to walk my dogs downtown because if you don't socialize them and expose them to noises and people with skateboards and strollers, then you are going to have a dog that will be afraid. And when you do take them, someone will get hurt."

"It's just a matter of educating pet owners to pick up after the dogs and keep them under control. People need to teach children to be under control too. It's a two-sided sword," she added.

While council supported the ordinance, first ward councilman Bill Haggard wondered how boaters with dogs would be accommodated. In a previous interview, city harbormaster Hal Evans said about half the boaters that come into port here have dogs aboard.

The ordinance addresses this by allowing dogs on the paved route that runs along the Round Lake dock area giving them access to Chamber Park where Evans' office is located.

According to the city ordinance, dogs are not permitted in East Park, or the sandy portions of Lake Michigan, Ferry and Depot beaches. The ordinance makes no conditions anywhere else in the city provided dogs are on leashes and picked up after by the owner.

Dog owners who violate the ordinance and are ticketed, will be charged with a civil infraction which may result in a fine of up to $100.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, May 16, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present with the exception of Councilmember Haggard.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the consent agenda.
- Motion adopted to approve Hayes Township's request to expand sewer service area.
- Motion adopted to accept the contract with Charlevoix Senior Citizens' Center request for funding in the amount of $7,000.
- Motion adopted to approve the biosolids removal contract with BioTech Agronomics.
- Motion adopted to approve the completions of the SCADA system at the Wastewater Treatment plant.
- Motion adopted to approve surplus items be sent to a consignment auction June 11, 2005 administered by Hankins Auction Service. Scott Hankins is a City employee.
- Motion adopted to set a public hearing on the proposed conflict of interest ordinance June 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall.
- Motion adopted to appoint Patricia Miller as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Resolution 2005-05-05 adopted approving launch fees be waived for the Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament June 10-12, 2005
- Resolution 2005-05-06 adopted approving launch fees be waived for the BASS Tournament May 28-June 5 and Sept 17-25, 2005
- Resolution 2005-05-07 adopted approving the naming of airport access roads.
- Ordinance 702 of 2005 adopted recodifying the animals section of the Code in its entirety and regulating dogs in the East Park area
- Council met in Closed Session to discuss a written opinion from the City Attorney, to consider a property purchase, and to discuss POLC Union Negotiations.

Council adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.
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Further cuts likely on horizon for schools

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Restoring proposal "A" and lowering unemployment may help the school district's financial issues, but many are asking what districts can do in the meantime.

According to State Senator Jason Allen, individual school districts are responsible for working with the finances they have, it's not up to the state to determine how money is spent on sports, health benefits and extracurricular activities.

"Those are the decisions that are made on a local basis and they negotiate those benefits on a local basis," Allen said.

He said communities, like Charlevoix, need to take a long-term look at the cost structures involved with health care overhead, administration, transportation and support staff.

"Those are decisions that are made by the local school board and the superintendent," he said. "The question gets to the cost of delivering an education. How are the local schools going to determine the best way to use those resources?"

Allen said the number one issue facing school finances is the shortage in state funding.

"Basically we need to get more people back to work," he said.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary seasonally adjusted monthly state rankings for unemployment, Michigan ranked 49 at 6.9 percent in March of this year, a rate that is higher than every other state except Mississippi and the District of Columbia.

The budget issues of the last few years may not improve if Michigan's economy continues its downward spiral.

"There has been no increase (in state funding) in three years, so in essence there has been no increase in funding," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock.

"80 percent of our business is people," he said. "We deliver our product through people, but we've not gotten any increase in revenue in three years which leads to the problem — we have to make cuts in our budget."

In fiscal year 2004-2005, Charlevoix schools budgeted expenditures of $12,832,477. According to Sturock, a web site run by Standard & Poor, which rates how well school districts spend their money, shows Charlevoix with a favorable ranking.

"In the past couple years it has been good," Sturock said. "They rated us as spending money wisely. So people in Charlevoix get a good bang for their buck."

According to National Education Association research, in the 2003-2004 school year, Michigan ranked eighth in number of students enrolled with 1,713,497, fifth in average teacher salary at $54,806, seventh in student per teacher ratio with 18.6 to 1, eleventh in number of teachers with 92,792 and twentieth in expenditures per student at $8,671.

Financial shortfalls are so bad in some school districts that, earlier this year, Superintendent of Vanderbilt schools Ellen Bonter relinquished her $78,500 a year salary in order to help quench the district's $200,000 school budget deficit.

"I think we might choose to spend money in different places and I think our board is good with making cuts and maintaining programs in spite of them," Sturock said. "I believe the problem we face, and every other school district in Michigan faces, is that the revenues in proposal 'A' aren't there. It's not going to be solved here, it has to be solved in Lansing, that's where the problem lies."

Until some significant improvement is made ailing school districts must take matters into their own hands.

"Right now we're just looking at the immediate issues," Sturock said. "It would be premature to look any further just yet."

Sturock and the rest of the school board will look into future needs later this summer.

Sturock said, further reductions may need to be made because the district can't run in the red.

"We have to run a balanced budget by law, so the board doesn't have much choice when it comes down to making some hard-line cuts," he explained.

He added, "All districts in the area are making significant cuts in their budgets."

According to Sturock, figuring out just what to cut if and when the time comes can get tricky since what is important to one person may seem like fluff or unneeded programs to another.

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Deadlines for News & Advertising for the June 1 paper will be Thursday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Friday Night Fireworks

The Venetian Baard has canfirmed that there is still a window of apportunity to reinstate the 2005 Friday night fireworks display, which was suspended this past Fall due ta a faur year revenue shortfall and resulting fireworks debt af $25,000.00. In an attempt to bridge the revenue shartfall and satisfy community sentiment far cantinuatian af the Friday firewarks, the Venetian Board is pursuing numeraus cost cutting and revenue generating initiatives.

The 2005 Festival expenses will be reduced thraugh eliminatian af the "Spirit" valunteer appreciation party and the annual media luncheon, reduction in scholarship funds and parade appearances far the Venetian Caurt, the underwriting by Castle Farms of the Tuesday "Cauntry Kickaff" activities and cancellatian of a 2005 appearance by the Michigan State Spartan Marching Band. The Festival is alsa laaking ta generate additional revenue thraugh the "Rayder Rumble II" basketball game between Charlevaix High Schaal and Petaskey High Schaal alumni all star teams, patential expansian af the carnival inta the Masan/Antrim Street parking lat, a fireworks fundraising cruise abaard the Emerald Isle and the Firewarks Fan Club.

Reinstatement af Friday night fireworks may ultimately rest upon the success af fundraising thraugh the Fireworks Fan Club, which was Initiated last Fall as a request to individuals, businesses and property assaciations wha had not yet financially contributed to Venetian ta da sa, and for current contributars ta make an additianal, ane-time cantributian. A nice respanse was received and the Festival is again requesting financial assistance fram thase wha wish ta reinstate the phenamenal Friday fireworks display. Please see that your cantribution is made payable ta "Charlevaix Venetian Festival" at P.O. Bax 120, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and alsa reference the "Firewarks Fan Club" sa that yau may be added ta the raster.

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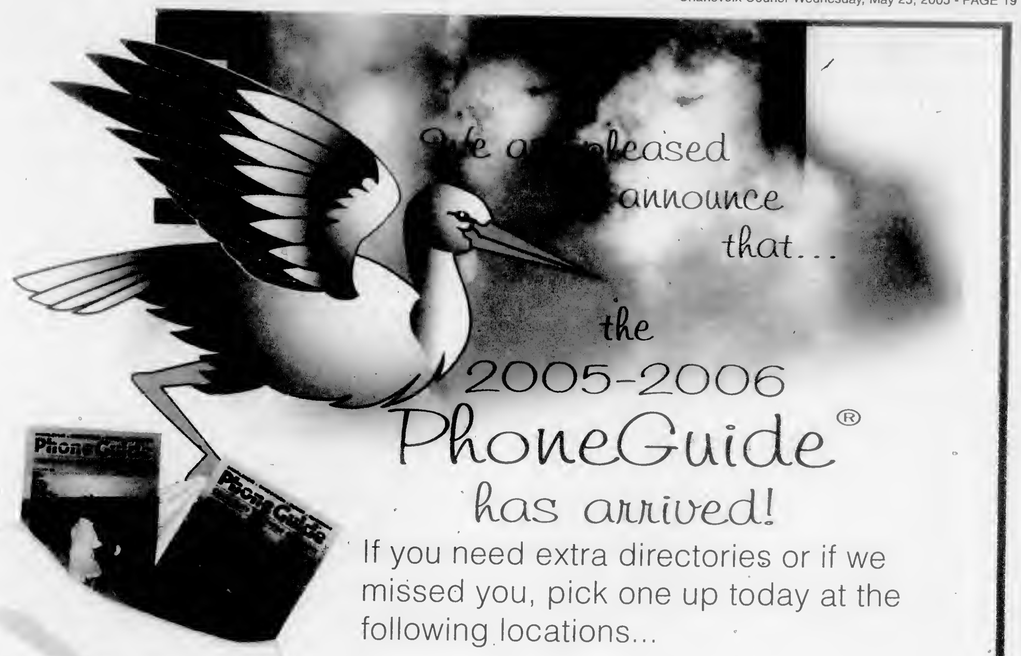

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Venetian funding changes event line-up

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Due to a lack of funding, Friday night Venetian Festival fireworks and other festival events are in jeopardy.

In planning the coming Seventy-fifth Annual Venetian Festival birthday bash, which will take place July 17-23 in Charlevoix, the event's board of directors is facing revenue flow issues and a fireworks debt. The festival traditionally costs about $250,000.

This reality means cuts have to be made to the week-long events line-up, Board president Dan Barron hopes the impact of the cuts is offset by exciting new features.

The most significant cut is the cancellation of the Friday night fireworks show. The decision to cut the show, which generally costs about $80,000, was made by the 10-person Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc. Board of Directors last fall.

Barron said, the board is "aggressively pursuing ways to reinstate the fireworks show for this year."

The board's efforts include extensive cost cutting and intensive fund-raising.

The board saved $15,000 by not inviting the Michigan State University Marching Band back for the July 23 street parade this year. Barron said the marching band may return for future festivals and a special surprise is in the works for this year.

The amount of scholarship funding awarded to the Venetian Queen's court has been reduced by 40 percent. Travel by the queen has also been scaled back.

The Spirit of Venetian Appreciation Party, which traditionally takes place the first weekend in June, and the annual media luncheon have both been discontinued.

The number of musical performers has been significantly scaled back. Barron believes the quality of the groups they are bringing July 20-23 to East Park will create enough of a spark to keep the Rhythms of Venetian tradition alive. Acts that have been booked include nationally known sensations like Zydeco guru Terrence Simien, WAR and 1964 The Tribute. The Battle of the Bands will be in Bridge Park.

Fund-raisers include the Rayder Rumble II taking place July 18 and the Country Kick-off rodeo event July 19.

Rayder Rumble II will pit a 12-person Charlevoix alumni All-star team against Petoskey alumni All-stars on Charlevoix's home court. The stand-off will be officiated by three, college certified referees.

"This could be one of our largest fundraisers," Barron said.

The next day, Venetian festivities will continue as about 30 "rank" bulls and professional cowboys from the Super Kicker Rodeo Production get to work at Castle Farms. The event will include livestock, country music and plenty of excitement from the Super Kicker crew.

On July 22 area hoopsters will learn from the best as teaching coaches from the Detroit Pistons and the Detroit Shock lead a basketball clinic at Charlevoix Middle School. A portable display of Pistons' trophies will travel with the coaches.

The afternoon of July 23 this same coaching group will set up a portable basketball court downtown where skills contests for prizes will take place.

Other possible income opportunities include a fireworks cruise on the Emerald Isle and an expansion of the carnival. Barron plans to approach the owners of the Beaver Island Boat Company and Charlevoix City Council about these ideas.

Kids Day will take place as usual, on Thursday, July 21 in East Park.

For more information, visit www.venetianfestival.com.

Quilt donated for use at new public library

The Charlevoix Public Library has received its first piece of art for the new building.

Long time resident, Virginia Rountree donated a handmade quilt for display in the new facility.

The committee that has recently been formed to determine where and how art will be displayed in the new library and to help select artwork for inside and outdoors is pleased to receive the quilt.

Committee members, Cynthia Postmus, Sandy Marquardt, and Mary Beth McGraw say the quilt will be a charming addition the children's area.

The handmade quilt has a white background with a blue border and is adorned with silhouetted figures of children dressed in colorful clothing. They are surrounded by whimsical shapes of birds, flowers, animals and houses.

Rountree has made quilts for many special occasions including the hospital's Holly Daze Auction. She created this quilt especially for the children's section of the new library.

For more information, or to serve on the art committee, contact library director Val Meyerson at (231) 547-2651.

Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix Public Library recently received its first piece of art for the new building. The quilt pictured above was donated by long-time resident, Virginia Rountree, (pictured at left) will be displayed in the children's area at the new facility.

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Association plans contest to protect lake

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Michael Buttigieg

Local contest creators hope to beautify the shoreline and help maintain Lake Charlevoix's water quality.

According to Michael Buttigieg, President of the Lake Charlevoix Association, an integral part of keeping the lake clean and viable is the maintenance of a healthy shoreline.

"The LCA is an organization that is not only concerned with the reasonable recreational use of the lake, but also the health of the lake and watershed," he said.

Buttigieg added, "This lake is surrounded by three cities and several townships. One thing we're trying to do is gain some sense of community among the area."

Through this contest, which will be judged by water, landscape and natural resource specialists, the association hopes to create buffer zones called greenbelts.

According to Jennifer Gelb, Water Resource Specialist with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, a greenbelt is a strip of naturally occurring or installed shoreline vegetation.

"The ideal greenbelt would be native vegetation, the vegetation that was growing there before any development came in," Gelb said.

Gelb said a densely planted area near the water creates a buffer zone to the lake and watershed.

"So that when storm water runs off the site it hits that buffer and percolates back into the ground," she said. "And the greenbelt filters sediment and nutrients and prevents them from running into the lake."

Greenbelts also help control the rate of shoreline erosion.

According to Gelb, the more land that is developed on or near the shoreline, the more pressure is placed on the system.

Gelb said Lake Charlevoix is of higher quality than many bodies of water but it could always be better.

"If something detrimental happens, your water quality responds pretty quickly. It's something you really do have to work at to maintain."

Gelb said a greenbelt can cost as little as nothing up to as much as you want to spend. One of the simplest and most cost effective methods she described is to simply stop mowing your grass.

"By allowing your grass to grow free you have longer chutes and deeper roots which help absorb some of the run off," she said.

Gelb said an effective greenbelt should span at least 75 percent of the shoreline leaving the rest for boat and recreational access.

Buttigieg said this contest isn't based on how big your property is or how much money you spend.

"It's based on the best use of plant material, most creativity and greatest contribution to water quality," he said. "I think the main thing is to educate people on the importance of a more natural lake shore."

Entry fees are due by June 15 with late entries accepted until August 1. Entry fees are $10 for association members and $35 for non-association members.

The grand prize is an all expense paid weekend to the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Preservation group looks to collect records

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some of Charlevoix County's most important historical documents may have ended up in the trash.

According to Carol Goodenough, Genealogist and President of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society, in the nearly four years she has been in Charlevoix County she has seen the need for a group to help retain the records of this area's rich history.

"As I went around the area I found out that there are records — I mean manuscripts, books, newspapers, photos, just a lot of miscellaneous type of records besides public records," she said. "And what I found kind of scared me. I heard stories that people were throwing records away because they didn't know what they were."

Goodenough said the state has rules and regulations governing what must be done with historical records.

"As I did more lecturing and more talking to people I started hearing that townships were filled to capacity because they just don't know what to do with them (records)," she said.

The preservation group's top priority is to complete the digitalization of all records in the 15 counties it covers.

"Our main objective at the beginning is that records are not being destroyed," she said. "Eventually, down the road, we want to have a place to put records so that everything we do can be open to the public."

But for now, she added, "I think we just want to get the word out that we're here and our whole objective is to save the history of Charlevoix County because this county is so unique."

According to Goodenough, who is a fourth generation summer resident, the preservation group collects information on early pioneer families through interviews with their living descendants.

"We're beginning to make a living history project. When we finish those we hope to put them on a multimedia like CD or DVD," she said.

The group has completed an interview with Marjorie Ackland, the granddaughter of former "captain of the lumber era," William H. White. White is credited for bringing the railroad into Boyne City, Alpena and Gaylord.

Since Goodenough recognizes there are several historical preservation groups in existence, she wants her group to act as a unifier.

"We decided we want to network with these other groups," she said. "We don't want to duplicate efforts, we just would like to know what's going on so we can get into areas that have not been touched."

The preservation group hosted its first program at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church May 16.

Their membership drive began in March and will continue through June 27 when they host their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Boyne City Historical Museum.

Approximately 30 people have joined since the drive began. The membership rate for a single person is $15, for a family it is $25 and for an affiliate it is $35.

For more information call Goodenough at (231) 582-7042 or e-mail her at cchps@yahoo.com.

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Public hearing set to debate conflict

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

When it comes to how the state conflict of interest law should apply locally Charlevoix's City Council is divided and is looking for community input.

Whether or not Charlevoix should take exception to the state statute or follow it to a tee is at the crux of the issue.

Some members of council feel the law should be applied as it is written while others feel Charlevoix's size is reason to allow exceptions.

Second Ward Councilman Gabe Campbell said, "Put the state statute in the code and follow it."

Third Ward Council Member Shirley Gibson echoed Campbell's thoughts and called for more stringent restrictions.

"I want restrictions so the city manager cannot under any circumstance hire an elected official for any city work — period," she said.

Mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson rebuffed their comments and said the state statute's restrictions as applied to Charlevoix would result in micro-management.

Second Ward Councilman Bill Bellows also called for exceptions to the statute.

"We want to try and give work to local contractors and people. If this was enforced, work would go out of town," he said.

Because of council's divided position on this issue a public hearing was set for 7 p.m., Monday, June 6. Community input will help shape ordinance content.

This ordinance revision is being debated because in the past, City Manager Mike Wiesner has given city contracts under $10,000 to city council members without council's approval. Wiesner was acting in compliance with the city code.

However, in mid-April Gibson asked city attorney Jim Young to look into this procedure. Young found it to be a violation of state law.

The attorney general's opinion says local government purchases and contracts may not be shared with city officials without prior approval of city council. This opinion was written after the city code was enacted.

Because the city has less than 25,000 residents council can file an exception to the state statute.

Young came to council May 16 with a discussion draft of a city ordinance that would bring the city code into compliance with the state statute but would still permit the city to purchase routine maintenance items as well as limited emergency repairs from council members.

If council opts to go with the exception, a capped dollar value has to be assigned to these routine purchases and emergency repairs. Any such purchase or work done would have to be reported at the next council meeting.

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Skate park to open this summer

Coordinators of the effort to build a skateboard park in Charlevoix have found it takes a village to build a skatepark.

According to Vickie Daman, a parent representative for the skatepark group, without the unconditional support of the numerous individuals and businesses in town and the surrounding area the dream of a local skatepark would not be possible.

In November of 2003 Zeke Daman, now 14, wrote a letter to former Charlevoix Courier editor Jeremy McBain. Little did Zeke know the impact this letter would have on everyone.

A grass roots committee was formed by interested parents and students to champion the development of a skatepark in Charlevoix. To date this group has raised almost $71,000, which includes numerous in-kind donations of services, grants, fundraisers, and private donations. Partnering with the City of Charlevoix to establish a location and liability insurance has helped make the dream of a young man become a reality.

A temporary park was opened at the former Charlevoix Middle School off Grant Street in the summer of 2004, with all funds raised going towards the building fund for the new park.

This temporary park raised awareness for the long-term project and promoted commitment by all involved. The park layout was developed by the students and custom designed by Suburbanrails of Ohio.

In mid-April work began on the permanent park located off Carpenter Street across from the ball fields. Without numerous in kind donations and volunteer time, the project would not be possible. Donors include Swanson's K&D, of Charlevoix, St. Mary's Cement Company, Manthei Development, Northwest Design Group, The Frye Foundation, Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, The Great Lakes Energy People Fund, Charlevoix Lions Club, the Farbman family, the Ramsey Foundation and Dave Beane/Skatewave.

At this time, the group still needs to raise just under $48,000.

The park will be opening this summer using the equipment on hand, which includes a 5 foot half-pipe, skate-table, rail and a ramp.

Anyone wishing to donate, can contact Vickie Daman at (231) 547-8063.

Symphony to benefit physical therapy

The Physical Therapy Department of Charlevoix Area Hospital will be a major recipient of funds this year from the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation's "Symphony on the Green" featuring the Midland Symphony Orchestra.

Charlevoix Area Hospital President, Bill Jackson, said, "We are very happy to announce expansion plans for our very busy Physical Therapy Department here at the hospital and are grateful to the foundation for their support."

Rehabilitation after surgery, after an athletic or other injury and general conditioning are some of the demands now being seen in this area, which has outgrown it's current space and location in the hospital. The estimated budget for the renovation and expansion of the department is $500,000.

"This year's "Symphony on the Green" hopes to raise $50,000 toward this project," said foundation assistant director, Patti Barraw. "In addition to this critical and growing department of the hospital, some of the funds will be designated toward the hospital's community outreach and health education programs."

The seventh annual "Symphony on the Green" will present the Midland Symphony Orchestra at the Charlevoix Country Club at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 8. The concert will begin at 8 p.m.

Attendees have the opportunity to bring lawn chairs or blankets for "greens" seating for $25 per person. Tickets for under the tent seating and patron tickets are $200, including complimentary wine, a cash bar before the event, a full sit down dinner, the concert and preferred seating under the tent. Patron ticket holders also receive a $120 tax deduction. Food and beverage service will be available for all ticket holders.

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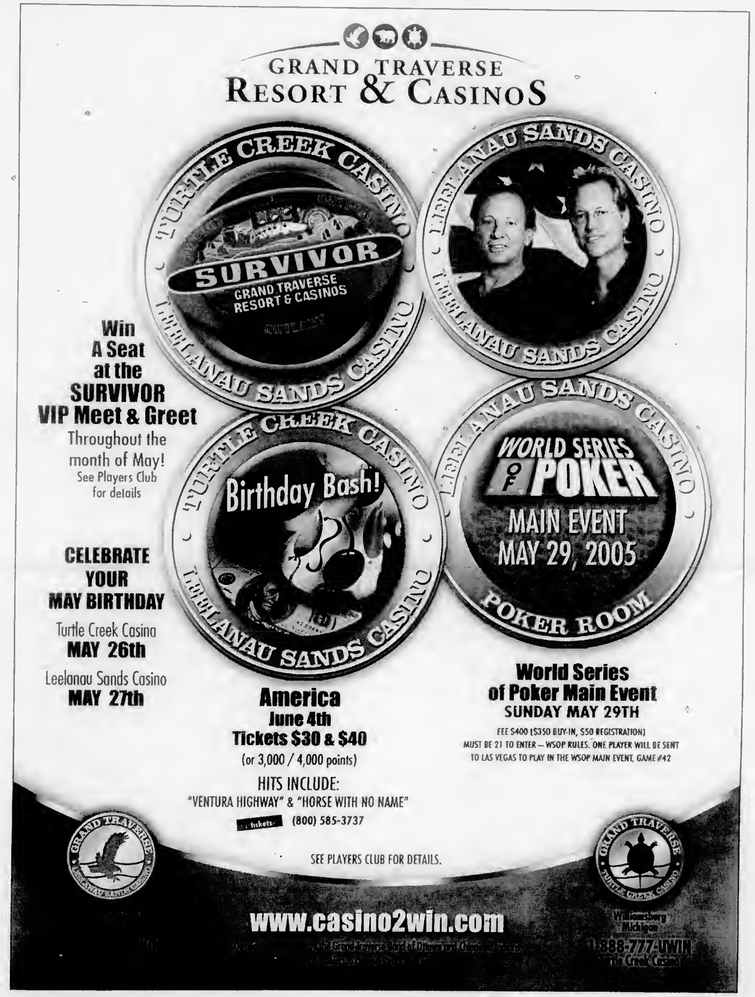

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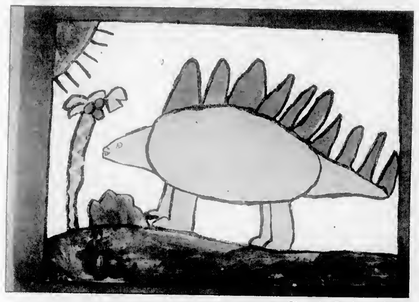
Charlevoix student artists shined at two recent events



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(Above) Second grader Hanna H. Fraley's orange dinosaur stands in a hallway at Charlevoix Elementary School during the final hours of the K-12 art show early last week.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

More than 50 people showed up at the Creation Celebration and Open House art show at the Charlevoix Children's House on May 18. (Above) Montessori student Carson Whitley shows off his handiwork. (Below) Proud parent Tanya Mann looks at her daughter, Kiley Mann's artwork.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 702 of 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE BY RECODIFYING TITLE IX, CHAPTER 113: ANIMALS IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING SECTION 9.125 WHICH WILL REGULATE DOGS IN THE EAST PARK AREA

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Renumbering of Chapter 113, Sections 9.141-9.145 of the City Code.

A. Section 9.141 of Chapter 113. Dogs is renumbered as Section 9.121 and shall be entitled Section 9.121. Removal of Droppings. Except for the renumbering, the text of this section is unchanged.

B. Section 9.142 of Chapter 113 is renumbered as Section 9.122 and shall be entitled Section 9.122. Animal Control. This is a change to the title of this Section

C. Section 9.122.A. is added to Section 9.122 and shall be entitled 9.142.A. Definitions.

D. Section 9.142(1-4) is renumbered as Section 9.122.A.(1-4) and shall read as follows:
(1) The term "animal" as used in this Section, shall mean a dog or a cat.
(2) Except for the renumbering, the text is unchanged.
(3) Except for the renumbering, the text is unchanged.
(4) Except for the renumbering, the text is unchanged.

E. Section 9.143(1-3) is renumbered as Section 9.122.B.-D. Except for the renumbering, the text of this section is unchanged.

F. Section 9.134(4) is renumbered as Section 9.123 and entitled 9.123. Beaches. Except for the renumbering and the title, the text of this section is unchanged.

G. Section 9.145. Container. is renumbered as Section 9.124 and entitled Section 9.124. Container. Except for the renumbering, the text of this section is unchanged.

SECTION 2. Addition of Section 9.125. Dog Regulations – East Park Area.

Section 9.125 is added to Chapter 113 and shall read as follows.

9.125. Dog Regulations – East Park Area.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day and during the festival known as Apple Fest, no person, who owns, keeps or possesses a dog, shall permit the dog to enter on or within that portion of East Park that is bounded by: on the north – the sidewalk to the south of East Clinton Street; on the south – the paved portion of Mason Street; on the east – the sidewalk which runs along Round Lake between East Clinton Street and East Mason Street; and on the west – the sidewalk adjacent to the east side of Bridge Street between East Clinton Street and East Mason Street.

SECTION 3. Renumbering of Chapter 113, Sections 9.145-9.147 of the City Code.

A. Section 9.145. Definitions. is renumbered as Section 9.135 and entitled 9.135. Definitions. Except for the renumbering, the text of this section is unchanged.

B. Section 9.146 is renumbered as Section 9.136 and entitled 9.136. Prohibition in Public Place. Except for the renumbering, the text of this section is unchanged.

C. Section 9.147 is renumbered as Section 9.137 and entitled 9.137. Exception. Except for the renumbering, the text of this section is unchanged.

SECTION 4. Amendment to Chapter 113, Section 9.148 of the City Code.

A. Section 9.148 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 16th day of May, 2005.

Motion by: Gabe Campbell
Seconded by: Sherm Chamberlain

Ordinance No. 702 was adopted on the 16th day of May, 2005, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:
Yeas: Bellows, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard, Timms
Nays: None
Absent: None

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

DTE Energy "Be on the lookout for imposters"

DTE Energy, and its Detroit Edison and MichCon subsidiaries, reminds customers to be aware of scam artists posing as utility workers in order to gain access to homes and personal property.

Impostors tend to strike most often in the spring as the weather begins to warm up.

"Unfortunately, there are unscrupulous people out there who may use the Detroit Edison and MichCon identities to take advantage of our customers," said Michael Lynch, DTE Energy director, Corporate Security. "We want customers to know that if they have any questions about someone claiming to represent Detroit Edison or MichCon, they can call us for verification before they open their doors."

One common scam involves thieves posing as Detroit Edison employees, and asking a customer for payment of an unpaid bill. The impostors threaten to shut off the customer's electricity if the bill isn't paid.

DTE Energy field employees carry photo identification badges, wear uniforms that identify them as Detroit Edison or MichCon employees, and drive vehicles with company markings. Customers are encouraged to ask for identification.

Do not allow entry into your home to people who claim to offer a Detroit Edison or MichCon refund. DTE Energy employees never deliver cash refunds or rebates to customers' homes.

Do not pay for tree-trimming work by individuals claiming to be from Detroit Edison or a Detroit Edison contractor. The utility does not charge for line clearance work. Additionally, before tree-trimming crews enter a neighborhood for scheduled line clearance work, customers are notified about the work to be done.

Customers who are not sure about an employee's identification, or who want to verify the work to be done in or around their homes, should call DTE Energy at (800) 477-4747.

Call the police if you believe the person is a utility impostor.

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Report it is important to call about natural gas emergencies. Do not e-mail us. If you think you have a natural gas emergency, go to a safe location, then call Consumers Energy toll-free at (800) 477-5050, calls can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week, we will respond promptly and at no charge.

To help prevent a gas leak in your home, take a couple of easy precautions; raise the flags and dig safely, call MISS DIG at (800) 482-7171 at least three working days before beginning an excavation project, even for simply planting a tree or digging for a mailbox post. The call and service are free. Utilities in your area will locate the general vicinity of underground pipes and cables with color coded flags and or paint at no charge. Those excavating in the area should then dig carefully to avoid damage to underground utilities.

Replace flexible connectors. Cracks can form and cause serious leaks in the flexible pipes that attach appliances to fuel lines. Flexible connectors should be replaced at least every 10 years. Check the flexible connectors every time you move an appliance and replace it with an American National Standards Institute approved model at the first sign of wear.

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Lighthouse open house

There was an open house May 17 at the South Pier lighthouse in Charlevoix. The City of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Historical Society issued a letter of intent to take possession of the local landmark. The property has been available since March 7.

How to get news in the Courier

If you have a news item you think would be perfect for the Charlevoix Courier, feel free to call 547-6558, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com or visit the Courier office located at 112 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

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Due to time constraints on the staff, we cannot attend every event of which we are notified. If you have a picture of your event, we will gladly consider it for publication. But, please, contact us before your event.

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Grant to help farmers issued

Northern Michigan economic growth initiatives continue as the Michigan Land Use Institute receives a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant to conduct market feasibility research to assist food and farm businesses.

Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) announced the $25,000 Rural Development grant which will benefit Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau Counties.

"This project is another example of what occurs when the right resources are available to help local economies grow. I am happy to provide this funding to the Michigan Land Institute to study our agricultural industry in northern Michigan so that farming can continue to be a part of what drives the economy in the region," Stupak said.

The USDA grant will pay for valuable research into local food market obstacles and opportunities. It was awarded this week to a collaboration of economic development, agriculture, university, and nonprofit partners led by the Benzie County-hased Michigan Land Use Institute.

The collaborative effort, called the Growing Entrepreneurial Agriculture initiative, will use the research to help farms overcome market gaps and pursue profitable business directions.

"We know we can grow jobs and protect farmland by connecting this region's supply of local foods with growing consumer demand for the great tastes of this place," said Patty Cantrell, directer of the Michigan Land Use Institute's Entrepreneurial Agriculture Project.

"This grant will allow us to drill down to speeific market opportunities and strategies for helping local farms capitalize on them."

The USDA supported market feasibility research will take place through the fall and winter of 2005 and 2006 with assistance from the University of Michigan Business School and Michigan State University's Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Other partners in the initiative include the region's Small Business and Technology Development Center, University Extension offices, Northwestern Michigan College, and the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance.

Partners will help entrepreneurs use the research for business planning and will assist in developing innovative support services for local food and farm entrepreneurs.

"From the standpoint of a small family farm already in the value-added agriculture business, it's very clear that the only real hope for a farmer to stay in business is to direct their supply chain to demand in the local marketplace," said Don Coe, managing partner of Black Star Farms, a winery in Suttons Bay.

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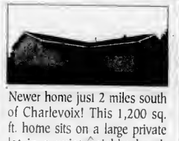

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SPORTS

Tennis takes first at regional

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Varsity Rayder tennis team continued its win streak last week with a first place finish at the regional meet and a second place finish in the conference.

"I am so proud of these guys. They worked hard all year and the results show it," Erik Lundteigen, the varsity tennis coach, said.

"Of the 12 people on our team, seven are seniors. We have a senior dominated team with good leadership. These seniors have come a long way and improved a great amount," he added.

The regional competition took place May 20 and 21 in Traverse City. Out of the 11 teams that competed Charlevoix came out on top with Harbor Springs finishing at a close second.

Charlevoix's first place finish secures them a spot at the state tennis finals to take place June 3 at Michigan State University in East Lansing. This is the second year in a row the Rayder tennis team has qualified for states.

Charlevoix's doubles team lead the way to the regional crowning with four flight champion teams.

The doubles team of Sparky Nitchman and Taylor Martin beat Manistee, Harbor Springs and Elk Rapids. Doubles duo Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux knocked off Glen Lake, Leland and Harbor Springs. Number three doubles players Cody Wheat and Mike Greyerbiehl took down Glen Lake Harbor Springs and Elk Rapids. Number four doubles team Dan Swenor and Dustin Dibble ended the streak strong with wins against Elk Rapids, Manistee and Traverse City St. Francis.

Number one singles player Nate Turner beat Leelanau and lost to Traverse City St. Francis. Number two singles Matt Novotny beat Glen Lake and lost to Harbor Springs. Number three singles Adam Wager beat Grayling and lost to Traverse City St. Francis. Number four singles Justin Klooster lost to Glen Lake.

At the May 17 Lake Michigan Conference meet eight schools competed. Charlevoix finished second in the conference.

Yacht Club racers face high winds opening day

The first Charlevoix Yacht Club race of the spring series on May 18 was sailed in dying winds.

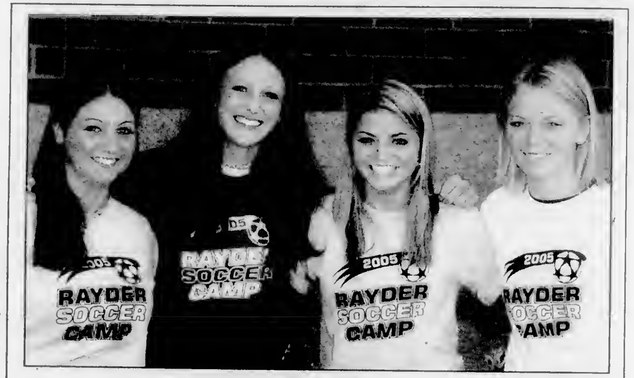
As a result, the course was shortened to two legs. Of the 15 boats that started the race, two boats did not finish. Race results provided by Mike Miller, the club's committee chair are the following:

• Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Sail La Vie (Williamson); 2 – Flash (Gordon).

• P – 26 fleet: 1 – Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 – Cygnus (Stuart).

• Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 – Stringthing (Thomas); 2 – Paleface Lite (Grove); 3 – Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 – Four Play (Herald); DNF – MJ 2 (Begrow).

• Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 – Moxie (Jensen); 2 – Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 – Northern Light (Orlow); 4 – Windrunner (Pirie); 5 – Affinity (Strawbridge); 6 – Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller).



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Student-athlete all-stars

All-state Academic honors went to the four Lady Rayder Soccer players pictured above. They are (from left): Meghan Lame, Sarah Cross, Madison Mckenzie and Jaime Pettis.

CHARLEVOIX LITTLE LEAGUE BOX SCORES

MINOR LEAGUE

MAY 20 - ANGELS 10, REDS 5

ANGELS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Luke Klinger	4				
Noah Certa	3	1			
Gunner Lundteigen	2	1			
Justin Pearl	3				
Hunter Cote	3				
Nick Snebles	3				

REDS - NOT REPORTED

MAY 17 - CUBS 14, TIGERS 9

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Logan Eckhert	1	1		1	
Eli Damon	2	1			
Hailey Arnold	3				
Ryan Joy	1	1			

TIGERS - NOT REPORTED

MAY 19 - TIGERS 16, CUBS 2

TIGERS - NOT REPORTED

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Logan Eckhert	1	1			
Eli Damon	2				
Adam Michaud	2				
Ryan Joy	2				
Andrew Mitchell	2				

MAY 17 - ANGELS 11, REDS 9

ANGELS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Garrett Lundteigen	3				
Luke Klinger	3				
Noah Certa	3				
Justin Pearl	1	1			

REDS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Sam Eakes	3				
Spencer Stewart	1				
Zach Hankins	2	1			
Austin Putman	2				
Devin Largent	3				

(De Fence, Austin Putman, Sam Eakes)

MAJOR LEAGUE

MAY 16 - DODGERS 5, RED SOX 1

DODGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jordan Farmer	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Brandon Dartish	5	0	14	

RED SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI

Not Reported

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
JT Lawrence	3	2	5	
Nolan Ager	2		1	

MAY 18 - RED SOX 12, DODGERS 1

DODGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI

Not Reported

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Paul Stelt	5	9	5	

RED SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
James Spieth	2				
Isaac Klooster	1				
JT Lawrence	1	2			
Addison Arendtz		1			
David Merrill	1				
River Gauthier			1		

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
JT Lawrence	3	6	8	1
	2	0	4	

MAY 18 - CARDINALS 18, A'S 1

ATHLETICS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Cody Herriman	1				
Boog Hitchman	1				
Andrew Potter	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Boog Hitchman	5	6	12	3

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Matthew Klooster	1				
Thomas Rich	1				
Wyat Drost		1	1		
Jeremy Donahey	2				
Morgan Stewart	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Thomas Rich	6	4	15	2

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JUNE 2, 2005 - 5:30 P.M.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2005. The meeting will start at 5:30pm in the Charlevoix Congregational-UCC Church, 101 State St. The agenda will include a review of the year's activities and an election of persons to the Board of Directors. The Public is welcome.

SPORTS

Courtesy photo

Track stars

The Charlevoix High School relay team (from left) of Brittney Lamb, Shannon Dibble, Lindi Edger and Theresa Martin won the 3200 relay at the May 21 regional track and field meet in East Jordan. The girls also set a new 2 mile relay record for Charlevoix High School. Other results from the meet were not provided by press time.

Rayder soccer team heads into final game with wins

The lady Rayders varsity soccer squad improved to 12-4-1 and gained a share of first place in the Lake Michigan Conference with a win at Grayling on Friday, May 20.

Charlevoix out shot Grayling 34 to 3 on the night in the 9-0 shutout.

The Rayders had two hat tricks by freshmen Becca Madison and Ariel Ramsey.

Senior Jaime Pettis added 2 goals and fellow senior Madison McKenzie tallied one.

Assists on the night went to Pettis, Zita Anderson, Madison, Danny Bergmann, Emily Foster, Gena Gaudio and Brecklind Golovich-Keie.

Laura Nitchman notched the shutout in goal.

The Rayders are currently ranked 10th in Division IV. The team will host Traverse City St. Francis Liberty on Thursday, May 26.

With a win on Thursday they can clinch at least a share of the Lake Michigan Conference crown.

They traveled to Cheboygan May 23 for a non-league match and earned their tenth shutout of the season with a good team effort.

Charlevoix managed 20 shots on goal for the night while the Rayders' outstanding keeper, Nitchman stopped all 13 attempts by the Chiefs. Nitchman earned the Rayders Player of the Game ball for her efforts in the net.

Cheboygan, going with a strong breeze in the first half put pressure on the Rayders for the first 20 minutes.

Charlevoix was able to move the ball against the wind on the ground and opened the scoring midway through the first when Pettis carried in a nice corner kick opportunity sent by Stevie Murray.

The Chiefs had a couple good opportunities with the wind but Nitchman and the Charlevoix defense of Murray, Kuebler and McKenzie were up to the task.

The Rayders took control of the match in the second half. The second goal was also scored by Pettis off a free kick opportunity by Madison.

Charlevoix, ranked tenth in the state in Division IV, improves to 12-4-1 overall.

The Rayders host Traverse City St. Francis Liberty in their final regular season game on Thursday, May 26.

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SPORTS

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Former wrestling coach wins award

On May 18, former Charlevoix Public Schools teacher and coach, Norm Probert accepted the 2004 Most Outstanding Active Member of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. Past president Richard Tunison (at left) hands Probert the award while his wife Judy (center) looks on.

Rayder baseball team splits four non-conference games last week

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders split four non-conference games last week, losing two to Cheboygan, 3-1 and 11-3, and bouncing back to sweep Harbor Light Christian, 11-1 and 12-2.

The Rayders are 10-13 on the season, 4-6 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Against Cheboygan, the game was tied 1-1 headed into the fifth inning where the Chiefs scored the decisive two runs.

"It's always tough to play back-to-back doubleheaders," said coach Bryan Hawkins. "Even more so after playing against Boyne City the night before. Cheboygan was 17-9 overall and 11-1 in their league coming in, so to play as well as we did against a quality team (in game one) is to our players' credit."

Eddie Waldron singled, doubled and tripled. Matt Teuscher had two hits and an RBI. Sophomore Danny Waldron had his first varsity hit.

In game two, the Chiefs broke the game open with a nine-run fifth inning. Jake Teuscher and Michael Wojan each had two hits for Charlevoix. Shannon Gillespie had hits in both games of the doubleheader.

The Rayders won both games against Harbor Light by mercy rule.

"We knew coming in that Harbor Light is a very young team with a lot of inexperience," Hawkins commented. "We brought up Matt Heimbuch and Ty Telgenhof from the JV to pitch, and both did well."

Heimbuch threw a five inning complete game in the opener, allowing only four hits, no walks and striking out six.

Wojan led the Rayders at the plate with three hits, two runs scored and three RBI.

In game two, Telgenhof threw a five inning complete game of his own, picking up his first varsity win. He gave up only two runs on three hits, walked four and struck out eight.

Kyle DeYoung, Danny Waldron and Matt Teuscher had two hits apiece. Telgenhof and Heimbuch each collected their first varsity hit.

Jake Teuscher singled in both games and scored five runs in the twinbill.

"Coach Tom DeKorte (of Harbor Light) does a great job keeping his kids' spirits up and teaching them the game," Hawkins noted. "I have a lot of respect for their positive attitude and sportsmanship."

The Rayders close out their regular season this week playing conference doubleheaders on Wednesday at Grayling and at home on Friday against league-leader East Jordan. Results from these games were not available by press time.

Softball heads into districts with losses

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders softball squad lost doubleheaders to two tough non-conference foes last week.

The team lost to Cheboygan, 12-1 and 14-1, and to Harbor Light, 16-2 and 18-2.

In game one, the Rayders were no-hit but were deadlocked 1-1 headed into the sixth innings when Cheboygan broke loose.

In the nightcap, Sasha Spencley doubled and Brittany Niswander and Murphy Gillespie each had singles.

Against Harbor Light, freshman Caitlin Mitchell had two hits in game one.

Spencley, Gillespie and Sally Haselschwardt all had hits. Freshman Desi Faust took the pitching loss.

In game two, Haselschwardt's double was the only Charlevoix hit.

The Rayders end their regular season this week with a conference doubleheader at Grayling and a home matchup against Central Lake. Results from these games were not available by press time.

Charlevoix opens district play at 5 p.m. May 31 at East Jordan against Harbor Springs.

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Due June 15. LCA Member $10, Non-association member $35 (includes association membership), Late fee (after June 15). Entries will be accepted until 10/1/05.

7:00 p.m. June 9
Jennifer Celb of Tip of the Mitt will present a public talk at the Charlevoix Public Library about how to create a winning greenbelt restoration.

Rayder musicians enjoy two busy work weeks

Charlevoix school bands have been on stage three times in the past two weeks.

They started out with the high school band on May 10 and the middle school bands May 19.

Both concerts were presented in a collage style, providing a wide variety of music in a short amount of time. In addition to the wonderful full band songs, the students played solos, duets, trios, quartets and larger ensembles.

Special guest artists included the Charlevoix Community Band, the Harbor Springs Community Band, Gary Stutzman and Ron Winchester performing a tuba duet, Charlie McInnis performing a clarinet duet with band director Jayne Bennett, and Jason Byma and Eric Jones presenting an original work on marimba, vibes, steel drum and piano. Don Neidert accompanied all the solo performers.

On Friday, May 20, the Charlevoix Rayder Jazz Band partnered up with the Petoskey Wind Symphony Jazz Band and Northwest Academy to present Spring Fever and a night of jazz.

The host was Jazz in the Mitten sponsored by the Crooked Tree, Northern Michigan Community College, Doc Woodward Productions and the National Endowment for the Arts.,

Local jazz artists Dan Jacobs and Doc Woodward worked with the high school groups on rhythm and blues, jazz style and improvisation.

Bennett said it was a great night of jazz music and the auditorium is still ringing from the great sounds.

Retired teachers to discuss benefits at conference

The state legislature is "studying" the health and pension benefits of Michigan school retirees.

Legislation has been introduced which may pose a threat to these benefits. Changes have been made to health benefits this year and the Medicare prescription drug plan may cause other changes. There may also be some threats on the national scene.

To learn of these changes, threats and how you can help, attend the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. The group's conference and annual meeting will take place from 8 to 9 a.m., June 9 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Gaylord.

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The Spring Fever Jazz and Blues Jam took place May 20 in the Charlevoix High School auditorium. Pictured above, (from left) Jon Archambault jams with Connor Louiselle and Andrew Mallory.

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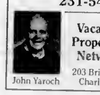
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

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Trust of EDWIN F. FOX, Deceased.
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TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, who lived at 7228 Cleveland Avenue, Bellaire, Michigan 49615, died on February 22, 2003.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate of deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Robert L. Hoffman, Successor Trustee of the Edwin F. Fox Living Trust Dated June 8, 1995, or the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Dated: May 18, 2005

Robert L. Hoffman,
Successor Trustee
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 05-01084-DE

Estate pf Alex G. Bitterman, Deceased

Date of birth: October 27, 1922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Alex G. Bitterman, who lived at 3450 Chula Vista Drive, P.O. Box 383, Boyne City, Michigan 49712 died 3-16-2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joanne Widmaier and James Bitterman, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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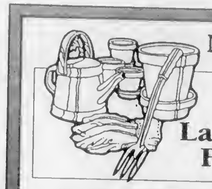

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Charlevoix Community Skatepark is looking for volunteers to work at the new skate park located across from the ball fields on Carpenter Road. You must be 18 or older and will need to be CPR/First Aid Certified, which will be paid for by CCS, Inc. if needed. The park will be open during the summer from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Additional hours may be added if the volunteer base grows.

CPR and First Aid Classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 25 - Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in classroom B.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 1 - Basic First Aid in classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Montessori enrollment

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Performing Arts show

Charlevoix Performing Arts will be performing a one night "Undermay Ysterymay" show at 7 p.m., Thursday May 26, at the Charlevoix High School. Admission is $5 seniors, $7 adults and $5 children.

Conservancy event

The Little Traverse Conservancy, established in 1972 as a non-profit land conservation organization working in five counties including Charlevoix, invites the public to Discovering Spring Wildflowers at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 28 at Birge Nature Preserve (near Hessel). Purple fringed orchids, ox-eye daisy, yellow lady slippers and more. Moira Wilson, a local naturalist, will be the guide through the Birge Nature Preserve, located near Hessel in the Les Cheneaux region. Easy hiking but dress for wet walking. Contact the Conservancy for more information at (231) 347-0991.

Performing Arts fund-raiser

Charlevoix Performing Arts will be knocking on your door in the City of Charlevoix from 6 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, May 31 and Monday June 6 for a bottle drive fundraiser. The bottles will support the Performing Arts 2004-2005 season.

Conservancy toddler event

The Little Traverse Conservancy is inviting all toddlers to a Knee High Naturalist Hike from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, June 4, at North Central Michigan College. If your little ones are between the ages of 3 to 5, then this is the adventure for them. Together with your child, you'll discover the wonders of nature both big and small. They will explore the North Central Michigan College trails using their senses and imaginations. Call the Conservancy for more information at (231) 347-0991.

Greensky Hill presentation

Charlevoix Historical Society member Bob Morgridge in conjunction with Pastor Geri Litchfield of the Horton Bay United Methodist Church, present a program on the history of the Greensky Hill Church and grounds at 7 p.m. on Tuesday June 7, at Greensky Hill Church's Susan Hall. They are located off Old U.S. 31 North at the closest intersection of Boyne City Road.

Radio Controlled planes

The public is invited to The Charlevoix Area Buff Radio Controlled Club annual Fathers Day Fun Fly. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Father's Day, June 19. A training plane will be available to anyone who would like to experience Radio Controlled flying. The event will be at the corner of Sequanota and Ferry roads off M-66 Hwy.

Business After Hours

The Fourth Annual Charlevoix County Chambers Business After Hours will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 25 at Elm Point in East Jordan.

Enrichment raffle

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Pool board meeting

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual Board of Director's meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2005. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Charlevoix Congregational - UCC Church, 101 State Street. The agenda will include a review of the year's activities, and an election of persons to the Board of Directors. The Public is welcome.

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Events over the century

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

In the city of Charlevoix's 100 years in existence its residents have witnessed the advent of atomic power, Ernest Hemmingway's first marriage and the fall of a palace.

According to Charlevoix Historical Society Harsha House Co-director, David Miles, when the first hospital was built in 1920, house calls didn't become a thing of the past, but it was a sign that Charlevoix was growing.

"Our first hospital was on the corner of Grant and Hurlhut where the Hilferest Apartments are now," Miles said. "It was in operation from 1920 to 1954. The new Charlevoix Area Hospital went into operation in 1954 because the one up on Hurlhut and Grant just became too small."

In September of 1921, after the hospital opened, a man who would soon be a celebrated author made his way to town. That month, Ernest Hemmingway walked into the old courthouse at the corner of Antrim and State streets to obtain his marriage license.

"It was for his marriage to his first wife Hadley Richardson," Miles said. "He spent quite a bit of time in the Charlevoix area before he went off and became a writer.

"Hemmingway even played baseball on the diamond at Loeb Farms," he added.

While the glory of a new hospital and glamour brought by Hemmingway are recorded in Charlevoix's history, devastation also has its place in the records.

In 1945, the Palace Movie Theater in downtown Charlevoix suffered a devastating fire, and according to Miles, it was a major disappointment to many in the community.

"I remember the movie 'The Best Years of Our Lives,'" was out and my mother lamenting the fact that she and her friends couldn't go see it," he said.

Another seemingly worrisome event was the swap from swing bridge to bascule or drawbridge which is still in service today.

Miles said, "The new bridge went in from 1947 to 1949. And, for many people in town it was a traumatic experience because it (the swing bridge) was the only bridge they'd ever known."

In a time wrought with fear that the Cold War between the United States and Russia would turn into an all-out nuclear brawl, Charlevoix was selected as the site where a breakthrough in atomic energy would be explored.

"Consumers Power announced they were coming here in the late 1950s and I think the plant was completed around 1960," Miles said. "We were the third nuclear power plant in the country."

Miles was working in a cigar shop, known as The Community Phone, the day he heard about plans to build an atomic plant in Charlevoix. He said he overheard one of the customers on the phone say the atomic gases were going to descend on Charlevoix and kill all the flowers.

He added, "The Big Rock plant was decommissioned in 1997. It was the world's first high-power density boiling water reactor."

Miles said the site was intended to be experimental and it exceeded all expectations. Even some of the world's leaders in the understanding of nuclear power plants trained at Big Rock.

Other important events in Charlevoix's first century include:

• 1909, the Carnegie Library was built on the corner of Clinton and State streets where the Charlevoix State Bank is now.

• 1911, the sugar beet factory, located where Irish Boat Shop is now, closed.

• 1923, the first airplane flight to Beaver Island.

• 1928, Earl Young started building Boulder Park.

• 1947, the Colonial Club Gambling establishment was raided by several law enforcement agencies and closed.

• 1954, the Weathervane Restaurant went into business.

• 1959, the first Waterfront Art Fair took place.

• 1967, Medusa cement factory opened.

• 1982, the last freight train pulled out of town.

• 1997, The Charlevoix Area Community Pool was built.

• 2002, the last commercial building was removed from East Park.

• 2005, Charlevoix celebrates 100 years as a city.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

This hat and coat belonged to a member of the 1905 Charlevoix City Band. This uniform and other memorabilia are on display at the Harsha House in its 100 Years of Charlevoix exhibit. The City of Charlevoix will celebrate is one-hundredth birthday June 1. .

Courtesy photo

Dig, pot and sell

Kathy Johnson, Audrey Etienne and Rhea Dow are prepping for the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale. The sale will take place at 8:30 a.m. May 28 at 807 East Dixon Avenue in Charlevoix. Profits from the sale will support the 11 civic gardens in Charlevoix that are maintained by the club.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Rollover accident

On May 23, Warren McMahan, 51, of Ohio, was traveling southbound on US-31 in this Isuzu SUV when a vehicle traveling northbound driven by a 16-year-old from Rudyard crossed the center line. McMahan swerved to avoid impact, hit the guardrail and rolled the vehicle. The other driver was cited for driving left of center. No one was injured.

MAY 2005

VENETIAN BURGEE CLUB

Happy Birthday Charlevoix! Not just one, but two milestones of heritage and life in Charlevoix will be celebrated during "Venetian 2005" - the 75th anniversary of "Venetian" and the 100th anniversary of the City of Charlevoix. As the time honored Charlevoix tradition of "Venetian" again prepares to spread its wings, we are pleased to acknowledge those individuals, organizations and businesses which have nurtured and elevated the "Venetian" tradition, through their generous contributions of funds, goods and services. Please join us in thanking each and every member of the 2004 Venetian Burgee Club, who are reflected below.

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East Park initiative underway

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A group of Charlevoix city residents in support of East Park changes could request your signature this week.

Charlevoix resident John Winn, and a group of five petitioners, have started an initiative action to get East Park renovations on the Nov. 8 election ballot.

Changes they are working toward include removal of the current band shell, construction of a new performance venue and amphitheater seating and reconfiguration of the park's topography.

For this park transformation to make it on the ballot, Winn and his fellow petitioners will need to gather and submit signatures to city clerk Carol Ochs by June 10. They need 15 percent or 356 city residents who are registered voters to sign the initiative.

The petitioners are Winn, Terry Left, David Novotny, John Yaroch, Mark Greyerbiehl and James Berlage.

Winn said the group is aiming for 450 signatures to ensure they make the mark.

"I think we can do it," he said.

Early last week, Charlevoix attorney Dan Barron, with the firm Barron and Golski, was working on the initiative action's wording.

This document, containing the aforementioned official list of petitioners, was submitted to Ochs last Friday, May 27. They are the only people allowed to request signatures.

After the final signed documents are submitted to Ochs, she will verify the signatures. Then, the petition language will be reviewed by city council. If council approves the language, city staff will work to establish ballot wording and voters will decide the park's fate this fall.

This group's decision to fight for a park metamorphosis is the result of a March 14 city council vote against initiation of amendments four and five, as presented, to the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) development plan.

These amendments would have allowed the authority to pay for 25 percent of the marina, for the total cost of East Park projects and extend the authority's life.

While marina changes were approved and are expected to start this fall, plans for East Park were nixed.

Council decided to omit plans to build an ice rink in the park from amendment four and decided against passing amendment five in its entirety.

Amendment five included demolition of the current music pavilion in the fall of 2006 and construction of a new facility on the south end of the park. This part of the project would cost the DDA just under $1.5 million.

Charlevoix resident Jill Picha, who threatened to take the park issue to referendum if amendment five passed, was pleased with council's decision.

But city mayor Norman "Boogie" Carlson and many residents, including Winn and the group of initiative action petitioners, weren't. And now they are working to get park plans back on the renovation docket.

Picha said if it goes to a vote she will have an army of voters lined up ready to fight. She plans to join forces with other residents against removing the band shell to campaign against it.

"My concern is for the people of Charlevoix. That area has been the site of their band shell for many years and they deserve to have the view of the lake. It needs some cosmetic touches, but that's an awful lot of money to

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Officials: 'ACACIA won't be replaced'

By BENJAMIN GOLIS
Staff writer

Barring an unforeseen change in missions in this area, state and U.S. Coast Guard officials say the cutter ACACIA will not be replaced with another ship once it is decommissioned in June of 2006.

According to a letter from Captain John Yost of the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to concerned citizen Jacqueline Dipert, the buoy tending capabilities of the ACACIA and others of that class on the great lakes are being replaced by the newer and more capable 225 foot cutters: ALDER, HOLLYHOCK and MACKINAW.

"We have no plans to relocate the CGC (Coast Guard cutter) MORRO BAY to the Great Lakes," Yost's letter said, "We must distribute these

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Memorial Day observed

Numerous service organizations and local residents participated in and attended Charlevoix's Memorial Day events Monday, May 30.

On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Edmond Guy Egan, 43, East Jordan. Motor vehicle operator without security. Serve five days in jail; $323.25 in fines and costs.

Eric Peter Vaughn, 31, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied. Serve seven days in jail with credit of one, to serve six days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Sherry Lanette Doming, 31, Alba. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit of one day, 77 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, letter of apology; $500 in fines and costs.

William Harry Whippo, 45, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit of one, to serve 15 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 67 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $1135 in fines and costs.

Michael James Bunker, 24, Indian River. Operating while intoxicated second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit of one, to serve 10 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 324 days held in abeyance, 30 days community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, attend IMPACT weekend, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1435 in fines and costs.

Larry John Cole, 48, Cross Village. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit of one, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend IMPACT weekend and substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Dustin James Turner, 25, Temperance. Disorderly person/drunk. Serve 90 days in jail with credit of three, to serve 57 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $350 in fines and costs.

Gary Steven McSawhy, 51, Mt. Pleasant. Disturbing the peace. Serve 90 days in jail with credit of three, to serve 27 days in jail, 60 days held in abeyance, three months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Gregory Michael Webb, 36, Boyne City. Breaking and entering/illegal entry. Serve 90 days in jail with credit of two, to serve eight days in jail, 80 days held in abeyance, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes, not to enter #26, 326 East Division Street; $350 in fines and costs.

Joseph Carlos Seratti, 32, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 41 days in jail with credit of one, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend IMPACT and substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Amy Elizabeth Tackett, 29, Boyne City. Operator no license/multiple license. Serve 10 days in jail, to serve 10 days.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Elijah Richard Pace, 21, Charlevoix. Controlled substance possession of Marijuana. Serve 12 months in jail with credit of 84 days, 36 months probation.

Elijah Richard Pace, 21, Charlevoix. Probation violation motor vehicle unlawful use. Serve 12 months in jail, to serve 12 months with a credit of 264.

Michael Cecil Taylor, 45, Gladwin. Police officer fleeing third degree vehicle code, operating while intoxicated. Minimum of 21 months to a maximum of 60 months in jail with credit of two days; $160 in fines and costs.

Moses Martin Morales, 40, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property of $1,00 or more but less than $20,000. Minimum of 23 with a maximum of 60 months in jail with credit of 53 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Paul Emil Koivisto, 52, Cheboygan. Operating while intoxicated third offense. Minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 60 months in jail with credit of 104 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Michael John Schepers, 36, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated third offense. Minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 60 months in jail with credit of 80 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Amy June Mathers, 23, East Jordan. Stolen property received/concealed less than $200. Serve 90 days with credit of 79 days, 79 days to be served; $630 in fines and costs.

Michael Owen Bradford, 17, East Jordan. Attempted breaking and entering a vehicle with damage to the vehicle. To serve 30 days in jail with a credit of 30 days, to serve 30 days in jail, 24 months probation; $747.35 in fines and costs.

Paul Joseph Wicker, 29, Boyne City. Controlled substance possession of marijuana second offense. Serve 180 days in jail with credit of one, to serve 14 days in jail, 24 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Patrick Shawn McGinnity, 28 of Fremont and Larissa Rae James, 23 of Beaver Island

Bradley Glenn Holubar, 31 of Chicago Illinois and Lisa Marie Barr, 30 of Chicago Illinois

David Anthony Dyer, 20 of East Jordan and Donna Grace Grutsch, 18 of East Jordan

Joseph Edward Whalen III, 48 of Muskegon and Wendy Lyn Wilson, 41 of Boyne City

Matthew Alton Sustic, 26 of Charlevoix and Nicole Marie Angermuller, 19 of Charlevoix

Christopher Martin Nickel, 32 of Charlevoix and Sarah Christine Nisbet, 27 of Flint

Terrence Charles Purdie, 65 of Boyne City and Ranae Beverly McDougall, 50 of Kewadin

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Aten Place, 03492 Old Mackinaw Trail, Boyne Falls by William Aten

Island Painting, 30870 East Side Drive, Beaver Island by Mark L. Hetherington

Squeakie Clean, P.O. Box 943 East Jordan by Cynthia Lee Hanson

Kuehler Roofing, 00433 High Country Drive, Boyne City by Douglas L. Kuehler II

Coventry Homes, 11399 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix by Robert J. Pelon and Marcia E. Pelon

Unique Painting and Pre Staining, 27539 Dover Livonia by Edward Bernard O'Keefe and Matthew Edward O'Keefe

Lopers Small Engine Repair, 04714 Skop Road, Boyne Falls by Joe Loper

Jordan Valley Drywall, 510 State Street, East Jordan by Doug Gilkerson

Siegrist Farm and Greenhouse, 10070 Chandler Hill Road, Charlevoix by David H. Siegrist and Eva P. Siegrist

Births

Alexander Michael Jacobsen weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces was born to Ragnar and Kathleen Jacobsen of Petoskey on May 27, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Audrey Kristine Jacobsen. Grandparents are Marguerite and James McPeak of Petoskey and Hans and Martha Jacobsen of Sandefjord of Norway.

Logan Jack Raymond Leist weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces was horn to Ray Leist and Kayla Wiltjer of Boyne City on May 25, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Gloria Leist of Boyne City and Kevin Haskin of Petoskey.

Christopher Robert Mason weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces was horn to Christopher F. Mason and Elizabeth A. Mason of Petoskey on May 24, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sihlings are Brandon Scott Mason and Elijah Blake Clark. Grandparents are Robert and Cindy Ballard of East Jordan, Larry Mason of Delaware and Linda Day of Sterling Heights.

Delaney Rose Huffman weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces was horn to Robert and Sara Huffman of East Jordan on May 23, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sihling is Chloe. Grandparents are Bill and Sherri Huffinan of East Jordan and Martin and Gwen Sweet of East Jordan.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
May 24	58	47	—
May 25	63	47	—
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May 27	63	47	—
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A group of six Charlevoix residents have started an initiative action petition drive to put East Park renovation plans on the November general election ballot. Changes they want to see include removal of the existing band shell, pictured above, and construction of a new music pavilion.

Petitioners try to get East Park plans on Nov. ballot

PARK

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spend to shove it in Chamber Park (south of its current location)," Picha said.

Winn said the city of Charlevoix's effort to open up the park by purchasing and demolishing the Parkside and the Wharfside, buildings located at the corners of Mason and Bridge streets, was trumped by council's decision.

He said having the band shell in the middle of the park limits its use.

"It renders the south part of the park pretty much useless," he explained.

Council approved extension of the authority from its expected expiration date of 2013, to 2026, in order to finish the marina project. And approved payment of 25 percent of the total cost of the $10.6 million marina project, including construction of a new harhormaster's office. The authority's portion is $3.8 million, the Michigan Waterways Commission has committed to fund 75 percent, or $6.8 million, of the marina project.

The project will he done in phases with construction of the 67-slip dock system and sea wall coming first.

Debt from the marina renovation will cost hetween $242,000 and $310,000 a year for 15 to 20 years. City manager Mike Wiesner anticipates $100,000 a year heing paid for from marina revenue and the rest coming from the DDA.

Winn, who is also head of the Waterways Commission, has said when it's done this will probahly he the hest quality marina on the Great Lakes. But he wants to see the park, which shoulders the marina, get the same high quality face lift.

Library to host rare book specialist Mary Carney

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will feature rare and used hook dealer, Mary Carney at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, June 8 in the lower level of the library.

Carney, who is the owner of First Editions Bookstores in Muskegon Heights and Moran will talk about "Spotting a Rare and Collectible book." Carney has a background in anthropology and lihrary science. She also has extensive experience in bookbinding. She has been very helpful in evaluating and appraising the Charlevoix Library's Michigan Room collection.

Following Carney's presentation, patrons are welcome to bring one book for her to appraise. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. The library is located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix. For more information, call the lihrary at (231) 547-2651.

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OPINIONS

The First Amendment

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Plan for a future without a Coast Guard boat in town

EDITORIAL

The City of Charlevoix plans for future projects like fiber optic networks, marina renovations and conference meeting spaces, with costly studies and in-depth community discussion.

But, when it comes to a reality the city is facing right now it seems city officials have taken the approach of ignoring it and hoping it goes away.

On the front page of today's edition of the Courier, officials from the United States Coast Guard and Congress have confirmed that the likelihood of Charlevoix getting a new Coast Guard vessel after the ACACIA is decommissioned in June of 2006 is nil to none.

Last week, Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said that instead of making alternate plans for the over 180-foot dock space the current cutter occupies and the $1.5 million building the city built to accommodate Coast Guard uses, the city plans to wait and see what happens.

During the marina renovation planning process discussions of the future of the ACACIA came up. Residents who feared dock intrusion into Round Lake asked how this space would be used. Some said by extending the marina renovation project into that area, docks could be shorter, minimizing the visual impact of the dock system.

At that time, Wiesner said creating a plan B, that does not accommodate a Coast Guard vessel, would impact the government's decision to possibly replace the ACACIA.

It seems to us the government's mind is made up and city staff better hustle to decide how the dock space and the building will be used before Charlevoix has yet another empty building.

We want to see city administrators and residents involved in planning for uses of what will be a big chunk of open real estate next spring.

Spring transformation of trees should be revered

Roger Knutson

When we call a tree deciduous we seem to have in mind that it loses its leaves in the fall. But deciduous trees do something even more remarkable in late spring.

We left Charlevoix for a three-day weekend around May 20. When we left the very large Sugar Maple tree in our yard was covered with fat, swollen buds. When we returned it was equally covered with nearly full-sized leaves.

Each new leaf weighs about one tenth of an ounce, and I am sure that tree had managed to produce hundreds of pounds of new leaves in just three days. Every branch was burdened with a weight that had not been there the previous week. I know that all those leaves were already there in the buds and ready to expand, but the speed with which they do that is almost explosive.

If we had been here over the weekend and if it had been sufficiently quiet late at night, we might have been able to hear the leaves stretching and swelling. It is possible to hear a field of corn in the July night at the height of its growth rate, but I am not sure about trees.

What's the hurry, you might say? We here above the Forty-fifth Parallel should know better than most that summer is short. The maple trees know that as well and have been balancing their photosynthetic act for millions of years. There was a time a few tens of thousands of years ago when trees much like our maples lived on some of the high arctic islands where the season for growth was much shorter than it is here and now. It may be that it was on those islands that our trees necessarily learned their explosive leaf-growth act.

I know that trees don't really learn anything, but they behave with such apparent intelligence. Each kind of tree here or anywhere in the world is the product of millions of years of trying out possibilities. We are surrounded with the very best products of all trying, failing and succeeding.

Keeping only the best, from 10 million years of trying, produces trees and other organisms that are so good at what they must do that it is hard to distinguish it from intelligence.

Like any creature our trees and other organisms that are so good at what they must do that it is hard to distinguish it from intelligence.

Like any creature our trees can be fooled. A hard frost in mid-June will do in all those tender, new leaves. But hard frosts in mid-June are rare enough for a tree to ignore, especially since most of our local trees would be able to put out at least a few new leaves even after such a frozen disaster.

We are pretty much surrounded by living natural miracles. They are miracles we can understand well enough to put them to our own use, but it is all right to feel some sense of awe and wonder at the apparent intelligence of our trees. We generally revere things like Egyptian pyramids and ancient pottery that have some age. Surely reverence can easily be attached to trees that are the product of millions of years of natural selection.

Letters to the editor

Successful food drive

Editor:

The Eleventh Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive was Saturday, May 14 this year. The Charlevoix community was most generous in giving food for the Community Food Pantry.

Under the direction of Kelly Marris of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), the letter carriers picked up food for the Community Food Pantry.

The Community Food Pantry really appreciates the efforts of the letter carriers and others who helped us fill our shelves. A great way to "Stamp Out Hunger" in our community.

Many thanks to all who helped.

Mary Helen Riggle
Community Food Pantry coordinator

Charlevoix needs arcade

Editor:

Do you want to travel to Petoskey for fun and spend all your money on gas? Charlevoix needs an arcade because kids have nowhere to go or much to do in the winter.

First of all, there's no excitement in our town especially in winter. An arcade would give us kids a fun place to go. If we had an arcade kids would probably like our town more because kids would have a fun place to play.

Another reason is you can save money on gas because you wouldn't have to travel to Petoskey. Also, parents would be more likely take their kids to an arcade in Charlevoix because you wouldn't have to travel to Petoskey.

My most important reason is that kids have nowhere to go in the winter. In the winter you can't go to the beach, go on a bike ride or go boating and you can't play sports like football, baseball or soccer.

In conclusion, Charlevoix needs an arcade for excitement, things to do in the winter and not having to layout all your money on gas taking trips to Petoskey. Please try to fit an arcade in Charlevoix.

Tanner Erndt
sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Mediate without attorney

Editor:

I received word yesterday May 24, 2005 that the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce has hired legal counsel to attend the mediation scheduled for June 14. The spirit of mediation is intended for the interested parties to get together and present each group's issues and understandings and/or misunderstandings. Diseuss those issues and, thus, reach a common direction for all concerned.

Mediation is a process where the "solution is up to you," the participants. The responsibility of the mediators is to provide a format of open discussion and confidentiality.

Mediation is not a courtroom. There is no legal action pending and legal counsel often disrupts the mediation process.

As a member of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce and the City of Charlevoix, I urge the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce

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Letters to the editor

President, Chairman and Board of Directors to leave your legal counsel at home and mediate in the spirit of mediation success.

You have come this far why destroy the process prior to its beginning.

In the spirit of community please work in harmony and the spirit of mediation.

John W. Campbell
Charlevoix

Thank you petunia volunteers

Editor:

Marilyn and I would like to say a big thank-you to the people of Charlevoix for their tremendous turnout for the petunia planting. Community pride is alive and well after 24 years of planting.

We would like to say a special thanks to Bill Schuiling for his financial gift to Keep Charlevoix Beautiful for the petunia project. Bill called at 11:30 a.m. on planting day to say he was sending a check for $5,000 from Virginia as he was unable to be at the planting. 23 hours later, the Fed Ex delivery man brought the check to the house.

Thank-you again, Bill, for your generosity, and to everyone who worked to get things done. Those who helped with each facet of putting on the lunch, and those who played for us in the band. Also, thanks to Charlevoix Screenmasters for contributing the new sign which goes on the rear cover of the highway parade float.

The flowers are in, and beautiful, and soon will be as lovely as ever.

Dale Boss,
Chairman, Operation Petunia
Charlevoix

Changes to park needed

Editor:

I am writing to you not as a voting citizen of your community, but a yearly visitor to the City of Charlevoix and area marinas.

Each summer when we visit the Charlevoix City Marina by boat, I often think to myself "This city does not know how great they have it."

The staff at the marina has made the marina visitor traffic what it is today. Their accommodating manner and willingness to go above and beyond to make each individual boater feel welcome has brought people coming back year after year, spending time and money in the community. Not all area marina marinas are nearly this accommodating — the well run Charlevoix harbor staff has set high standards, which they maintain with each and every visitor.

I understand the city docks will be undergoing a "facelift" next year. This is long overdue, and we look forward to the improvement. I also understand the park/pavilion area is not included in this improvement project. I find this disappointing. As a boater we utilize the park area on a regular basis. What a great service your city provides with the entertainment — a new pavilion and park area would only enhance this experience. Boaters view the park area as part of the marina grounds. I encourage your city council members to also include the renovation of the park/pavilion as part of the marina renovation project. This will only continue to help "Keep Charlevoix Beautiful."

Tracey Willems
Green Bay, Wis.

Ski blade changes needed

Editor:

Do you think your community should be safe at the ski hill? I really feel ski bladers would be much safer if they didn't use the bindings the blades come with because they do not release.

There are many reasons why I think people should not use ski blade bindings.

First of all, you could have a permanent injury. Permanent injuries can lead to lost limbs. It can also leave you paralyzed from spinal cord injuries. The last way you can permanently injure yourself is if you get a really bad infection and have to amputate your leg.

Another way you can hurt yourself is broken bones. I have a broken leg because of the bindings didn't release when I fell.

One of our friends broke their ankle this year from the blades. One way to solve the problem is to use safer equipment. You can use regular ski bindings instead. Another way is to use shorter blades because they won't get caught as easy.

In conclusion, if you didn't use the blade bindings you would be safer.

You wouldn't have to worry about broken bones and permanently injuring yourself. Please take my advise and do not use the blade bindings and be much safer.

Matthew Murray
sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Thanks coach Terrell

Editor:

I lived in Charlevoix as a child, until 1958, and one of the things I'm most grateful for is having attended "Coach" Delbert Terrell's summer camp.

In particular, coach Terrell used to sing in his wonderful, robust voice, often as he was driving us in his school bus, scores of songs I don't think I would have heard otherwise — folk songs, camp songs and other Americana, Broadway songs, songs of the Weavers and Woody Guthrie and so on.

I cherish his memory for this reason and his good, warm spirit in general and I'm interested in hearing from others who may have memories and good thoughts about coach Terrell, particularly in this regard.

Jim Terr
Santa Fe, N.M.

More sports needed

Editor:

Don't you think that the city needs to vary the sports children play? We should introduce lacrosse, golf and cricket. If we do this, there might be more winter sports teams. Children might not be so bored in between seasons. If we do this, there might be more children involved in sports. Children are getting bored with playing the same old traditional sports like football and baseball year after year. I used to play soccer, but I quit because I got bored. I also used to play baseball, but I grew bored of hitting the ball then running around the bases time after time.

In addition, the bigger stronger kids control some sports. I broke my leg playing football when a large child fell on top of me. This is why I think we need to start a golf team. Golf would help this problem by making a sport not controlled by brawn.

Finally, if you would like to travel to a foreign country you might want to learn their traditional games. An example of this is if you might want to go to Great Britain or another country like that you might want to know how to play cricket to help pass your time there. Maybe you want to go to Australia and play rugby to help you have more fun there.

In conclusion, I surely think that we should introduce four new sports. These four grand sports are lacrosse, golf, cricket and rugby. Please support my cause.

Braden Knoop
sixth grade
Charlevoix Middle School

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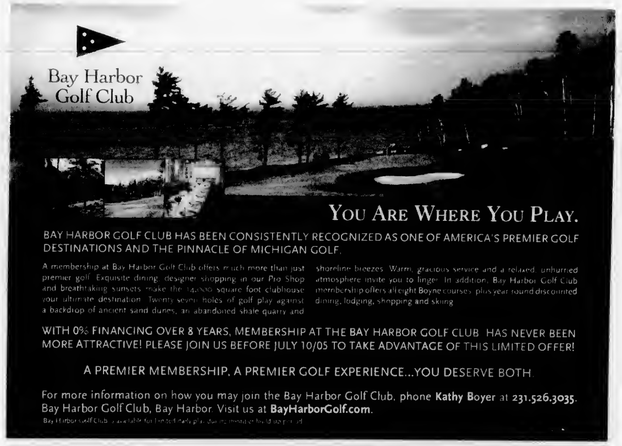

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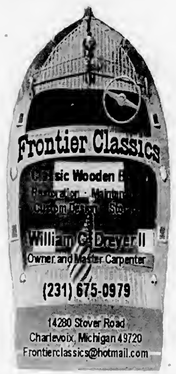

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COMMUNITY

Five Wishes addresses Schiavo fears

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Terri Schiavo's death this spring served as both an introduction and, to many, a reminder of the importance of resolving end of life issues early.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan volunteer Connie Saltonstall, of Charlevoix, knows the importance of preparing and maintaining a living will document. And, through the Five Wishes program, she means to educate anyone interested in how to do so.

"I think the Terri Schiavo case is an excellent example of how families can be torn apart when they don't know what a loved one wants," she said. "I think it's been very helpful in making the general public aware of the necessity to do this."

Saltonstall took a class on how to teach others to prepare the living will and she is now an advocate and speaker of the Five Wishes program.

"This document is available and does not require a lawyer," she said. "This is something that every family should discuss and make their own plan so that there is no confusion when their loved one is near the end of their life."

This particular living will is legal in 36 states including Michigan and Washington D.C.

"(This) allows people to be very specific about what they choose to have happen at the end of their life. And, if they can't speak for themselves it directs someone else to be able to make those decisions for them," Saltonstall said.

Basically, Saltonstall said, the living will names the person you choose to make the decisions and how you want certain situations handled.

"In many cases it shouldn't be the spouse, because it would be such a difficult decision to make," she said. "It should be someone else who knew how you felt about it and that you trust to carry out your wishes."

Saltonstall added, "And the choice that you make is extremely important because it's a difficult responsibility, and in many cases you have families who don't all agree on what should happen. By making this document the patient is stating what they want to happen."

The nice thing about having an advocate with no vested interest in you for end of life issues is that even if they don't agree with your wishes, you can trust they will follow them.

According to Saltonstall, anyone 18 or over can and should think about preparing a living will.

"Most people at that age don't think that they need it because they don't expect to die, but the reality, is we never know," she said. "Terri Schiavo was 26. She talked about it but it wasn't written down. If it was written down, the whole legal case wouldn't have been necessary."

The Five Wishes program allows for complete individualization as to what steps should be taken in cases such as coma, paralysis, vegetative state and more.

She said, "If your wish isn't covered by that there is room where you can write what your specific wish is."

You don't have to decide all your wishes at once either, Saltonstall added.

"Ideally this document is designed to be used over a period of five years with families to use the booklet to talk about end of life issues," she said. "It's not necessarily something you say you're going to sit down and write. You want time to think about it yourself and discuss with family."

Important consideration should be given, she said, but as long as you are able to make rational decisions the document can be altered.

She said, "It can be changed. You can cross things out, put new things in or just void this document and start another."

While Michigan doesn't require that a notary witness the signing of the document, there are few restrictions placed on who can witness it in order to rule out conflicts of interest.

A few people excluded from witnessing are your designated health care agent, health care provider or an employee of your health care provider. It also cannot be someone who is financially responsible for you or related by blood marriage.

"Essentially it has to be someone who is not connected to this person," Saltonstall said.

Anyone interested in having Saltonstall or one of the other speakers in the area present the Five Wishes program to your church, company or community group can contact Pat Johnson, executive director of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, at (231) 536-2842.

Living wills are available in Charlevoix at the Charlevoix Public Library off Clinton Street and at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency off Garfield Street.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Hospice volunteer and Five Wishes speaker Connie Saltonstall speaks to a group about how to complete the Five Wishes living will.

Charlevoix resident Jeanne McGhee said she attended the Five Wishes program for the most part because of the attention given the Schiavo case.

"I've been thinking about it ever since," she said. "I think that Terri brought it to light for a lot of people. They want to do this now more than they did two years ago."

McGhee added, "Besides I'm 65, so it's time to do something like this. I don't want to get caught without being prepared. And, It might take five years to do, so it might change your mind."

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Democrats to discuss health care

The availability of health care services will be the focus of the Charlevoix County Democrats meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 2, at Boyne City's Dilworth Hotel.

Bruce Miller, Executive Director of the Northern Michigan Health Plan, and Gerry Chase, Director of Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, will discuss "part of the quilt work system that is our health care system in Michigan and the nation," explained Charlevoix County Chairman Bill Lovett.

"Many of us have different health care plans or no health care plans at all. When we go to the emergency room, for example, some will have complete coverage, some will have co-pays, retirees may have Medicare and secondary carrier insurance. Others will have Medicaid coverage, and some will have none at all. It is a nightmare for hospital administrators who, by law, must provide care for everyone."

Lovett also referred to recent speculation that both General Motors and Ford might be cutting some retiree benefits.

Lovett recalled that former Republican Governor of Wisconsin, Tommy Thompson, who served as Director of the Health and Human Services in George W. Bush's first Administration, recently called on the Big Three Auto companies and the United Auto Workers to work together to lobby the United States Congress for health care reform.

"Our health care system is in a perilous situation, not only in northern Michigan but across the country. There are increased burdens on corporations, the health care system, and individuals.

"The forum this Thursday is just the first in a series we will hold to look at our health care system and consider what we, the public think it should be," Lovett explained.

Emphasizing that all the community forums are intended to be non-partisan, Lovett said anyone who is interested in the issue of health care reform is encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion.

The forum will be preceded by a "Dutch treat" dinner at 6 p.m. at the Dilworth Hotel.

More on-line mental health programs are now available

North Country Community Mental Health has announced the addition of Health Education Answers to its web site www.norcocmh.org.

Alexis Kaczynski, director for the community health group, said, "It is a confidential, online program that includes interactive features, surveys, screenings, games, and it presents health information in a fun and engaging way. Health Education Answers is being piloted statewide on Community Mental Health web sites in collaboration with the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards."

Health Education Answers was created as a tool for education and prevention. Its content has been certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.

Health modules include; Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, depression, diabetes and men's and women's health.

Site information is available in both English and Spanish.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego counties.

Rev. Wright joins Horton Bay and Greensky churches

The Reverend Timothy Wright has been appointed to serve the Horton Bay and Greensky Hill United Methodist churches beginning July 1.

Pastor Wright recently graduated from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, Paula, have been living in the Grand Rapids area while he was attending Seminary.

Paula works for Spartan Stores, Inc. as a computer systems analyst.

Before resigning to follow God's call on his life for ordained ministry, Pastor Tim was Director of Information Technology for Emmet County.

They have two adult children, a daughter who is married and living in Hancock while she attends Michigan Tech and a son in the Grand Rapids area.

Pastor Tim and Paula will be known to many people in the area from their previous work and life in Boyne City.

Courtesy photo

Pictured above are Rev. Timothy Wright and his wife Paula. Rev. Wright is a new pastor in town.

Ellsworth woman named to foster board

Ellsworth resident, Susan (Thorp) Manturuk, participated in a two-day orientation training conducted by the Foster Care Review Board Program in Lansing.

Foster Care Review Board #29 serves Alpena, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Luce, Mackinac, Montmorenency and Presque Isle counties. The board meets one day each month to review a sample of cases of children placed in temporary foster care. The purpose of these reviews is to determine what efforts are being made by the juvenile court, the Department of Human Services, or private child placing agency to develop and carry out a plan for permanent placement.

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Obituaries

A. Keith Kerr: March 7, 1914 - May 17, 2005

A. Keith Kerr of Grand Blanc, 91, died Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at Briarwood Manor. A funeral service was conducted May 20, 2005 at Kirkridge Presbyterian Church at 8070 South Saginaw Street in Grand Blanc, Michigan with Rev. Glenn Grant officiating. Burial took place in Barnard Cemetery in Charlevoix. Those desiring may make contributions to Kirkridge Presbyterian Church Building Fund.

Keith was born March 7, 1914, in Charlevoix, the son of Alex and Sophronia (VanZant) Kerr. He was a resident of the Flint area most of his life.

Keith was a past president of the Flint Kiwanis Club and a lifetime member of The Boys Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow, member of Michigan Road Builders Association, Kirkridge Presbyterian Church and National Asphalt Paving Association. Keith was a Certified Public Accountant and a partner in the accounting firm of Lewis, Knopf and Kerr and owner of Flint Asphalt and Paving.

Surviving are his children, Bonny and husband Keith Clark of Pendleton, Ind., Douglas and wife Sherrie of Galveston, Ind., and Bethany Reynolds of Grand Blanc; 9 grandchildren, Bradley, Alison, Amy Kirsten, Kyle, Katherine and husband Duane Cooke, Jennifer, Julie, Lindsay and Patti. He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda; son, Keith Jr. and grandson, Jason Bays.

Jeanette B. Miller: Aug. 5, 1930 - May 26, 2005

Jeanette B. Miller, 74, of East Jordan died Sunday, May 22, 2005 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Funeral services took place Thursday, May 26, 2005 at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Pastor Michael Dennis officiated. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

She was born Aug. 5, 1930 in Iron Mountain, the daughter of Herman and Stella (Knutson) Westlund. On Oct. 23, 1954 in Waupaca, Wis., she married Donald D. Miller. They moved to Charlevoix in 1978 and then to East Jordan in 1990. Jeanette was the co-founder of the Ben Franklin Stores in Charlevoix, Mancelona, and East Jordan. She retired in 1997. Donald preceded her in death on Dec. 26, 2000.

Jeanette was a member and the organist at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. She retired from playing organ at church six months ago. Her faith was very important to her, her family and her friends. She loved her devotions, her church, making a joyful noise unto the Lord and the people the Lord placed in her path.

Jeanette is survived by her two sons, Daniel (Faye) Miller of East Jordan and Dale (Kaye) Miller of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, David Miller, Julie (Nick) Smith, Sara Miller and Donald D. Miller, II; two great-grandchild, Shayleigh Kaye Smith and Colin Smith; two brothers, Eugene (Jeanette) Westlund and Roger (June) Westlund, both of Hemet, Calif.; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Ken Westlund.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the First Baptist Church Ministry Center in Charlevoix.

Death notice

Ed McKee, 71, of Bay Shore, died May 27, 2005 at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey. A complete obituary will follow. No services are planned.

In memoriam

At 3 p.m. June 11 a farewell, memorial celebration for Lyla McMillan-Arvilla who died March 6, 2005, will take place at Brookside Cemetery.

This event will pass to memory one of the longest tenured residents of Charlevoix the Beautiful.

To travel to the McMillan-Arvilla plat in Brookside Cemetery turn west from M-66, then turn left on the cemetery boulevard and travel for about 100 feet.

In case of inclement weather, the celebration will take place at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

Illegal alien convicted of murder deported

An illegal alien responsible for the death of a nine-month-old girl in Charlevoix County is again behind bars.

Juan Antonio Garcia-Barcenas was sentenced to nearly four years in a federal prison for returning to the United States after being deported. Barcenas was released on parole from prison in July 2004, and was deported to his native Mexico within 24 hours. He was able to illegally enter the United States and made it all the way back to Michigan, where he was arrested on Sept. 22 in Grand Rapids.

Renee Kuzmik, of Boyne City, whose daughter was killed by Barcenas, is now facing federal charges for helping him avoid detection by law enforcement officers.

Acting on information from a caseworker for the Department of Human Services, the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office notified the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that Kuzmik had admitted that she brought Barcenas from Austin, Texas, to Boyne City where he resided with Kuzmik and her children for close to three weeks.

Kuzmik is also accused of helping pay a smuggler who brought Barcenas back into the country.

November 12, 2001, nine-month-old Carissa Kuzmik of Charlevoix died from severe blunt trauma injuries caused by Barcenas. In April 2002, the child's killer pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in a deal approved by former prosecutor Mary Beth Kur. The Mexican national was sentenced to 18 months to 15 years in prison, but was paroled after a few months and deported to Mexico.

The Charlevoix County Prosecutor's office is committed to assisting immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in bringing to justice any persons that enter our country illegally and commit crimes against our citizens.

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Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road

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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Local poet celebrates first publication

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

With eight decades of experience, a local writer recently published the first of several planned poetry compilations.

Since the late 1920s when she lived in Kansas, Rosalyn Goldstick had the urge to write poetry on every subject imaginable, including local residents, eulogies for friends and rhymes of nature.

Her work has appeared in the Temple B'nai Israel and Charlevoix Senior Center newsletters as well as a publication out of Cincinnati, Ohio which selected a few of her poems for the national publication Covenant of the Soul.

"The book is all about remembering things that happened in Charlevoix," Goldstick said. "It helps people remember the good times and the bad times in Charlevoix."

Goldstick has lived in Charlevoix since 1947 when she moved here after marrying her husband Clarence. As lifelong members of the local historical society, Goldstick and her husband were very active at the Harsha House.

Goldstick's first book, "Do you remember," is available in Charlevoix at the Harsha House off State Street and at the Charlevoix Senior Center off Carpenter Avenue. Cost of the tome is $12.95 plus tax, with proceeds going to both the Charlevoix Senior Center and the Harsha House.

"My husband and I were very active in the historical society and when they started renovating the Harsha House, I just felt that I wanted to do something for them," she said. "And the same goes for the senior center, I just wanted to do something more than a monetary donation."

According to Goldstick, many of the poems are based on life from 50 or more years ago, when lifestyles were different in so many ways.

"So many of these poems reflect back when so many of us were poor and we just didn't know," Goldstick said.

"Do you remember" offers poems on topics including horse-drawn milk carts, barbershop quartets, penny candy and crib-bage tournaments to people who either want to learn about or relive some memories of Charlevoix.

"If they love Charlevoix and they want to reminisce about it, this is the book for them," she said. "And, especially with the one hundredth anniversary coming up it is very apropos."

It is likely some of the older folks around town might appreciate this book more than most, but, she said, "There is something for the younger people too. All age groups, I think, will appreciate it."

Goldstick added, "I think everyone that reads it will find something that they can relate to in their own lives. We don't want to forget the past, it has such a great influence on the future."

Goldstick said she finally published her work because she received such a positive response from the community and her daughter has been urging her to put her collected works to print for many years.

Sharing those memories, she added, seemed to be a natural progression since writing poetry is effortless for her.

"I've been doing it since I was a little girl," she said. "I write about everything, any subject you can think of. The poetry just seems to flow."

Goldstick's first book signing was May 24 at the Charlevoix Senior Center. Her next signing will be from 1 to 3 p.m., June 11 at the Harsha House.

She added, "I am preparing more 'Do you remember,' poems for a second book because this has been such a success and people have clamored for more."

Courtesy photo

Local writer, Rosalyn Goldstick, recently published her first volume of Charlevoix inspired poetry. Proceeds from book sales will go to help the Charlevoix Senior Center and the Historical Society's Harsha House.

Stafford's to offer hunger awareness day benefit

Owner of Stafford's Hospitality, Stafford Smith, recently announced his company's participation in National Hunger Awareness Day, June 7.

Stafford's will contribute 25 percent of the day's dinner revenues on June 7, from its four dining establishments to benefit the Manna Project, a local charitable hunger fighting organization serving Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

National Hunger Awareness Day is spearheaded by America's Second Harvest-The Nation's Food Bank Network. It is the nation's largest charitable hunger relief organization with a network of over 200 regional member food banks and rescue programs serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Coordinating local efforts, the Manna Food Project services 23 area food pantries and agencies and operates a food bank distribution warehouse. As of April 30, the Manna Project has distributed over 231,000 pounds of food to low income and needy northern Michigan residents.

Stafford's dining establishments participating in National Hunger Awareness Day are the Bay View Inn, Bay View, The Perry Hotel, Petoskey, The Pier Restaurant, Harbor Springs and The Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix.

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Local Coast Guard cutter presence questionable

ACACIA

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140 foot ice breaking cutters between the Great Lakes and Northeastern Seaboard."

In a letter dated May 12, from Rear Admiral R. J. Papp, Jr. of the Coast Guard to Dipert, Papp said, the Coast Guard is considering reassignment of a 140 foot ice breaking tug to the Great Lakes to meet the increasing demands of commerce during the winter season.

He added, "However, critical mission demands in the other areas of the Coast Guard have made the relocation of this asset uncertain for the immediate future."

Papp said, "If MORRO BAY were to be assigned to the Great Lakes, the Coast Guard would conduct a study to determine the best location for the cutter's home port. Charlevoix will be included in the study."

The letters from Papp and Yost were in response to correspondence Dipert made regarding the decommissioning of the ACACIA.

"We need to keep the pressure on," said June Cross, head of a citizens initiative to keep a Coast Guard ship in Charlevoix. "Cleveland has not made its decision."

Part of the citizen's initiative was to write letters to U.S. Senators Carl Levin, Debbi Stabenow, Congressman Bart Stupak as well as the letters Dipert sent to the Coast Guard.

In a letter dated April 25, from Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, she pointed out a few things for the Coast Guard to consider when making their decision on whether or not to replace the ACACIA.

"Charlevoix has a decommissioned nuclear power plant with spent fuel storage on site," Merta's letter said.

According to Merta's letter, in 1996, Charlevoix completed $1.5 million in major renovations making the shore side facilities adjacent to the ACACIA excellent. And, renovations include 3,100 square feet of storage, meeting room facilities and a mooring area which could accommodate a 225 foot vessel.

According to Charlevoix City Manager, Mike Wiesner, as far as getting a replacement ship in for the ACACIA when it is decommissioned, the city has been attempting to make contact with Congressman Bart Stupak as best they can, but have received no response from Stupak's office.

"It's a council goal to maintain a Coast Guard presence," Wiesner said.

But, he added, "The latest we heard, the MORRO BAY isn't available to the Great Lakes."

If a ship is made available to the Great Lakes in the future, Wiesner said he would like to pursue having it ported in Charlevoix.

"Should it come available we'd still like to position ourselves to get that ship," he said.

According to Wiesner, there are no specific plans for the Coast Guard building and dock space which the ACACIA currently occupies should there fail to be a replacement.

"I want to make sure we've exhausted our efforts with the Coast Guard first," Wiesner said.

According to Stupak, no one from the City of Charlevoix has contacted him in the last year about the possibility of getting a replacement ship.

"If he (Wiesner) has some other ideas then I'm happy to work with him, but he's not contacted my office," Stupak said.

Wiesner said that isn't accurate.

"I've called his office numerous times, mainly last fall," Wiesner said.

According to Stupak, the likelihood of maintaining a cutter/buoy tender in Charlevoix with the three high-tech Coast Guard ships ALDER, HOLLYHOCK and MACKINAW on the Great Lakes is unlikely.

"It's not going to happen," Stupak said. "It's just not going to happen. The whole idea behind the new buoy tenders is that (they) are faster and more efficient and save the tax payers money."

And, Stupak said, northern Michigan isn't the only area losing a ship.

Stupak said concerned citizens can do a letter writing campaign, but, "I just don't see after 15 years the Coast Guard is going to change their mind at this point."

However, if there was a new mission in Charlevoix for which a new ship would be needed, Stupak said he would be interested in hearing about it.

"I've seen articles in the paper, I've seen where past people associated with the Coast Guard say they have asked for this ship or that ship, but I think it would be wrong to mislead the people that there will be a replacement for the ACACIA," Stupak said.

He added, Homeland Security demands are stretching the Coast Guard thin as it is.

"So why would you take a ship like the MORRO BAY away from New York (or New England) and put it in as a buoy tender," he questioned.

Stupak said if a unique reason came up which called for a ship to be ported in Charlevoix he would be open to hear about it.

As far as requests for the 140 foot MORRO BAY there is still no confirmation as to whether it will even be released to the Great Lakes.

"It's just a tentative request right now," said LT. Cary Godwin of the ACACIA. "The reason being obviously we're losing ACACIA on the Great Lakes."

Godwin said he doesn't see a negative as far as the Coast Guard's ability to maintain aids to navigation or any of the other regular missions including search and rescue once the ACACIA is gone.

But, he said, "With the increase by the Homeland Security Department, having another cutter up here would make us more versatile."

"We can still meet the needs, but having another asset for meeting future needs is probably a wise decision," Godwin added.

According Joe Agostinelli, legislative assistant to Michigan Senator Jason Allen, he has seen a few letters come in from concerned citizens in Charlevoix.

He said Allen is working to introduce another resolution to urge the Coast Guard to consider replacing the ACACIA with another ship.

This new resolution is based on the original 2002 initiative brought forth by Allen.

"It was an issue Senator Allen supported in the house so at their (Charlevoix's) request we're more than willing to introduce it again," Agostinelli said. "We'd like to see some sort of a cutter stay in Charlevoix be it the ACACIA or a new one."

Agostinelli said Allen's office is still waiting for a draft of the resolution from the Legislative Service Bureau, a group who draft bills and resolutions, which may come tomorrow or next month.

"It's really an issue that at the state level we don't really have a lot of control over," he said. "Ultimately it is a decision in the hands of the federal government."

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Area residents build eagle nesting areas

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some northern Michigan residents discovered telephone poles are the perfect breeding ground for bald eagles.

Pam Newcomb of Charlevoix said building a manmade platform atop a telephone pole is one of the best ways to help increase the American Bald Eagle population in this area. And, currently, she is trying to locate the materials for the job.

"We need at least a 24 or more foot pole," she said. "I want to buy a new one and I'm in contact with a company to bring an auger in."

Newcomb said she has permission to put the pole up on land near Susan Lake in Charlevoix's Hayes Township that is owned by the Little Traverse Conservancy, but she has yet to find a pole she can purchase.

According to Newcomb, she got the idea of building the platform from another local, Joel Evans.

"He has a successful eagles nest on the Jordan River. I've been thinking of this for years and when I contacted him he gave me the specifications to do this," she said.

Newcomb is excited to get the platform up in hopes that next year she might have eagles nesting.

"In fact I just saw an immature eagle fly over our property the other day," she said.

She added, "It's just a perfect spot. We see eagles skimming the (Susan Lake) lake, but it's not coming to fruition yet, we need the pole first."

Newcomb said creating a secure place for the eagles is a good use of conservancy land and there are several reasons for the need to created manmade nesting areas.

"We're really committed to preserving endangered species, particularly birds of prey and waterfowl," she said. "I think number one we're losing our old pines for habitat and nesting and their are eagles up here and osprey up here but we're at a loss for nesting areas."

Newcomb said, "When they reproduce they lay one or two eggs and usually one eaglet survives,"

The importance of using something strong and long-lasting such as a telephone pole is the incredible amount of material the eagles will place upon it.

"The platform needs to hold almost two tons. The poles need to be quite sturdy," she said. "You could find a lawn rake intertwined in the nest."

According to Newcomb, Evans platform took approximately 10 years before the eagles decided to lay eggs, but she is willing to wait.

"It would be nice to put that on our property — I've been interested in hawks and owls and eagles and loons ever since I was a little kid. My parents were quite active in giving us an appreciation of nature," she added.

According to fellow conservation minded resident Evans, he got the idea to build the manmade platform from some smaller versions he saw in marshland in the Houghton Lake area.

"Birds were nesting on them and that sparked my interest in the bigger birds. So, we put a couple small platforms up and the Osprey nested on them," he said.

Evans said as the eagle population increased he saw the need for nesting areas. He couldn't get the eagles to nest in them until he studied the nest up close and built one of his own out of larger sticks.

"Eagles nest in the tops of large trees, so I said, 'Why wouldn't they nest on a large platform,'" Evans said. "They love to roost on these platforms and fish from them but they never nested in them. Then, one of the nests came down and I went through it and saw what it was made of, what size sticks they use."

He added, "And last spring, a couple started to nest on it. And I'm not positive, but it appears there are two young in the nest."

Evans said to build a platform you need something sturdy.

"You just about need to get a telephone pole. They're pressure treated and long-lasting," he said.

He made his own design for several reasons.

"Rather than put a flat platform on top of the pole, I put a shelf type on the side," he said. "The reason I did that (is) in the past the wildlife division would band the young eagles and in the event they would want to band the young eagles it would be easier than trying to climb around it."

He added, "It's nothing special but it's very strong because each year they (eagles) add weight."

According to Evans, every year the birds add weight in the form of sticks, grass and down from the female's breast.

The cost of building and installing a nesting platform is about $2,000 including pole and shelf materials and hiring a contractor to dig a hole and stand the pole up in it.

It is very important, Evans said, to use a manmade pole and platform.

"A couple people I've talked to say they've got a large tree or a dead tree, but most trees are just temporary," he said.

Building a platform in a tree can be counterproductive because tree branches don't generally last as long as a manmade structure.

He added, "Be sure to buy this treated telephone pole. Don't attempt to do it another or cheaper way."

Currently the birds are nesting on city property and as a result, Evans had to get permits and permission from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the City of East Jordan.

"And I've got to give thanks to Consumers Power who brought in their machine to pick the pole up and drill a hole and set the pole," he said.

Aside from helping the eagles, Evans said, it's a nice thing for people too.

"It's on city property so the whole community can enjoy them. You can walk out onto an observation deck and view the nest," he said.

You can see the eagles and Evan's contribution from the observation area at Sportsman's Park right at the mouth of the Jordan River.

Evan's said the eagles need housing if their population is to continue to increase.

"I think it's important that people provide that for them," he said. "I jut hope what I'm doing will encourage others to get involved."

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This annual event is the legacy of Kathleen McDonald of Boyne City, founder of the Charlevoix/Emmet County Chapter of Bike4BreastCancer, who herself succumbed to the disease shortly before the inaugural event in 2003.

McDonald's goal, and that of the many volunteers who participate each year, was to bring hope and valuable resources to breast cancer patients and their families, and to educate women on the importance of early detection. Nationally, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.

The Pink Ribbon Ride itself has grown annually. This year's event will include two 42-mile routes for intermediate to advanced riders, a 20-mile route and a 7-mile route. All routes begin at Veteran's Park in downtown Boyne City, and travel along the scenic shorelines of Lake Charlevoix, Deer Lake and Lake Michigan, passing through Northern Michigan towns and villages including Charlevoix, Horton Bay and Advance.

Some lucky cyclists may even be treated to a ride on the Ironton Ferry. Returning to the park, participants will be greeted with a picnic lunch and other activities, including a bike clinic, a bike raffle and fun for the whole family.

For those who do not ride but want to participate, donations can be sent to Bike4BreastCancer, P.O. Box 242, East Jordan, MI 49727-0242.

Advanced, discount registrations can be made online by logging onto www.bike4breastcancer.org.

On-site registration fees are $30 per individual and $50 per family. On-site registration will begin at 7 a.m. in the park, and riders are free to begin their courses once they are checked in.

Participants can also offset the price of registration by collecting donations in equivalent amounts. T-shirts and other materials commemorating the event can be purchased online, or the day of the event.

For more information may contact event Chairman, Sue Morris at suemorris@bike4breastcancer.com.

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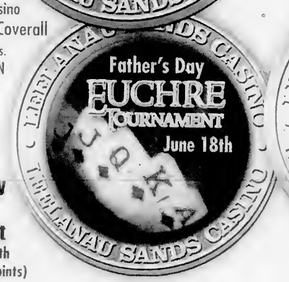

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Local boy dreams of studying at Interlochen

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Andy Tuck, a 14-year-old music prodigy, is $10,000 away from attending the Interlochen Arts Academy this fall.

Though he was accepted to the world famous school located outside of Traverse City, in Interlochen, he is still attempting to raise the funds necessary to pay his tuition.

His mother Debi said, "We have a scholarship fund set up for him at the Charlevoix State Bank on State Street called the Andrew Tuck Scholarship Fund."

And, she added, "There are some tentative fund-raising events setup."

Some efforts to help him raise the money include the Denim Day fund-raiser at St. Mary's School wherein the children raided their piggy banks to help the cause. They presented Tuck with a $170 check last week.

Debi said her family is very appreciative of all the efforts to help Andy.

"The donation from St. Mary's was very flattering," she said. "And since he used to go there for seven years, the kids there know him and thought it was exciting."

The $10,000 Andy needs will only pay for the first year's tuition.

"He wants to go to Interlochen and work toward getting a full ride to go to Juliard," Debi said. "He wants to play and be a conductor and compose music — that's his dream for now at age 14."

While Andy has only been playing for a few years, he has already shown himself to be a natural at the viola, trumpet and piano, composing his own music and playing on-stage with musicians more than twice his age.

Debi said, "Back in fifth grade while at St. Mary's, the Crooked Tree Arts Center person, Karey Johnson, gave an assembly on stringed instruments and he was really impressed."

Andy decided he wanted to play the viola and began renting the instrument, with free lessons from Johnson.

Debi said, she knew there was something special about Andy very early into his two and a half years of lessons.

"After his first couple lessons with Karey, she came to us and asked us if we were sure this child never had music lessons before," Debi said.

Debi was amazed because Andy had no training before that.

When Andy's instructor, Johnson, moved out of the area, he began taking lessons from world renowned violist, David Holland, who works out of Interlochen.

"It's a real honor to be able to get lessons from him," Debi said.

Andy plays with the Northwest Academy High School Band and the jazz band, as well as the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

In addition, Andy plays weddings and he even finds time for fund-raisers for other causes.

According to Debi, she is overwhelmed with her child's gift and very happy that he is blessed with it and able to share it with others.

"There's a huge responsibility when you have a child like that in keeping them in what they need for music," she said. "It keeps you busy taking them to rehearsals and practices. It's fun — it's not a job."

Andy started playing music when he was 10, but he's loved music all his life. He is a versatile musician with the ability to play everything from classical pieces to fun fiddle tunes.

"Music is who he is. It makes him very happy," Debi said. "He just writes it and plays it — for a young man he is very busy."

Andy also plays for weddings and with a trio.

"He plays constantly," Debi said. "I have to make him stop. If he's not playing, he's writing music."

Debi said her son is hopeful all will fall into place as far as his tuition is concerned.

"He's very excited and feels very privileged to have been accepted to go there (Interlochen)," she said. "He loves music so much and he's so sincere with (it). Music will be his career and his future."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Andy Tuck, a 14-year-old musician, received $170 from a fund-raiser held at St. Mary's School in Charlevoix. The money will go toward his first year's tuition at the Interlochen Arts Academy next fall. He is looking to raise a total of $10,000 to attend the school.

Departments offer tips for saving fuel this summer

As Michigan residents prepare for the start of the tourism season, state officials remind consumers to protect themselves at the pump and practice energy efficient driving.

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The Charlevoix Children's House is proud to announce the addition of Stacey Edwards as an additional certified primary-level Montessori instructor for fall of 2005.

Edwards comes to them from Nature's Classroom Montessori School in Mukwonago, Wis. where she has taught for the last two years. Edwards will join Directress Barbara Godwin-Chulick, an instructor at Charlevoix Children's House for 15 years, who has earned her primary-level Montessori certification for the 3 to 6-year-old classroom.

The two teachers met while pursuing their certifications at the Meca-Seton Teacher Training Center in Illinois.

When asked what drew her to the Montessori Method, Stacey replied, "I became an assistant in a 3-6 classroom at Chairavalle Montessori School in Evanston, Ill. I was immediately impressed and intrigued with the children. How did they become so respectful at the age of 4?"

This intrigue led her to pursue her certification. As a teacher, she is excited to work with children in this environment.

"Working in Montessori has made me so much more in-tune to the child's inner spirit and their connectedness to nature. I love working in an environment that allows their natural curiosities to flourish and promotes wonder in the world around them," she said.

Stacey Edwards will begin her work with Charlevoix Children's House as a co-director for the Summer Discovery Camp this summer. Charlevoix Children's House serves children 2 years old through kindergarten.

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Northwest to expand to K-12 school

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Northwest Academy will begin its tenth school year with the addition of kindergarten through fourth grade classes and a new administrative team.

Implementation of the young five's, kindergarten and first through fourth grades will be overseen by the school's new co-administrators Gary Stutzman, the current band director and Cindy Romero, current acting administrator and Spanish instructor.

"We're dealing with a really exciting time," Stutzman said.

According to Romero, last week she received the okay from the Northwest Academy School Board to open the kindergarten through fourth grade classes next fall.

"It just makes sense to have our own program to feed into our upper level program," Romero said. "And that's not to say that we don't welcome kids who transfer in, but it makes our atmosphere more cohesive to train them for their future if we have them from a young age."

Romero said music, art and foreign language will be taught to even the youngest students.

"I'm not sure if we'll get it started this fall, but that's our goal to have K-12 foreign language," she said.

Stutzman said he is pleased to be named co-administrator and can't wait for the new school year to start so he can continue helping mold the minds of the future.

"We are graduating students who are going to be great leaders in society," he said. "One student, Mark Muniak, is getting ready to graduate from John Hopkins University and John Chase is in a think-tank in Washington D.C. working with the democratic party."

Stutzman, a Charlevoix native, returned to the area upon attaining his bachelors and masters degrees in music education from Northern Michigan University to teach at Charlevoix Public Schools. He has nearly 30 years of experience in education and related fields.

Nine years ago, Stutzman began as band director at Northwest Academy, in which time he has helped make the band one of the most sought after performance groups in the state.

Despite Northwest Academy's success, many people weren't happy with the charter school concept in the beginning, Stutzman said.

"Originally we were looked at as though we were taking funds away from other schools, but we are one out of 185 charter schools in Michigan and the trend is continuing," he said.

At age 18, Romero moved to Mexico where she studied art design and Spanish for three years. Later, as a single mother of four, Romero drove nearly seven hours a day for three years from Charlevoix to Grand Valley State University to obtain her teaching degree.

She said teaching and leading both require the ability to adapt to many situations.

"I am everything — acting administrator through a time of restructuring, plus teaching three classes of multi-level Spanish," Romero said. "That's what's unique about this school — whoever's in this office is superintendent, principal, business officer, counselor."

Romero will be the first to admit that Northwest Academy isn't the prettiest school in the area. But, she said, knowing what the student educational needs are means looking at the program, not the building.

"That's what we do. We have learned to run on a very lean budget," she added.

Generally known for their superior music program, Northwest Academy also offers fine arts, integrated technology, foreign language, and this year the entire school participated in a mock forensic murder investigation.

"The kids went through the whole crime lab experience. They took the evidence and it went to trial and the suspect was acquitted," Stutzman said.

Romero said another thing which makes the academy unique is the foreign language program.

"To my knowledge, because of the way we are able to structure our days, we have the only hour-

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our days, we have the only hour-long, everyday Spanish program in the middle school which lasts all year," she said.

Stutzman added the strings program is also a daily, year-long class.

Currently the academy has 55 students with a projected fall enrollment of 90, which will allow them to maintain their small size of between 10 and 15 students per class.

According to Romero small class size is just another great thing about Northwest Academy because it allows the staff to spend more one on one time with the children.

"We are here for all students, whether it be for someone who wants to go to John Hopkins or be a nurses aide at the hospital," she said. "I think with Gary (Stutzman) and I, we get down on the kids level. Does that mean we have lower expectations? No. But, we will listen and they know at any time they can come talk to us.

Northwest Academy will host an open house at 7 p.m., Tuesday June 7, at the school located at 115 West Hurlbut Street in order to release their budget to the public and offer enrollment opportunities.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Northwest Academy of Charlevoix has two newly named co-administrators. On the left is Cindy Romero and on the right is Gary Stutzman.

Area Junior Golf program registration set for June 10

Plans for the popular Charlevoix Area Junior Golf Program have been released.

Registration will be Friday afternoon, June 10 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

The summer program, in its tenth year will register 8-10 year olds at 1:30 p.m. and 11-17 year olds at 2:30 p.m. Parents or guardians must also attend to take part in the orientation session and to sign a waiver of liability form, which must be filled out before golfers can take part in the program.

There are two financial plans available for families. A one time fee of $50 covers all sessions for the 8 week schedule which includes the pizza party, the picnic, a colored framed picture of each golfer and the evening league competition for those players that qualify. A second option is a pay-as-you-go plan where youngsters pay $5 for each session they attend. Families where finances are a handicap are encouraged to contact Dean Davenport, Executive Director at (231) 547-6433 as some family scholarships are available.

Program emphasis is on teaching golf's basic fundamentals of proper grip, stance and swing but juniors are constantly exposed and reminded of the importance of golf etiquette, responsibility, honesty, social skills and consideration of others.

Sessions rotate among five local courses; the Belvedere, Charlevoix-Country Club, Dunmaglas, Antrim Dells and the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Play is scheduled for each of these courses and skill testing, rules and etiquette tests and tournaments are part of the program contents.

Program highlights are when several intermediate and advanced players are chosen to go to the Ferris State University week long golf school and the Boyne Golf Academy. In addition, qualified juniors participate in a Sunday evening league as a member of one of four teams at the Belvedere Golf Course.

Adult mentors interested in helping with the program are encouraged to contact Dean Davenport or to register at the Municipal Course. Additional information can be secured by calling the City Recreation Department or Davenport.

County planning meeting rescheduled due to conflict

Due to a scheduling conflict, the next Charlevoix County Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled from Thursday, June 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9 in the Pine Lake Room at the Charlevoix County Building. If you have any questions, call the Charlevoix County Planning Department at (231) 547-7234.

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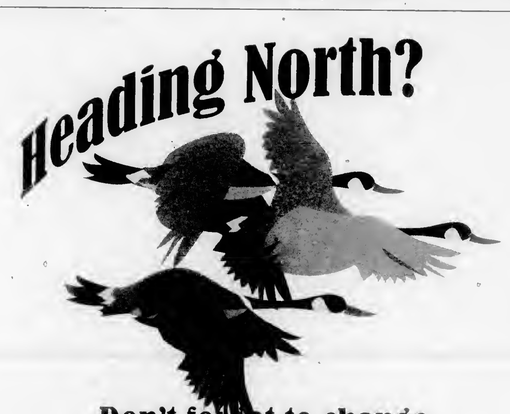

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Stupak works on dredging amendments for Charlevoix

Last week, during consideration of the successful Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) offered an amendment that would make the new Army Corps of Engineers guidelines for determining the eligibility of maintenance dredging more flexible by not limiting the criteria to tonnage alone.

Stupak withdrew the amendment after the Chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on Energy and Water committed to work with Stupak and the Army Corps of Engineers toward a more flexible policy.

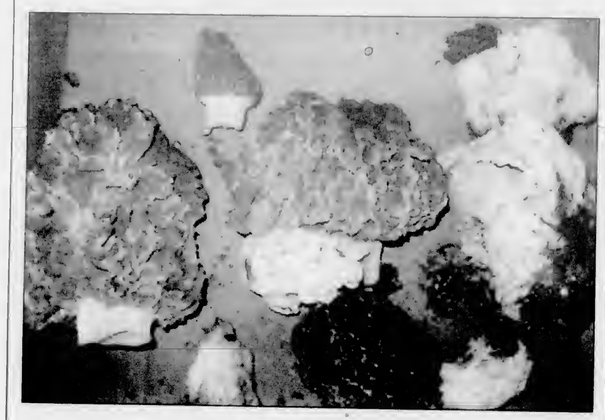
"At this point, the Army Corps of Engineers defines a harbor as high-use if it moves at least one million tons of cargo per year," said Stupak. "If that one criteria is not met, the result will be that small town, rural America will suffer more job losses, businesses will struggle, and infrastructure could be damaged."

The new guidelines set by the Army Corps of Engineers are for Fiscal Year 2006 and 2007. The criteria determine whether a harbor is considered high-use and therefore eligible to be considered to be funded for dredging in the President's budget. Several small harbors in northern Michigan would not be eligible for funding in the President's budget because of this new criteria.

"Without this yearly dredge, these communities are subject to harsh floods and are unable to receive the goods they need through these harbors," said Stupak. "For example, Ontonagon Harbor's local economy would be at risk: Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation would not be able to receive limestone and White Pine Power would not receive coal for power production. Shipments like these may not be considered high-traffic by national standards but it is a major part of the future of these local, rural economies."

Below is the list of projects Stupak secured in the Energy and Water Appropriation Bill for the First District. This is a critical first step in these projects receiving funding in the final appropriation bills. The bill must now go to the Senate and eventually to the President for his signature.

First District Projects: Sault St. Marie Replacement Locks $2,000,000, Mackinac Island Harbor Breakwater $50,000, Ontonagon Harbor Channel Extension $184,000, Marquette Shoreline Protection $139,000, Charlevoix Harbor $89,000, Grand Marais Harbor $14,000, Keweenaw Waterway $370,000, Menominee Harbor $400,000, St. Mary's River $17,134,000.



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Monster morels

These morel mushrooms were picked in the City of Charlevoix last week and sold. Money from the sale was donated to the Charlevoix Area Garden Club.

Agency sets times for distribution of food

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) in Petoskey announces the following times and places for June food distributions under the monthly Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

- 8:30 - 10 a.m. June 2, at the Boyne City Senior Center.
- 12 - 12:30 p.m. June 2 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church.
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., June 8, at the Mancelona Lions Club.
- 9:30 - 10 a.m., June 9, at the Levering Lion's Club.
- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., June 9, at the VFW Hall in Harbor Springs.

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BUSINESS

State bank to open new drive-through

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix State Bank is gearing up for an intensive "bricks and mortar," finish to 2005.

"This is a big expansion year for us," John Kurtz, president of Charlevoix State Bank, said.

At the end of June, the bank, which opened in 1994 and has its hub in downtown Charlevoix, will open a new drive-through location on the city's south side. This new location will be similar to the site they opened in 1999 on the north side across from Don's IGA.

"We've had a number of requests from residents and businesses who say it's difficult to come downtown in the summer and a drive-through would be really beneficial," Kurtz said.

He further explained that 95 percent of banking transactions will be provided for at this new location. A full-time operational ATM machine will also be at the site.

Reasons customers will still need to use the downtown location include wire transfers and loan activity.

The bank currently employs 40 people and serves about 5,000 customers. A new teller will be hired to help man the south side office. Kurtz said the new location will also house administrative auditing staff.

Kurtz is hoping the new location will increase the bank's customer base.

Leah Dulaney, head of marketing for the expansion, said, "A lot of people like quick and easy banking. Particularly in the summer — it will be easier for residents to get in and get out."

The bank purchased the property, which is located at 102 M-66, from Citizens Bank during the spring of 2004. At that time there was a non-compete clause included in the purchase which would not allow Charlevoix State Bank to open until now.

The south side drive-through will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

A development plan requesting permission to exit from the bank to an abandoned part of Stover Road was unanimously approved by Charlevoix City Council at a special meeting May 4.

This decision was made in spite of memos from both city planner Gerry Harsch and city police chief Dennis Halverson recommending against allowing them to connect to Stoyer Road.

In their memos, both Halverson and Harsch state that this access point encourages shortcut traffic through the bank to M-66 to avoid the stop light at US-31 and M-66. Halverson said when Citizens Bank was open at that location, the city police department received numerous phone calls about people cutting through the lot.

According to Third Ward Councilman Sherm Chamberlain, council felt that the problem was more Charlevoix State Bank's than the city's.

"We felt it was more the bank's problem. Dennis' concerns are valid but you do have to take twists and turns to get through the property — it just won't be a time savings to anybody to cut through," he said.

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Charlevoix State Bank will soon open a new drive-through location on Charlevoix's south side.

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Corporate Title celebrates 10-year anniversary

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Corporate Title Exchange Services has announced its 10-year anniversary. Established in 1995 as Northern Michigan 1031 Exchange Company, the company was the first locally owned exchange company in Charlevoix and was one of the first in Northern Michigan to offer 1031 exchange services. Pictured at left are owners Maura A. Snabes and Jerome E. Jelinek and administrative assistant Paulette Lueck.

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SPORTS

Rayder soccer continues to shut-out opponents

The Rayders soccer team finished off the regular season with another shut-out at home May 26, ending the season on top of the Lake Michigan Conference.

Charlevoix applied continual pressure in the match played against the Traverse City St. Francis Liberty for the opening 20 minutes.

The Lady Rayders netted the first goal when a shot by Ariel Ramsey bounced off the post and the rebound was hammered home by Becca Madison.

Madison also tallied the second Rayder score off a nice assist by senior Jaime Pettis. Charlevoix totaled 13 shots on the night, while the Rayder's junior keeper Laura Nitchman stopped all 5 attempts by the Liberty.

Charlevoix's defense gained their fifth consecutive shutout and eleventh of the season. The defense was anchored by Stevie Murray and Sarah Cross, with outside defenders Madison McKenzie and Lisa Kuebler stepping up strong when called upon.

The Rayders also received strong midfield play from Zita Anderson and Becca Madison. Up front, Jaime Pettis and Lori Zimmerman went hard to the ball all night long.

"We played hard when it counted. We didn't play 80 minutes of great soccer but were able to beat a good Traverse City team. This was a hard earned win. Our first Lake Michigan Conference title (shared with Elk Rapids) is dedicated to all the young women who have played soccer at Charlevoix over the years," head coach Carol Madison said.

The Rayders finish the regular season 10-1-1 in conference and 13-4-1 overall. Charlevoix opened district play at Harbor Springs against the Rams on Tuesday, May 31. Results from this game were not available by press time.

Courtesy photo

Stingray-parent meet

May 21, the Stingray swimmers at Charlevoix Area Community Pool challenged their parents to a meet, sweeping their parents in every event. Above, the Gooch family smiles after the 50-yard freestyle.

Softball team heads into districts on losing streak

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders softball team ended its regular season 5-25 overall and 2-12 in the conference, following losses to Grayling, 12-7 and 9-3, and Central Lake, 21-2 and 26-15.

"It was a tough week for us," said coach Elizabeth Grunch. "But we're headed into the pre-district game against Harbor Springs hitting the ball pretty well."

Sally Haselschwardt doubled twice and tripled to lead the Rayder hitting effort in the opener against Grayling. Caitlin Mitchell had two hits.

Genevieve Kochanny, Brittany Niswander and Renee Drew also had hits. Desi Faust took the pitching loss, walking four and striking out six.

Haselschwardt capped a brilliant hitting day with two doubles in the nightcap. Kochanny doubled, Sasha Spencley, Leah Kelly and Janay Drost all singled in the loss. Samantha Stebe pitched for Charlevoix.

In game one against Central Lake, Spencley and Faust had two hits. Kochanny and Haselschwardt each had a hit.

Faust had three hits in the nightcap, including a triple. Kochanny singled three times. Niswander singled and doubled. Spencley had two hits.

Haselschwardt and Mitchell rounded out the hitting attack with singles. Faust pitched both games for the Rayders.

Charlevoix played a pre-district game against Harbor Springs May 31 in East Jordan. Results from this game were not available by press time.

Yacht Club racers continue to battle the low winds

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results from May 25, 2005 are:

The second race of the spring series was sailed once again in light winds. The race consisted of six windward – leeward legs, of which all 18 boats that started the race finished. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Flash (Gordon); 2 – Sail La Vie (Williamson).

P – 26 fleet: 1 – Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 – Cygnus (Stuart); 3 – Artemis (Bowerman).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 – Paleface Lite (Grove); 2 – Stringthing (Thomas); 3 – Kamikazee (Funck); 4 – Four Play (Herald); 5 – Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 6 – MJ 2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 – Padawan 2 (Lumh); 2 – Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 – Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 4 – Moxie (Jensen); 5 – Affinity (Strawbridge); 6 – Northern Light (Orlow); 7 – Windrunner (Pirie).

Spring series results after two races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Tie: Flash and Sail La Vie (3).

P – 26 fleet. 1 – Lost Vermonter (2); 2 – Cygnus (4); 3 – Artemis (7).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 – Tie: Stringthing and Paleface Lite (3); 3 – Tie: Booma and Four Play (8); 5 – Kamikazee (10); 6 – MJ 2 (12).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 – Hoi Polloi (4); 2 Moxie (5); 3 – Tie: Padawan 2 and Northern Light (9); 5 – Tie: Affinity and Gotcha! (10); 7 – Windrunner (11).

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SPORTS

Rayder Rumble II details released

It appears that the 2004 Rayder Rumble basketball game may evolve into a new Charlevoix Venetian Festival tradition.

Last year's Rayder Rumble pitted two of the most successful Charlevoix Rayder boys hoops teams, from 2001 and 2004, in a head to head contest. A full house of Rayder fans cheered on the two state finalist teams and recognized legendary Rayder players and coaches. The game turned out to be a thriller, with the outcome in doubt until the final buzzer.

A similar event, with added gusto, has been planned for the 2005 Venetian Festival as Rayder Rumble II pits Rayder and Northmen basketball greats against one another in a classic basketball showdown. Men's all-star alumni teams from Charlevoix High School and Petoskey High School will again lace up their sneakers, to relive glory days in a collegiate officiated, good spirited but "no holds barred" basketball battle.

"Regardless of the outcome of the game, the Charlevoix Venetian Festival and the Charlevoix and Petoskey communities will all be winners in this exciting celebration of sports heritage," Dan Barron, president of Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc., said.

Given the basketball fever of both communities, Rayder Rumble II has been an exciting concept which Venetian planners have been pursuing since last year's festival.

Both teams will be representing proud and storied basketball programs, with Petoskey High School enjoying tremendous success in the late 1990's and 2000's, highlighted by an appearance in the Final Four of the Michigan High Schools Athletic Association tournament. The recent success of the Charlevoix High School boy's basketball program is likewise unparalleled, with three Final Four appearances over the past seven years.

Rayder Rumble II will also serve as an important Venetian fund-raiser, to help defray the costs associated with the renowned Venetian Festival fireworks displays. Proceeds will also be directed to the athletic departments or other designated charities of each team.

Plans are currently being finalized for the player tryout and roster selection process. Rayder Rumble II is scheduled for Monday, July 18 at the Charlevoix High School gymnasium. More details will be made available as the date nears.

In the meantime, a buzz has already been generated by announcement of the game, which has reached former players from both schools. Excitement will continue to build with the prospect of "bragging rights" on the line and anticipation of another huge crowd at Rayder Rumble II.

Courtesy photo

Headed to state competition

The Varsity Rayder tennis team is headed to the state finals this week in East Lansing. The first day of competition is June 3. They are (first row) Andrew Mailloux. (Second row, from left) Justin Klooster, Adam Wager, Cody Wheat, Nate Turner, Taylor Martin. (Back row, from left) Coach Erik Lundteigen, Mitchell Klooster, Mike Greyerbiehl, Dan Swenor, Trevor Mays, Dustin Dibble, Sparky Nitchman, Matt Novotny, Coach Vinnie Klooster.

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MINOR LEAGUE

MAY 24 - ANGELS 16, TIGERS 3

ANGELS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Justin Pearl	3				1
Nick Snabes	3				
Noah Jeakle	3				
Kenan Borths	3				

TIGERS - NO STATS

MAY 24 - REDS 11, CUBS 9

REDS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Austin Putman	1				
Brett Siegwart	2				
Zach Hankins	1				
Sam Eakes	2				
Jamey Eakes	2				
Devin Largent	1				
Garret Amstutz	2				

CUBS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Andrew Mitchell	2	1			
Devan Drain	3				1
Logan Eckhart					
Jacy Hertman	2				
Eli Damon	2				

MAY 26 - CUBS 15, REDS 9

CUBS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Logan Eckhardt	2			1	
Adam Michaud	1	1			
Shane Sutherland	3				
Ryan Joy	3				
Hailey Arnold	3				
Devan Drain	3				
Andrew Mitchell	2	1			

REDS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Sam Eakes	4				
Zach Hankins	2				
Jared Cole	2				
Sawyer Golovich	2				
Devin Largent	defence				

MAY 26 - ANGELS 13, TIGERS 4

ANGELS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Garrett Lundteigen	3				
Justin Pearl	2	1			
Luke Klinger	2	1			
Kekan Borths	2	1			

TIGERS - NO STATS

MAJOR LEAGUE

MAY 23 - A'S 3, RED SOX 2

ATHLETICS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Andrew Potter	2				
Boog Nitchman	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Coby Herriman	5	6	11	3
Andrew Potter	1	0	2	0

RED SOX

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Max Schwein	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
JT Lawrence	5	15		

MAY 23 - CARDINALS 12, DODGERS 0

CARDINALS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Matthew Klooster	2				
Thomas Rich	2				
Keegan LaBlance	1				
Wyatt Drost	1	1			
Myles Kerr	1				
Jeremy Dominey	1				
Joseph Rich	1				
Morgan Stewart	1				
Tommy Zipp	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Keegin LaBlance	3	-	8	2
Tommy Zipp	1	1	1	2

DODGERS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Brett Ludwig	1				
Paul Stott	3				2

MAY 25 - CARDINALS 2, DODGERS 0

CARDINALS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Matthew Klooster	1				
Logan Kline	1				
Myles Kerr	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Thomas Rich	6	2	16	1

DODGERS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Brett Ludwig	1				
Brandon Darrah	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Brandon Darrah	6	3	16	

MAY 25 - RED SOX 6, OAKLAND A'S 5

ATHLETICS

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Boogie Nitchman	1				1
Coby Herriman	2				1
Andrew Potter	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Andrew Potter	3	1	7	1
Boogie Nitchman	2	2	4	5

RED SOX

	AB	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Isaac Klooster	1				
Riley Gardner	1				
JT Lawrence	1				
David Merrill	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Nolan Agers	6	7	3	

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Memorial Day ceremony and parade

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Charlevoix High School band members Devin Toton and Billy Brodin play taps at the close of the Memorial Day ceremony in East Park Monday.

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The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has determined that the presence of a regulated insect pest; the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), has been found infesting ash trees in your area. Please review the following information as your property may be impacted by a government sponsored removal of ash trees that are a part of an effort to eradicate this aggressive, exotic insect pest found to be present in your area.

The Director of MDA, acting in accord with the authority of the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act 189 of 1931, has determined that ash trees (Fraxinus spp.) that are the subject of an EAB eradication action meet the criteria of a Declared Host Plant Nuisance under the act. By providing you with this written notice, the Director is informing you that:

1. An Emerald Ash Borer infestation has been found in ash trees on or near the property you own or operate.

2. This property is within the prescribed management area for containment of EAB, and if it contains ash trees, personnel from MDA have identified and marked those ash host trees for removal.

3. MDA will coordinate the removal of marked trees through approved, insured contractors.

4. MDA and the Emerald Ash Borer Response Program will pay the cost of removal and site restoration that results from the removal process.

5. Ash trees or other ash material such as firewood, logs, or branches may NOT be moved from this property unless authorized and directed by MDA.

6. MDA and authorized contractors may need to conduct the following activities on your property:

Remove and destroy infested ash trees

Examine ash host material to gain information on the biology of EAB

Restore the property to a proper condition following contractor activity

Michigan law requires that you be given notice of the finding of such a nuisance pest, under the Insect Pests and Plant Diseases Act (PA 189, of 1931). If you have ash trees marked for removal by MDA, this document serves as the official notice and fulfills the public notice requirement of this Act. If you do NOT have marked trees, the state's eradication efforts will not directly affect you or your property.

For further information, please contact MDA Site Leader Paul Filary at 810-560-3890 or the MDA Traverse City Regional Office, 231-922-5210.

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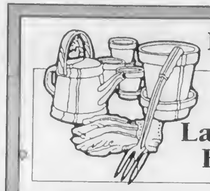

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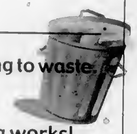

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Genealogical society meeting

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 2, in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St. Boyne City.

The public is invited to attend. for more information, contact Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Hunger awareness

The Manna Food Project joins communities across the nation in recognizing National Hunger Awareness Day 2005. You are invited to an Open House at the Manna Food Project from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 7 at 8791 McBride Park Court off West Conway Road in Harbor Springs. You are encouraged to bring non-perishable protein items which will be distributed to the needy. For more information on local activities call (231) 347-8852.

Fund-raiser lunch

Epiphany, aka Baby, a preschooler and the youngest child in the Hang family, has been diagnosed with and is being treated for cancer at Devos Hospital. Friday, June 10 is being designated Eat for Baby Hang Day at Chee Peng. A donation container will be available at the restaurant and in each of the school buildings.

Meet the author

Meet the author — poet Rosalyn Goldstick signs new book with illustrations by Marilyn Boss June 11.

The Historical Society is proud to host a book signing by the two ladies from 1 to 3 p.m., on Saturday, June 11 at the Harsha House. Some proceeds from sales of the book go to support the society. Do You Remember retails for $12.95 plus tax ($13.75). For more information call (231) 547-0373.

Home buying class

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency offers free Pre-Purchase class from 6 to 9 p.m. June 7. This workshop is designed to assist first-time home buyers to understand the basics of the home buying process. Call (231) 347-9070 or 800-443-5518 to register. The office is located at 2202 Mitchell Park, Suite #4, in Petoskey.

Enrichment raffle

The Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation is conducting a raffle. The winner will receive an Amway Grand Getaway adventure package. This includes one deluxe room for two nights, a $75 food and beverage certificate and free parking at the Amway Hotel. Tickets are on sale now for a $10 donation at The Coffee Shop and at the Bridge Street Book Shop in downtown Charlevoix. A drawing will take place at 7 p.m. June 13 at the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education meeting at Charlevoix High School. Proceeds will go to the enrichment foundation.

Sexual development course

Child Care Connections will sponsor Sexual Development and Children Training classes for Day-care providers, teachers and parents of young children from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 4 and from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 14 and 16 in the CHEC Building at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. The cost is $10. For more information or to register, contact Carrie Ball at (231) 941-8870 ext. 122.

Jazz concert

The Bay View Association and Crooked Tree Arts Center will present jazz legend Chick Corea and Touchstone, in a one-night-only performance at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 18 at the John M. Hall Auditorium in Bay View. Tickets are on sale at Crooked Tree Arts Center, 461 East Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey, (231) 347-4337.

Rose growing class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class "Roses made Easy". Learn how to grow great roses in northern Michigan. This class will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11. Call (231) 599-2824 to register. Pine Hill Nursery is located on US-31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

PTO Raffle

The PTO of the Charlevoix Elementary School is having a raffle for four day passes to the Great Wolf Lodge. All proceeds will go to the family of Parker Ebert, one of their students who is battling cancer. Tickets can be purchased at the Charlevoix Elementary School office for $1 each or six for $5. All other donations are appreciated.

Volunteers needed

Charlevoix Community Skatepark is looking for volunteers to work at the new skate park located across from the ball fields on Carpenter Road. You must be 18 or older and will need to be CPR/First Aid Certified, which will be paid for by CCS, Inc. if needed. The park will be open during the summer from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Additional hours may be added if the volunteer base grows.

Performance

Charlevoix Performing Arts will be knocking on your door in the City of Charlevoix from 6 to 8 p.m., on Monday June 6 for a bottle drive fundraiser. The bottles will support the Performing Arts 2004-2005 season.

Conservancy event

The Little Traverse Conservancy is inviting all toddlers to a Knee High Naturalist Hike from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, June 4, at North Central Michigan College. If your little ones are between the ages of 3 to 5, then this is the adventure for them. Together with your child, you'll discover the wonders of nature both big and small. They will explore the North Central Michigan College trails using their senses and imaginations. Call the Conservancy for more information at (231) 347-0991.

Father's Day event

The public is invited to The Charlevoix Area Buff Radio Controlled Club annual Fathers Day Fun Fly. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Father's Day, June 19. A training plane will be available to anyone who would like to experience Radio Controlled flying. The event will be at the corner of Sequanota and Ferry roads off M-66 Hwy.

Pool board meeting

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold its annual Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2005. The meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Charlevoix Congregational - UCC Church, 101 State Street. The agenda will include a review of the year's activities, and an election of persons to the Board of Directors. The Public is welcome.

CPR and First Aid Classes

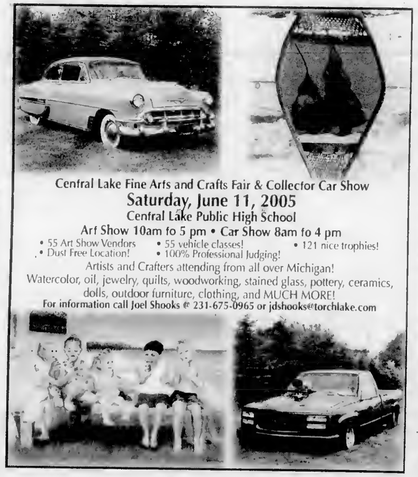
The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

• 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, June 1 - Basic First Aid in classroom B.

Cost is $20 for each class, which includes CPR card and course materials. Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information please call 547-8570 or 547-4024.

Hospice auction

The 2005 Hospice of Northwest Michigan Auction will take place June 3 at Castle Farms. Festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction. The live auction will start around 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $30 and are available at The Clothing Company. For more information contact the hospice office at (231) 582-2842.



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City incorporated with little fanfare

"The Village of Charlevoix, in the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, is hereby incorporated into a city of the fourth class . . ."

So began Act No. 586 Local Acts of State of Michigan 1905. It concluded nine and one-half legal-sized, double-spaced pages of numbingly bureaucratic language. later: "This act is ordered to take immediate effect" on June 1, 1905.

Charlevoix, chartered as a village in 1879, had made the transition into a city. What exactly might that have meant?

A search of Charlevoix Sentinel microfilm files for the first months of 1905 reveals nothing regarding why or at whose instigation the change was made. On May 18, 1905 Willard Smith, the Sentinel editor who usually waxed super enthusiastic about any event regarding Charlevoix, gave it only few paragraphs.

"Now a City. Bill for Incorporation of Charlevoix Passes Both Houses. Just as we go to press a telegram from Lansing brings the welcome intelligence that the bill incorporating Charlevoix as a city has passed both houses of the Legislature. The first election will take place the last Monday in June.

"The only enlargement in the new order of things is the taking in of the cemeteries.

"Who said Charlevoix was a sleepy (illegible) town?

"Now let us prove ourselves worthy of the honor which the Legislature has conferred," he wrote.

And that's about it. Just the cemeteries coming under city jurisdiction.

It is unclear whether the state initiated the change, perhaps in conjunction with other small municipalities as part of a state-wide program, or if Charlevoix felt it deserved a raise and petitioned the state to act accordingly.

A search of village meeting minutes from 1903 through the first half of 1905 reveals not one reference to the pending change.

Future inquires to the state may reveal little since the state archives burned in 1951.

The May 31, 1905 minutes involve three handwritten ledger pages regarding downtown paving and sewer improvements, then Standard Oil petroleum products storage on Ferry Avenue, sprinkling Bridge Street to keep down dust, a saloon bond, and sidewalk questions. Nothing regarding the next day's changeover.

June 7 saw further discussion on the sidewalks, higher tax assessments and more infrastructure questions. Still no mention of what had transpired a week before.

June 14 was voting booths and election concerns for the June 26 vote for a new mayor and council. Appointments to various positions were made, and more sidewalk discussion took place. Again no mention of our city status.

Finally, on June 29 at a special meeting to report the vote tally, the first appearance of the word "city." Never once did the minutes mention the state action.

On June 20, Smith did refer to the change, but with a wisecrack: "The casual observer if he be a stranger within our gates this week would naturally draw the conclusion that the new city charter provides for a mayor's salary of $2,500 and an alderman's pay of $1,000 and the 'rake off' on paving and sewer jobs. Well it's an honor to be the first Mayor of Charlevoix. May the best man win."

It's not clear if a jaundiced Smith was hinting at a possible opportunity for corruption built into the charter, or was shrugging cynically and ironically with little faith in the honesty of his fellow man, which he sometimes did. The salary amounts certainly appear excessive for the times.

June 27, the day after the election, finds him in a more positive mood. "We remember well that when Charlevoix was incorporated as a village, there were those who opposed it, claiming that the old township organization was good enough; that it would increase taxes 'etc.'

"And now we have taken another step forward. If the garment seems too large at first, we shall soon grow into a closer fit and we are certain that the time will not come when we shall wish ourselves clothed again in the old short sleeved 'cutaway.'"

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix will celebrate its one hundredth birthday June 1. Above is downtown Charlevoix in 1905, when the city was incorporated. No cars, no paved streets. A less city-like appearance when compared to Bridge Street today.

And that was that.

There were no celebrations, parades, speeches or fireworks. Nohody got excited.

Perhaps it was regarded in the same light as an upshift from junior high to high school.

But it is an event in our history worth remembering.

The Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum is exhibiting many artifacts, with accompanying photos, from Charlevoix's past 100 years beginning with a city band uniform from 1905. The Harsha House is located at 103 State Street. It is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday through June 25. After June 25, the museum will be open during those hours Monday through Saturday through Labor Day.

Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

Greensky Hill program planned at Depot

The Charlevoix Historical Society is presenting "History of Greensky Hill and Church" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7 at the Greensky Hill Church located off Old US-31 North.

It will be hosted by society member Bob Morgridge in conjunction with Pastor Geri Litchfield of the Horton Bay United Methodist Church.

The evening will begin with a slide presentation on the history of the church, named after Native-American Christian convert Peter Greensky and constructed during the 1850s.

A tour of the church and burial grounds will follow.

Afterwards, attendees will walk to the remaining ancient Council Trees whose circle symbolizes mutual trust and peace among the area's tribes.

This program is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Call the Harsha House at (231) 547-0373 for more information.

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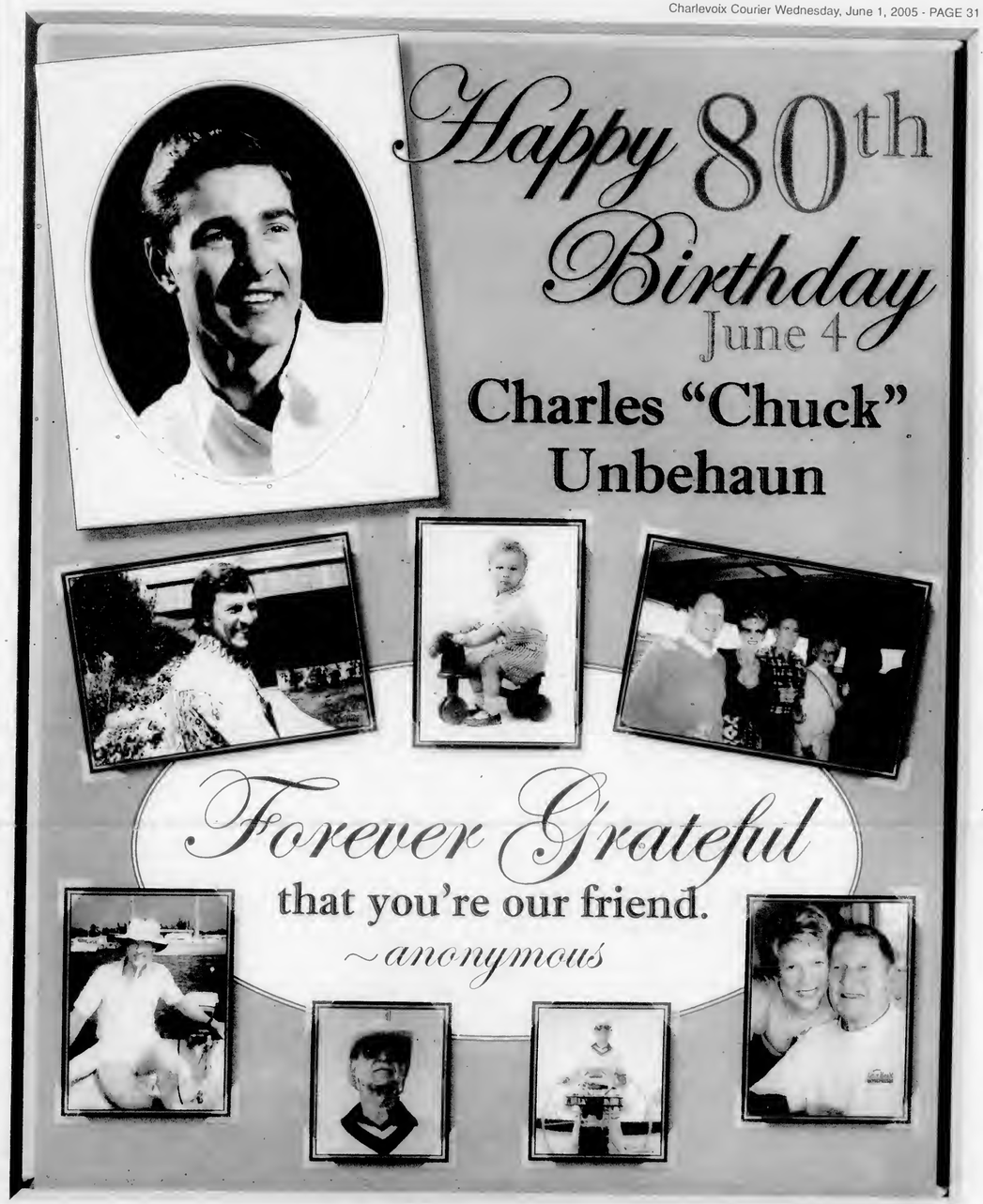
(Right) Members of Greensky Indian Mission gather on the church porch in the early 1900s.



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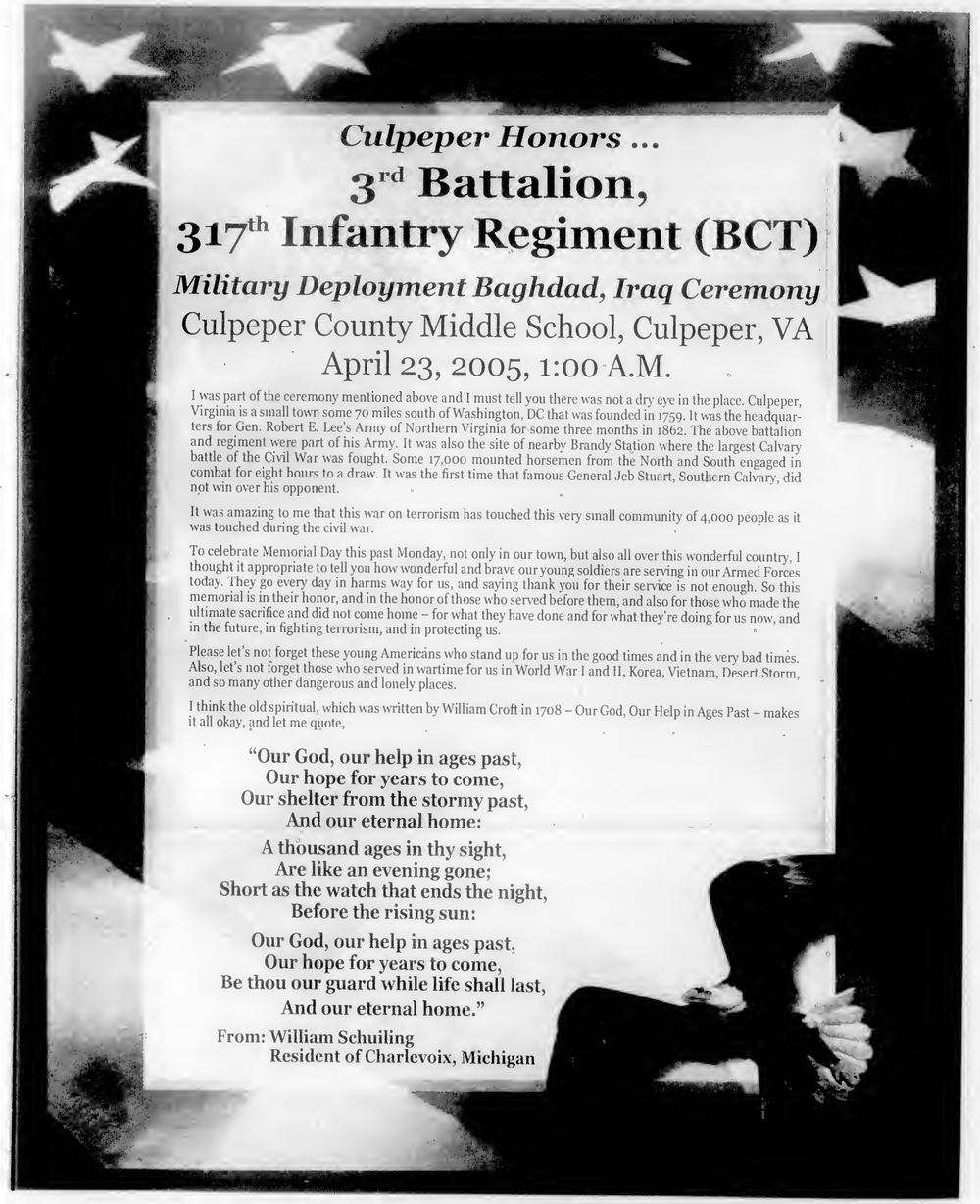

Culpeper Honors ...

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April 23, 2005, 1:00 A.M.

I was part of the ceremony mentioned above and I must tell you there was not a dry eye in the place. Culpeper, Virginia is a small town some 70 miles south of Washington, DC that was founded in 1759. It was the headquarters for Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia for some three months in 1862. The above battalion and regiment were part of his Army. It was also the site of nearby Brandy Station where the largest Calvary battle of the Civil War was fought. Some 17,000 mounted horsemen from the North and South engaged in combat for eight hours to a draw. It was the first time that famous General Jeb Stuart, Southern Calvary, did not win over his opponent.

It was amazing to me that this war on terrorism has touched this very small community of 4,000 people as it was touched during the civil war.

To celebrate Memorial Day this past Monday, not only in our town, but also all over this wonderful country, I thought it appropriate to tell you how wonderful and brave our young soldiers are serving in our Armed Forces today. They go every day in harms way for us, and saying thank you for their service is not enough. So this memorial is in their honor, and in the honor of those who served before them, and also for those who made the ultimate sacrifice and did not come home – for what they have done and for what they're doing for us now, and in the future, in fighting terrorism, and in protecting us.

Please let's not forget these young Americans who stand up for us in the good times and in the very bad times. Also, let's not forget those who served in wartime for us in World War I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and so many other dangerous and lonely places.

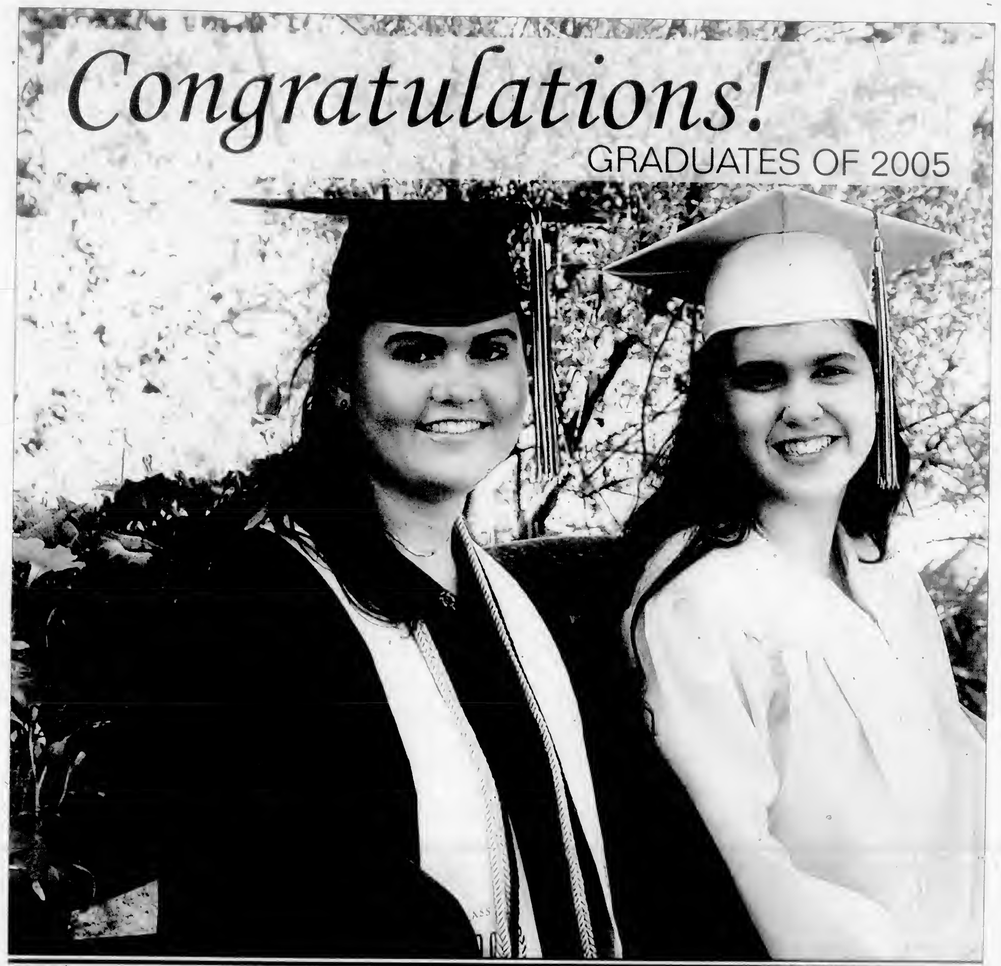
I think the old spiritual, which was written by William Croft in 1708 – Our God, Our Help in Ages Past – makes it all okay, and let me quote,

"Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy past,
And our eternal home:

A thousand ages in thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun:

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home."

From: William Schuiling
Resident of Charlevoix, Michigan



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Supplement to Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 1, 2005

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Top grads at Charlevoix High School

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix High School valedictorian, Michelle Fritsch, closes the year on a perfect scholastic note with classmate, Chris Golski, finishing right behind her.

Fritsch will graduate June 5 at the top of her over 100 person class with a 4.0 grade point average.

This summer she plans to visit France with the school's French club, work and enjoy Charlevoix beaches before heading off to Colorado College in Colorado Springs in the fall.

"We're going for two weeks to France so we're all really excited about that," she said.

Fritsch said her love for reading may guide her studies.

"I'm undecided — maybe a focus toward English/communications and possibly English literature," she said.

Her move to Colorado should be a perfect fit for this valedictorian who enjoys skiing, music, reading and studying French.

"I love hanging out with my little sister, I like being outside a lot and I love music...I play the piccolo and the flute," she said.

Fritsch, the daughter of John and Nora Fritsch of Charlevoix, will miss the area's small-town atmosphere, but can't wait for graduation.

"I'm so excited about graduation. It seems like it should be two months away, but it's literally two weeks away," she said.

Chris Golski, son of Anne and Harry, finished a close second behind Fritsch taking salutatorian honors.

Golski ends his Rayder career with a 3.982 grade point average.

He played four years of golf and basketball, as well as putting in time with the performing arts department.

Golski spent his first three years of high school as a class representative and his senior year as president of the student council.

According to Golski, due to his heavy responsibilities at school, he doesn't have much time for outside hobbies.

Golski plans to attend Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

"I'm really excited," he said. "I've had the chance to participate in some programs in D.C. Georgetown is a great school, but I'm also excited about all the other things D.C. has to offer."

He said he will miss high school and the great sense of feeling welcome.

"I'm excited about graduation. It's coming up pretty fast and once it's over it will be like a big sigh of relief," he added.

Golski's favorite classes include Advanced Placement government, English and calculus, but he can't wait for college.

"I'm interested in studying government, but I'm also interested in pre-law and business," he said.

Golski said he will miss his classmates.

"They're such a talented group of kids and they can accomplish great things in their lives."

Commencement exercises for Charlevoix High School grads will take place at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 5 in the gymnasium located at 05200 Marion Center Road in Charlevoix.

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Meghan Lame

Brooke Lenhart

David Leusink

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Jessica Whitley

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Ethan Winchester

Lindsay Withrow

Michael Wojan

Christopher Wyniawskyj

Graduates Not Pictured:

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Gene Foley
Nathaniel Herrera
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Shepard top at Northwest Academy

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Elizabeth Shepard has been named valedictorian at Charlevoix's Northwest Academy.

Elizabeth Shepard

Shepard, 18, is the daughter of Mary and Richard Shepard of Charlevoix.

She said she isn't sure what she wants to do for a living, but she knows what she's doing after graduation.

"This fall I'm going to Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City to get an associates degree in humanities," Shepard said.

There she plans to focus her studies on art and photography.

She added, "After I'm done in Traverse City I'm planning to transfer to Michigan State University and then I'll decide what I'm going to do from there."

While she won't miss the homework, she said she will miss the family atmosphere at Northwest Academy.

With a grade point average of 3.8, Shepard, whose favorite subjects include social studies and math has been a member of the school band since the sixth grade. And, as a member of the Spanish club, was fortunate enough to have visited Mexico.

According to Shepard, other than school activities, she doesn't spend much time playing around.

"I work too much to have hobbies," she said.

Shepard is employed at Village Inn Pizza, Dairy Queen and tutors at St. Mary's School.

Shepard said she is both nervous and excited about graduation and she said she has had some great experiences with her classmates.

Northwest Academy's graduation ceremony took place at 7 p.m., May 27 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix located on the corner of State Street and Park Avenue.

The school did not name a salutatorian this year.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Northwest Academy's graduation ceremony took place at 7 p.m., May 27 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. The school graduated seven students this year.

Northwest Academy Graduates

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Trevor Londgren

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Beaver Island top grads head to mainland

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Top graduates from Beaver Island will take to the mainland this fall to continue their education.

Melissa Bailey, daughter of Jayne and Mike, is Beaver Island's valedictorian. She finished her studies there with a 3.9 grade point average and with a love of English and music.

"After graduation I'm going to work until fall when I'll be attending Albion in Albion near Jackson," she said. "I'll probably study English, but I'm also looking at music. I'm not sure but those are my two biggest passions."

Bailey also enjoys swimming, the outdoors and theater.

"My main thing is I like to try new things," she said. "If it interests me that's what I'm into."

Bailey said she will miss her carefree days at school.

"I guess, there are a lot of things I'll miss," she said. "It's just really safe here and everybody you like is around you."

Someday, Bailey would like to use her writing and music skills.

To her fellow classmates she said, "Don't live too fast. Just enjoy everything."

Beaver Island's salutatorian, Emily Gray, has a 3.5 grade point average and enjoys sports and hanging out with friends.

"I'm attending North Central Michigan College (in Petoskey) this fall and pursuing a degree in nursing," she said.

While she won't miss all the homework she gets in her high school classes, she can't wait for college to begin.

"I'm excited because I get to get out of here," she said. "It's fun, but I'm ready to leave."

Gray's favorite class was the emergency medical training she learned.

She said being the salutatorian was unexpected, but it's a good feeling.

Gray has lived on Beaver Island for about four years with her mother Michelle LaFreniere and her father Blake Gray.

Beaver Island commencement will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at Holy Cross Hall on Beaver Island, located at 26325 Main Street.

Courtesy photo

Beaver Island graduates, pictured above, will finish their high school careers at a commencement ceremony June 11 on the island. They are (from left) Danielle Cary, Keith Szczepanski, Melissa Bailey and Emily Gray.

Beaver Island Community School Graduates

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2005 Graduates

(Above) Charlevoix High School class of 2005 graduate Anne Strawbridge hugs principal Gary Grundman after receiving her diploma Sunday afternoon. (Below) Northwest Academy graduates celebrate the end of their high school careers at a commencement ceremony May 27.

Beaver Island man drowns

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The drowning death of a Beaver Island man last week is under investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

In the evening hours of Sunday June 5, Sheldon Reynolds, a 51-year-old Beaver Island resident drown in the waters of Lake Michigan near Beaver Island.

"He and his cousin were coming back from Garden Island," said the deceased's cousin, Jackie Martin. "They had been there most of the day."

According to a news release by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Reynolds was boating with a friend when he fell into the water. The operator of the boat attempted to rescue the victim but was unable to pull him into the boat.

Shortly after the incident, neighboring boaters began assisting in the search and a helicopter was called from the Coast Guard Air Station in Traverse City.

"The helo (helicopter) was on scene about a half an hour before they found him. The air station was the one that found the body and they coordinated with the sheriff to pick him up," said Executive Petty Officer, Nicholas Gould of Coast Guard Station Charlevoix.

"The victim's body was recovered by a combination of the U.S. Coast Guard, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Beaver Island Fire Department and Beaver Island EMS. Private boat owners in the

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Kur files claims against Judge May

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Former Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Mary Beth Kur has filed a complaint with the state and a motion in Emmet County District Court alleging bias on the part of Judge Richard May.

Kur filed a motion in April with the Emmet County 90th District Court to disqualify Judge May, who covers both Charlevoix and Emmet counties, from hearing her cases in both counties.

Then, on May 2, she took the next step, and filed a complaint against him with the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission.

Kur, entered private practice with the Petoskey firm Schmolt, Martin & Kur Jan. 1, 2005 after losing the August 2004 primary election to her former assistant prosecutor and current Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jaremia.

She claims Judge May supported Jaremia, who she went toe to toe with in a lengthy legal battle before the election, and this support has effected his decisions.

On March 7, 2005 Jaremia hired Mark Muniak to the Charlevoix County Assistant Prosecutor's seat.

Prior to accepting the position, Muniak was a member of the four-person consortium of attorneys called the Charlevoix County Defense Team. This consortium has contracted with the county since June of 2003 to provide court appointed attorney services to indigent criminal defendants.

Muniak's resignation from the consortium left a vacancy and Kur was nominated by the remaining members of the defense team to fill the slot.

Under the current contract, the consortium's nomination must be approved by both Judge May and Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas and is

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Anthony Duane Jacobs, 31, Cheboygan. Breaking and entering of a motor vehicle under $200. Serve 93 days in jail; $700 in fines and costs.

Michael Alan Boonie, 32, Boyne City. Operating vehicle while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve five days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Jacob Ryan Reffner, 18, Charlevoix. Violation of restricted license. Serve five days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Thomas Peter Lagrasso III, 18, Rochester Hills. Violation of restricted license. $300 in fines and costs.

Amber Lynn Hull, 20, Boyne City. Minor purchase/consume/posses alcohol. Sixty hours of community service work, attend zero tolerance classes; $100 in fines and costs.

Matthew Vernon Hammarlund, 39, Waterford. Driving while intoxicated. Serve 41 days in jail with credit of one, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $930 in fines and costs.

Brett Mengel Duncan, 22, Waterford. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit of one, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, $930 in fines and costs.

Vincent Jelfrey Homan, 50, Muskegon. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit of one, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $980 in fines and costs.

Billy Jack Sulkowski, 21, East Jordan. Contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Serve 10 days in jail with a credit of three, to serve seven days in jail.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Coventry Homes, 11399 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix by Marcia E. Pelon.

Artistically Yours, 13067 Cedar, Charlevoix by Eva Batteese.

Bayshore Custom Drywall, 6127 Charlevoix Road, Charlevoix by Joseph VanWart.

Susan MacAdams, 07930 Ruffed Grouse Lane, Petoskey by Susan MacAdams.

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Buckeye Investments, 309 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix by George D. Cavanaugh, Kenneth J. Cavanaugh, John Cavanaugh, Charles Cavanaugh, J. Lawson Cavanaugh and John Brettell.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Daniel Lee Rubling, 33, of Charlevoix and Marion Margaret Smith, 32, of Charlevoix

Phillip Nicholas Dixon, 27, of Charlevoix and Jenna Leigh Vratanina 23, of Charlevoix

David Marc Sparrey, 39, of Charlevoix and Joy Marie Bartek, 31, of Boyne City

Births

Natalie Catherine Wynkoop weighing 10 pounds, 1 ounce was born to Dwayne Wynkoop and Linda Wynkoop of Charlevoix on May 21, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Zachery Wynkoop. Grandparents are Curt and Carol Engel of Marysville, Kathy and Charles Zimmer of Port Huron, and Wayne and Michelline Wynkoop of Charlevoix.

Jenna Nicole Langworthy weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born to Jason and Christina Langworthy of Cadillac on May 20, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Brittany and Hailey Snyder.

Samary Audrey Garzon Potter weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born to Kristi Potter and Frank Garzon of Charlevoix on May 30, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Isaac Hull and Laura, Amaronta, Swe and Sonia Garzon. Grandparents are Sue Murray and Mike Reid of East Jordan, Jim and Cindy Potter of Central Lake, Martha Bryan of Boyne City, Cesar Garzon of Colombia. Great-grandparents are Bill and Jennett Dustin of Central Lake and Betty Romero and Jauquin Suarez of Columbia.

Klayton Andrew and Kelsey Elizabeth Wiatrolik weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces and 6 pounds, 1 ounce respectively were born to Jeffrey and Kara Wiatrolik of Charlevoix on May 31, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Gary and Carol Field of Charlevoix, Deborah Martin of Escanaba, Steven Wiatrofik of Levering. Great-grandparents are Henry and Anne Field of Bay Shore.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Field fire

At 6:53 p.m. June 2 a call was made to 911 reporting a field had caught fire at 8911 Burgess Road in Charlevoix's Hayes Township. The property is owned by Fred Hinkley. Charlevoix Township firefighters responded and were able to put the fire out after approximately four acres burned. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. No injuries or property damage have been reported.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Snow
May 31	60	48	—
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A lake experience

Representatives with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council took six graders for a trip on the Beaver Islander for half-day sessions of learning about water quality and water protection.

Traverse City judge to review Kur's bias claim

KUR

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ultimately ratified by the Charlevoix County Commission.

Kur claims Judge May's alleged bias surfaced in his printed recommendation which advised against hiring her.

In a written statement to the commissioners, dated March 22, 2005, Judge May said, "I do not believe that the recommended appointment of Mary Beth Kur as a court appointed attorney is in the best interest of the community, the operation of the 90th District Court, or for defendants."

He went on to say that his position in the matter was based on past and current litigation facing the county. Litigation he alluded to includes two Whistleblower's Act claims against Kur that were filed during her time as prosecutor. One was filed by Jarema following his termination and another by two former county employees.

In Judge May's memo to the commissioners he said that based on these cases he would not endorse her as a consortium member.

"I am not comfortable that decisions are going to be made solely upon what is in the best interest of clients. With other qualified attorneys available, I am not willing to create situations that may continue to add fuel to these disputes, to the detriment of defendant's cases," he said in the statement.

While Judge May declined to recommend Kur for the vacancy, Judge Pajtas gave her a glowing recommendation which included references to her ethics, skills and accuracy.

"It is a privilege to recommend Mary Beth Kur for the position of public defender," he wrote in a September 17, 2004 recommendation.

Judge Pajtas wrote a second recommendation on March 23, 2005 consenting to the hiring of former assistant prosecutor Kerry Zabner for the public defender's opening. In that letter, he spelled out that his consent for Zahner's hiring in no way trumped his recommendation in favor of hiring Kur.

On April 13, 2005 the commission approved hiring Zahner.

On April 14 and 15 Judge May oversaw a hearing for Kur's motion to recuse himself from any cases she is involved in. At that hearing Judge May decided to deny the motion, claiming he could be fair.

But Kur disagrees and is taking the issue to the next level.

State law allows Kur to request a review by a separate judge, which she has done.

The Michigan Court Administrator's Office assigned Grand Traverse County Circuit Court Judge Philip Rogers to the case.

Rogers has since issued an order asking for briefs. All paperwork in this case is due to Rogers next week. Rogers will either make a ruling based on those briefs or set a court date.

Judge May declined to comment.

Sheriff to investigate drowning of local man

REYNOLDS

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area also assisted in the search for the victim," stated the news release author. "Mr. Reynolds was a longtime resident of Beaver Island and also has many extended family members also residing on Beaver Island."

According to the release, the incident remains as an open investigation pending the Charlevoix County Medical Examiners report and toxicology results.

According to Martin, Reynolds grew up in Holly and had a daughter named Lindsay. He was married but his wife died of a heart attack just over a month ago.

"He came to the island probably about five years ago," Martin said. "His grandparents were from here and he worked here as pretty much a handy man."

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7:00 p.m. June 9
Jennifer Celb of Tip of the Mitt will present a public talk at the Charlevoix Public Library about how to create a winning greenbelt restoration.

JUN 2005

OPINIONS

The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Face to face with massasauga

Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

Charlevoix the beautiful is also Charlevoix the untamed and last weekend this country girl with city slicker roots came face to face with Michigan's only venomous snake, right in my backyard.

An eastern massasauga adult rattlesnake stretching about 3 feet from nose to rattle was sunning itself Saturday, June 4, just outside my garage door in longer grass.

It wasn't the first time I had spotted the snake. The week before it crossed in front of me, taking my breath away for an instant.

It's hard to say when my childhood fascination with snakes turned to heart stopping trepidation. Growing up in Brighton, myself and fellow neighborhood hooligans, would pick up what we called blue racers and garter snakes by their tails for a quick study.

But this most recent encounter was certainly not one I took lightly.

I have a young daughter who enjoys petting frogs, chasing chickens and nuzzling with horses hundreds of times her size. I knew the snake would be just another friend in her wild kingdom entourage.

My first thought was kill this nasty bugger.

But my husband had other plans in mind for the "cool" snake.

He calmly subduced its head, picked it up by its tail and dropped it into a five gallon bucket where the snake shook its rattle in self defense. The two then took off to a non-residential area and found Mr. or Mrs. massasauga a new home.

I have since reported the sighting to the National Heritage Program which operates in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

This program works to track the snake, which is included on lists of endangered and threatened species or watch lists in every state it lives in. They are listed as a "species of special concern" by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and are protected by state law.

According to the web site where I filed my observation report, www.dnr.state.mi.us, the primary causes of its decline are habitat loss and persecution.

I, like many residents wanted to rid the world of what I believed to be a legless killing machine. But the information I have reviewed from the DNR describes these rattlesnakes as confrontation dodgers who are not prone to strike.

DNR information does caution observers and says, "These snakes will protect themselves from anything they see as a potential predator. Their short fangs can easily puncture skin and they do possess a potent venom. It is best to treat them with respect and leave them alone. Any bite from a massasauga should receive prompt professional medical attention. When compared to other rattlesnakes found in the United States, the massasauga is the smallest and has the least toxic venom."

Since massasauga are more common in Michigan than anywhere else in its range, the heritage program is hard at work here to minimize threats to the species. Its goal is to assure the long-term protection of massasauga populations and eliminate the need for federal listing.

According to information listed on the DNR's site, during spring, these snakes move from their winter hibernation sites, such as crayfish chimneys and other small mammal burrows in swamps and marshlands, to hunt on the drier upland sites - likely in search of mice and voles, their favorite food.

Look for them "sunning" in open fields, grassy meadows or farmed sites, a perfect match for my country living quarters.

If my visitor was Mrs. massasauga my property fortunately did not become summer camp for her young. Information I reviewed on the DNR web site states that females give birth to 8 to 20 young in late summer. The young snakes have a single "button" on their tails; a new rattle segment is added at each shedding of the skin, which occurs several times per year.

For more information about the local massasauga population visit www.dnr.state.mi.us.

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Letters to the editor

Remember Flag Day

Editor:

The idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have first originated in 1885 when B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'.

In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the flag be displayed on all public buildings and on June 14, 1894 the first general public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago, Ill. was held with more than 300,000 children participating.

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day – the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 – was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916.

While Flag Day was celebrated for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

By a Joint Resolution on June 9, 1966, Congress requested the president to issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week and calling upon citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.

Francis Bellamy, an ordained minister of Rome, N.Y. is credited with the authorship of the original pledge and in material which he nationally circulated, he wrote, "Let the flag float over every school-house in the land and the exercise be such as shall impress upon our youth the patriotic duty of citizenship."

He also included the original 23 words of the pledge which he had developed.

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Thus, it was that on Columbus Day, October 12, 1892, the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by more than 12 million public school children in every state in the union.

In 1923, the words "the flag of the United States" were substituted for "my flag." In 1924, "of America" were added. On Flag Day 1954, the words "under God" became a part of the pledge.

Thus the 23 words have become 31 words. The idea of the annual pause for the pledge of allegiance originated in 1980 and on June 20, 1985, the 99th Congress passed and President Reagan signed Public Law 99-54 recognizing the pause for the Pledge of Allegiance as part of National Flag Day activities.

It is an invitation urging all patriotic Americans to participate at 7 p.m. June 14, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The effect of this simple ceremony, which transcends age, race, religion, national origin, political and geographic differences, is a stimulating patriotic experience at home and a sign of unity abroad. Show your colors and join your countrymen at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) Tuesday, June 14, in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and may God Bless America.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

Community outreach

Editor:

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25: v. 40

Jesus said, "No, I am not proclaiming a different kind of a kingdom: It is not a kingdom of man. It is a different kingdom-the Kingdom of God being built on earth. And, because God's values are not man's values I come for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and the imprisoned."

Jesus Christ is the Savior of the loser.

As long as someone is homeless, distressed, or lost in spirit, I am not free. I feel led by the spirit to be a witness to the homeless, aged, detained, minorities, incarcerated, stressed and other areas of distress in our community. I will be a witness to others with the capabilities to refer people to agencies as deemed necessary.

Our community has healing needs of spiritual time needing to be spent.

Since the termination of the homeless shelter in Charlevoix a few years ago I have realized that my spirit is not free. Spiritual memories have been placed in my heart forever of time shared, food partaken and shared conversations. God's presence was felt as we shared lodging, and as we departed we each increased our level of spiritual knowledge. Most of the time we seemed changed for good. This experience has verified that my gift of the spirit is interaction with the homeless and humanity per se.

Our community has the homeless (some invisible - living with others). They have suffered much from broken promises at the hands of parents, teachers, spouses, doctors, psychologists, socialists and social workers,

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Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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politicians, police, and others. Their medicines (side-effects) or lack of them have caused them undue duress. It is no wonder that their hearts are so closed to people.

These people are waiting for someone who really cares, and someone who sees the light of love and wisdom in them. Who recognizes their love and beauty? They need someone who will accept them as they are with no preconceived ideas that they should change. They need someone that will share food, time, conversation, and share Jesus with them through attitudes and actions. They need time spent with an understanding believer who will witness through attitudes and actions.

They are waiting.

Charlevoix's Boulder Park is a place for short-term or long-term care. Through my visit there, I found spiritually hungry people who need time shared with them. My one shared experience is from the short-term wing where a paralyzed man and his wife have spent numerous hours. This man is able to move his mouth, arms, and legs ahead of the doctor's schedule because of her available time. There are so many people wanting visitors you could spend an entire day and loneliness would still prevail.

They are waiting.

At the Charlevoix County Jail we have prisoners who need time shared with them. Many of these prisoners are from our community and went to school in Charlevoix. Because I have worked at the school for 27 years these youth are acquainted with me. Every year I sing Christmas carols with the inmates at the jail. I have felt led by the spirit to do ministry at the jail, and possibly creative writing classes. I have an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from NCMC (North Central Michigan College) to assist my ministry with the jail. The incarcerated need to know that with Jesus Christ they are free even in jail.

They are waiting.

In our court system we have those awaiting trial in circuit and district court.

They are waiting for someone who has the time to sit with them through their first court experience. With my Criminal Justice Associate's Degree, and my love of Christ I can be a mentor for people who may need to find spirituality in their lives. Spiritual time is never wasted.

They are waiting.

At Charlevoix Area Hospital I could pick up the loose ends of people who need more time spent with them. I have seen people in the emergency room injured, or visitors needing an advocate 24 hours a day or I can envision the minister or person who wishes to spend more time with a patient wrestling with time spent at the hospital, work, or home.

They are waiting.

Though I work at the school during noon hour through the winter I would be available at lunch time in the summer, and I could expand our Charlevoix Community Lunch Program to five days a week. In addition, I am a volunteer with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Chippewa youth program, and my duties include cooking for large groups of people. If you have heard of Mother Waddles in Detroit she is my guiding light personification of what my ministry of life is to become.

They are waiting.

Those who are aware of my spiritual gifts know and understand that this position as an Advocate to the Community is my life's work. Please make this position a reality.

World peace begins in our community, and through love and interaction of Christ our community will become a neighborhood.

Beginning with love.

They are waiting.

Janice McKay
Charlevoix

Memorial Day appreciation

Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the people and organizations that made the 2005 Memorial Day Celebrations a memorable event.

Numerous individuals assisted in this event; however, by group I would like to thank the commander and crew of the United States Coast Guard Ship Acacia and the commander and crew of the Coast Guard Station Charlevoix. The Rayder Marching Band and its director Jane Bennett and Gary Stutzman of Northwest Academy for both technical and musical support. American Legion Post 226 and Auxiliary, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153 and Auxiliary. The Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Charlevoix Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Charlevoix Civil Air Patrol. Charlevoix Friends of the Library and its famous marching canine platoon. Finally, and last but not least, both high schools for the fine speaking voices of Alanna Leslie and Chuck Mason.

We continue to collect names of those serving on active duty in the armed forces for our "Yellow Ribbon" honor roll and the names of those who have died in active service to our nation. Once again, thanks to all these groups and to the community for contributing to our remembrance celebrations.

Joseph F. Seidel
Commander Legion Post 226
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Charlevoix

Successful blood drive

Editor:

The American Red Cross was at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church on Thursday, May 19. The Red Cross staff conducted a blood drive, collecting 112 pints of blood.

Hospitals in Michigan use 2,000 units of blood products daily. I am incredibly proud of the contribution that the blood donors and volunteers in Charlevoix make on a regular basis to fulfill this need.

According to American Red Cross Blood Services, different medical procedures require varying amounts of blood products. A knee replacement uses 4 - 6 units of red cells, for example, open heart procedures use 6 - 10 units of red blood cells, and 2 - 4 platelets. Injuries from any automobile accident could use up to 40 red cell units. The 112 pints from Charlevoix donors on May 19 was made into approximately 300 blood products. What a difference we made.

My faithful team of volunteers is vital to our success in Charlevoix. I am deeply grateful to each volunteer who made phone calls, worked at the blood drive, baked for the drive and donated blood. Some did all of the above. You are remarkable.

Special thanks to Vacation Properties Network, the Charlevoix Lions Club, the Community Reformed Church, business owners who displayed posters and the City Water and Electric Department for putting up the banners.

Did you notice the beautiful, new, red banner? It was designed, fabricated and donated by Charlevoix Screenmasters and Charlevoix Area Canvas. Thank you so much.

Our next community blood drive will be from noon - 5:45 p.m. during the Venetian Festival on Thursday, July 21, at the Reformed Church. Come, make a difference.

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COMMUNITY

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

Londgrens earn honors

Jerusha and Brandon Londgren, the children of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, participated in a spring tour of Washington and Oregon with the Concert Choir and Handbell Choir of Bethany Lutheran College. The students performed under the direction of Dennis Marzolf, Mary Singers and Ann Frederickson. Jentsha also earned placement on the Fall 2004 Dean's List at Bethany Lutheran College having earned at least a 3.5 grade point average. Bethany Lutheran College is located in Mankato, Minn.

MSU Dean's List

The following students from Charlevoix attending Michigan State University earned a 3.5 or better grade point average in the fall of 2004. They are Kelly Catherine Gebhard, Laura Jane Potter, Martin Cody Priess, Kathryn Anne Ricks, Nicholas Stewart Slocum, Katie L. Yager.

MSU graduate

Lindsey Ann Carland of Charlevoix earned her Bachelors Degree in Interdisciplinary Humanities from Michigan State University in the fall of 2004.

Ferris State Academic Honors List

The following students from Charlevoix attending Ferris State University earned a 3.5 or better grade point average in the fall of 2004. This achievement placed them on the school's Academic Honors List. They are Kristine Balasz, Stephanie L. Busman, Nicholas L. Martinchek and Jennifer L. Schuenbroch.

Ferris State graduates

The following students from Charlevoix earned degrees from Ferris State University for the semester that ended in December of 2004. Paul J. Gelderblom graduated with a Master of Science in Career and Technical Education and was recognized with highest distinction having finished with a grade point average between 3.75 and 4.0. Karen Glass graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and English Composition. Glass was recognized as a magna cum laude graduate having finished with a grade point average between 3.75 and 3.89. Terri Mates graduated with a Certificate in Restaurant and Food Industry Management and was recognized as a cum laude graduate having finished with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.74. Betty J. Martin graduated with an Associate in Applied Science in Medical Record Technology and was recognized as a magna cum laude graduate having finished with a grade point average between 3.75 and 3.89.

Aquinas College Dean's List

The following students from Charlevoix earned a 3.5 or better grade point average qualifying them for the Dean's List for the fall of 2004 at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. They are Joshua Fassett, Leslie Hoffman and Marcy Bennett.

Albion College Delta Sigma Phi

Scotty Bruce, the son of Raymond and Patricia Bruce of Charlevoix, completed his first year at Albion College with a major in economics and management as a member of the Gerstacker Liberal Arts Program in Professional Management and pledged the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.

Wedding

Budzynska — Bremmeyr

At 3 p.m., May 21, Katarzyna Budzynska of Poznan, Poland, daughter of Taoleusz and Genowejo also of Poznan, wed Kyle Bremmeyr of Warren, son of Terry and Jane Bremmeyr of Charlevoix and Warren.

The two were married at the Best Western Hotel in Roseville by the Rev. Richard Damelak.

They honeymooned in San Francisco, Calif. and plan to live in Warren.

The groom works in the Calumet Juvenile Justice program and is a current student at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Annual pool run to take place June 25

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host the Eleventh Annual Pool Run Saturday, June 25 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

A 5K run and a 1 mile "fun" run/walk will highlight the activities.

Both races will start at 9 a.m. The $12 preregistration deadline is Monday, June 20. Runners can register the morning of the race from 7:45-8:45 a.m. for $15.

Runners will receive an official race T-shirt. The Fun Run entry fee is $7 and does not include a shirt.

Medals will be given to first, second and third place finishers in each age group. Ages 9 and up can register.

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Jennifer Pamela Mezzadra and Colin Britton Exelby were united in marriage on October 23, 2004 at Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church in Baltimore, Md. A reception took place at the Sheraton Inner Harbor in downtown Baltimore, Md. and the couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. The bride's parents are Joseph and Melinda Mezzadra of Baltimore, Md., and the groom is the son of Donald and Marsha Exelby of Grand Rapids.

Maids of honor were sisters of the bride, Heather and Melanie Mezzadra of Baltimore, Md. The best man was the groom's brother, Kyle Exelby of San Diego, Calif. Attending as bridesmaids were Lisa Buccheim, Kelly Eberling, Nicole Oswald, Melissa Mullan and Emily Skovira. Attending groomsmen were Isaac Brooks, Jeff LeFevre, Ryan Mankiewiez, Eric Prendeville, Clason Stuhlreyer and Jake Winegrad.

Jennifer is a Chemist at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Colin is a Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley.

The couple resides in Baltimore, Md.

Dock project open house scheduled on Beaver Island

A June 18 open house will mark the official completion of the new Beaver Island Municipal Dock.

The open house will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 18.

The $1 million project included completely remodeling the bathrooms, an addition to the harbor master building and a new roof and siding on the township building rented by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce.

The stark bathrooms have been transformed. Concrete floors and painted walls are now covered with ceramic tiles. New marble sinks and counter tops add a touch of elegance.

A major upgrading of the facility's water and electrical systems and new ice suppression equipment was also part of project funded by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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Obituaries

Anthony Faculak: May 18, 1922 - May 21, 2005

Anthony "Tony" Wilham Faculak, 83, lifelong resident on his third-generation Norwood family farm in Charlevoix, passed away to his home with the Lord on Saturday, May 21, 2005.

Tony was born May 18, 1922, the youngest child of Charles and Mary Helen Faculak. He grew up working on and developing the family farm into a very successful dairy operation which practiced progressive conservation efforts. He took great pride in maintaining the several barns and historic structures on the property.

Tony enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 19 along with his brother, Steve, he was a member of the Tenth Armor Division for nine years, spending four years in active combat. He was injured in two separate incidences which later resulted in his total military disability. He received the prestigious Purple Heart Award and the Bronze Star for his injuries and a heroic act in which he saved several members of his company by shooting down a kamikaze Nazi pilot with his rifle.

Tony was a proud World War II disabled veteran and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Post 31-Chief Petoskey, where he held numerous office positions.

He served as grand Marshall in the 2003 Memorial Day parade and he assisted numerous World War II veterans over the years to receive benefits and aid for their service to our country. He received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Vietnam Veterans of America, Northern Michigan Chapter 68 in Petoskey for his dedication and service in fund-raising efforts for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 1984. Tony marched in many Memorial Day parades and worked on Poppy Days, proud of his country and proud to be a veteran.

He was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and served as usher on Saturday evenings for many years. He always had a friendly smile and welcoming word for all who entered the church.

Upon his discharge from the Army at the end of World War II, Tony returned home to his beloved homeland to resume farming with his brother, Steve, who owned a nearby farm for many memorable, productive years. His parents were at home with him until their death. Tony was a consummate caregiver and son.

Tony married Shirley M. (Lund) Gregory on June 8, 1957, and she survives. He is also survived by his daughter, May Helen, who has remained on the farm since her birth; his stepdaughter, Virginia M. (Gregory) Marmc, of Charlevoix; cherished friends, Jack, Abigail and John Uhrick, Amanda and David Reinfield; dear nephew, Roger Faculak and wife, Mimi; special cats, Brutus, Maggie and Charley; his adoring dog, Samantha; and Mary's four horses.

Tony loved people and always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. He enjoyed and thrived on talking to and being with people. Some of his most enjoyable times were spent being in town seeing people and having guests at his home. The door was always open and both he and his wife, Shirley, while they worked long hours on the farm, had the coffee pot on and a home baked piece of pie or cinnamon roll ready. Tony loved to give people tours throughout the many farm buildings showing them a taste of farm life. He was meticulous with his equipment (John Deere), vehicles, barns, pets and lawn. His cattle were always well-fed, groomed and he never raised his voice to them. Whenever a piece of farm equipment broke, it would be fixed, often by him, immediately. Tony never was in favor of tearing down historical structures and maintained them lovingly.

After having to cease farming because of his war disability, his daughter, Mary Helen, kept the operations going and added show Quarter horses to the homestead. Tony enjoyed current world and local events and relished a good political discussion. He campaigned for several candidates over the years, especially his good friends, Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas and Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater. Tony held various positions in Norwood Township in his younger years, his last being justice of the peace throughout the 1960's. He loved being in the limelight and center of the family, but he always had a helping hand available to his family, neighbors, friends and even strangers. Almost every photo of Tony shows his arm around them. He truly loved people and life.

His family and friends will miss him dearly, but understood it was time for him to rest and join his late father, mother and brothers, Joseph, Vandelin and Steve, his dear nephew, Gary, who was killed in Vietnam, and niece, Karen, a victim of Lou Gehrig's disease.

Tony left this earth knowing his crops were planted and fences fixed for another season on the Lake View Ranch and very content knowing his beloved homeland will be maintained forever.

Funeral service was Wednesday, May 25, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix with the Rev. Thomas Neis officiating. Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix had visitations.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to preserving the historic structure and steeple of the Norwood United Methodist Church steeple project in his name.

Tony's famous quote and perhaps the appropriate way to conclude his life on this earth is simply stated, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.

Kenneth Coen: Jan. 29, 1922 - June 1, 2005

Kenneth E. Coen, 83, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, June 1, 2005, at his home. He was born January 29, 1922, in Verndale, Minn., the son of Benjamin H. and Alma A. (Mielke) Coen. Ken served in the U.S. Army during World War II, in the European Theatre. He moved to Charlevoix from Manitowoc, Wis., with the Medusa Portland Cement Company and retired in 1977.

Ken is survived by his wife, Gladys "Dolly" Coen of Charlevoix; sons, David L. (Sue) Coen, and Timothy (Sharon) Coen, all of Charlevoix, and Jeffrey (Pam) Coen of Ellsworth; grandchildren, Kevin, Steven, Chad, Troy, Ben, Justin, Liz, and Christopher (Karen) Coen; nephew, Roger (Betty) Coen of Charlevoix. Ken's brothers Vernon and Harrison preceded him in death.

A private service will take place for Ken's family. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 128 N. Court, Gaylord, MI 49735, or to the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Graveside services with full military honors were, June 6, 2005 at Santa Fe National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Department of New Mexico, P.O. Box 3907, Station D, 87190, or The Albuquerque Stroke Club, 1925 Juan Tabo Blvd NE, Suite B, Box 240, 87112.

George Fratrick: died May 30, 2005

George T. Fratrick, 83, a resident of Albuquerque, N.M. died on Monday, May 30, 2005.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Fratrick; daughter, Michelle Fratrick of Albuquerque; two sons, Michael and wife Marge of Albuquerque, N.M. and Mark and wife Vicki of Taos, N.M; one grandson, Jason Fratrick of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters-in-law; and several nieces and nephews.

George was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He was also a member of Risen Savior Catholic Community. He loved his garden and loved to cook and enjoyed a good martini.

A prayer vigil was said Friday, June 3 at French Mortuary, 7121 Wyoming Blvd. Mass was celebrated on Saturday, June 4 at Risen Savior Catholic Community.

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Richard McKee: Jan. 19, 1934 - May 27, 2005

Richard Edwin "Ed" McKee, 71, of Charlevoix, died Friday, May 27, 2005, at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

Ed was born January 19, 1934, in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Robert J. and Dorothy (Mossberg) McKee.

Ed graduated from Withrow High School in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1951. Ed served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as an Intermediate Speed Radio Operator. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in accounting from Ohio State University in 1960, and earned his Master's Degree in 1983 from Eastern Illinois University. Ed worked as an accountant for the Alltel Corporation for 27 years working in Rantoul, Ill. and Little Rock, Ark. until his retirement in 1996. He married Barbara A. Allen on July 17, 1977, in Springfield, Ohio, and they began spending their summer vacations in Charlevoix. They moved Charlevoix in 1997.

Ed was a bus driver for the Petoskey Head Start for several years. He enjoyed the children so much and missed them when he had to retire from that position. Ed was also a Ham Radio operator for many years and belonged to the Straits Area Radio Club since moving to Charlevoix. He so enjoyed the friends had in the Straits Club as well as the numerous other Ham Radio operators he met while on the radio.

Ed is survived by his wife, Barbara; one brother, Robert McKee of Sante Fe, N.M., nephew Richard (Anna) McKee of Chandler, Ariz.; two sons, James McKee of Gifford, Ill. and Neil McKee of Grove City, Ohio; three step-children, Mark (Vicki) Allen of Westchester, Ohio, Jenny Martin of Urbana, Ohio and Elizabeth Meyers of Dayton, Ohio and several grandchildren. Ed is also survived by his caregiver and dear friend, Susan (Lou) Vasquez of Charlevoix. He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife Lila.

There were no services at Ed's request. Contributions in memory of Ed may be made to the charity of your choice.

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BUSINESS

Bahnhof Sport closes after 26 years

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A store that has spent just over a quarter of a century in downtown Charlevoix closed its doors last week.

On Tuesday, May 31, Lindy Smith, owner of Bahnhof Sport removed her store's signature red awning at 207 Bridge Street and closed the doors at her Charlevoix store for the last time.

"Seasonality was the deal," she said. "There is no business here in the winter."

Smith continues to operate three other Bahnhof Sport stores — one in Petoskey, another in Breckenridge, Colo. and a third in Park City, Utah. These three stores handle the bulk of Smith's sales volume.

The majority of the inventory from the Charlevoix store was moved to Smith's Breckenridge, Colo. store.

While seasonal sales were the primary reason for her decision to close, Smith said space constraints at her location were also a factor.

The three remaining stores are all 6,000 square feet or larger.

Smith said the Charlevoix store, which she leased from former Charlevoix resident Jeannine Wallace, is 2,100 square feet and isn't big enough to house the outdoor sporting equipment her company is known for. This signature gear includes ski attire and hardware, bikes and kayaks.

"People shop our Petoskey store," she said. "And I've found that in general, people go to Petoskey or Traverse City to shop."

She said her lease with Wallace expired this summer and she looked at larger locations in Charlevoix, including the former Trademark building off Bridge Street, but decided Charlevoix's seasonal retail environment just isn't for her. Smith added that she doesn't plan to own another store in town unless she sees visible changes.

Smith, who spends winters at her stores out west, said, the decision to close the Charlevoix store, which has not been open during the winter months over the past few years, will help simplify her life.

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Lindy Smith, owner of Bahnhof Sport stores closed her Charlevoix location after over 25 years in business.

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BUSINESS

Sports Camp opens this summer

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Sports Camp is coming to Charlevoix.

The camp, which opens June 13 and runs weekdays through Sept. 2, is a business owned by Charlevoix residents Lane, 46, and Pam, 44, Beatty.

"Sports camp is a summer camp that isn't just about sports," Lane, a former physical education teacher of 17 years, said. "The only thing we require is that kids want to come and are good campers."

The Beattys operate Sports Camp in Boyne City, Harbor Springs and Florida.

The Charlevoix program is their latest addition and Lane said it will follow the lead of their other successful camps.

The camp will be open to children ages five to 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays at Charlevoix Elementary School. Drop-off and pick-up times during the day are to be determined by parents and a brown bag lunch is required.

Former Charlevoix High School all-star Scott Friske will be managing the camp along with a team of counselors.

"We pick kids (counselors) that have something to offer. Like Scott, he's a great basketball player and a good kid," Lane said.

The program combines two things Lane has found to be important to kids in his experience as a teacher — choice and movement.

During the day kids will participate in 45-minute sessions with three to four activities to choose from. Sports on the docket will include everything from basketball, dodge ball and soccer, to tennis and golf.

"It's a learning camp. We are not concerned with wins and losses, but teaching campers the rules and fundamentals of the games," he said.

Other activities kids can choose from include karaoke and arts and crafts.

They have 45 camper slots open with a maximum of 15 kids to a counselor. The one-week registration rate is $80. Parents can also sign up for two-day sessions for $40. Multiple week involvement is optional.

The Beattys ask that campers be registered three days in advance.

Registration forms are available at Charlevoix Elementary School located at 13513 Division Street or by calling Lane at (231) 330-2441.

The Beatty family moved to Charlevoix from Naples, Fla. with their two children, Chase, 15, and Tara, 12, in the spring of 2004.

Lane is a 1977 graduate of Harbor Springs High School and Pam is the youngest daughter of Dale and Marilyn Boss of Charlevoix.

The Beattys plan to continue operating their Florida camps and after school programs. Lane said he will travel there for about a week each month to oversee operations.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix residents Lane and Pam Beatty are opening a new camp this summer that will operate at Charlevoix Elementary School. Pam is pictured above with camp manager Scott Friske.

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New local massage service available

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Joseph Klida, who has lived in Charlevoix for 10 years, recently opened Charlevoix Massage Technology, a business based out of his home.

Klida, 49, attended Blue Heron Academy in Traverse City from where he became a certified masseuse in March of this year.

In that same month, he was involved in a head-on collision that resulted in multiple fractures to his body. He has since spent time recovering from, what doctors said, would keep him wheelchair bound for about a year.

After just two months, Klida is now back on his feet and opened his studio in late May.

He attributes his quick recovery to a gift of healing he said he has always had. Now, he said he wants to share this gift with his clients.

Klida practices medical, therapeutic and relaxation massage techniques and will soon expand services to include stone and facelift massage as well as facial peels.

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Klida's background includes 15 years as a certified surgical technologist for both Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Massage Association and has also practiced as a weight training consultant for 30 years.

Charges for services are $50 per hour or $25 per half hour. In-home visits are also available upon request. Klida is offering grand opening discounts at this time.

Charlevoix Massage Technology is located at 07453-71 Michigan Heights in Charlevoix. Services are available by appointment only. For more information call Klida at (231) 348-2605.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident Joseph Klida has opened Charlevoix Massage Technology. (Above) Klida performs a wrist technique.

Edward Jones wins award

Edward Jones ranked highest in J.D. Power and Associates 2005 Full-Service Investor Satisfaction Study.

According to Derek Chowen, an Edward Jones investment representative in Charlevoix, the financial-services firm has been ranked first in J.D. Power and Associates' annual survey of customer satisfaction among full-service investors.

The ranking, released as the 2005 Full-Service Investor Satisfaction Study, ranked Edward Jones ahead of 19 other firms.

"I'm thrilled about our placement on the J.D. Power and Associates ranking," Chowen said. "We are committed to providing the highest level of service to our clients. Everything we do is focused on building and maintaining strong relationships."

The 2005 Full-Service Investor Satisfaction Study, conducted in January and February, was based on responses from more than 6,600 investors who primarily invest with one of the 20 firms in the study.

Six key factors were considered: Integrity of the brokerage firm; information resources; account management; cost; investment representative/advisor; and customer service. Edward Jones earned industry-leading scores in the information resources, account management and investment representative/advisor factors.

For more information visit the Edward Jones interactive web site, located at www.edwardjones.com.

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"Few things affect the quality of our life and the quality of our work more than our good health," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. "Every person in this great state deserves to receive quality health care from their providers, so I am pleased to recognize hospitals and health care professionals that are making progress toward providing our citizens with accessible and affordable health care."

In concert with the Governor, the GAE honors Michigan hospitals that are performing quality initiatives aimed at improving outcomes in patient care. The clinical topics that the award measures have been designated as national health care priorities by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Charlevoix Area Hospital established a multidisciplinary team to spearhead improvement measures using proven, evidence-based practices.

"Governor Granholm's endorsement of this quality improvement award mirrors her agenda in her administrations' commitment to improve the quality of health care for all of Michigan's residents," said Debra L. Moss, MD, MBA, president and chief executive officer, MPRO.

Dr. Moss added, "As Michigan's QIO, MPRO is privileged to partner with the Governor to recognize hospitals such as Charlevoix Area Hospital, that are achieving measured improvements in patient care."

"Our staff at Charlevoix Area Hospital is demonstrating that together we are providing the very best in medical treatment and care. Our efforts have been enhanced through our collaborations with MPRO. We are extremely proud to be a recipient of this distinguished award, said Bill Jackson, President, Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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Double vision

The Twins and More party June 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital was a success. Pictured above are Heather and John Richards with their twin daughters, Anna and Emma.

County sheriff's department responds to off-road crash

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated an off-road vehicle crash that occurred last week in Eveline Township.

At approximately 1 p.m. Sunday, May 26, Benjamin Lynn Acha, 22, of Madison Heights was operating a Suzuki 4-wheeler on private property when he lost control while trying to climb a hill. The vehicle flipped over backward and struck a tree.

Acha suffered multiple injuries including a fractured arm and facial lacerations. The helmet he was wearing at the time of the crash came off during the crash which likely increased the severity of his injuries. Acha was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by private vehicle.

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 4:30 p.m., in the Board Conference Room, second floor, One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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The Lake Charlevoix Area

Trout Tournament

Tournament Headquarters at the band shell, East Park, downtown Charlevoix

Trout Tournament draws area anglers

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

You may be able to resist the lure of minnows, worms and spoons, but many local fish will soon be overwhelmed with the urge as anglers descend on Lake Charlevoix.

Dave Juilleret

According to Chris Mikulski, Chairman of the 21st Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament, this year's event should be one of their best.

"The last couple of years we had just a little over five hundred participants," he said. "There's a lot of great prizes and we have a grand prize drawing."

Though the last couple tournaments have seen a decrease in the number of fish caught, Mikulski said he thinks contestants will have better luck this year.

"It looks like it's going to be good fishing this year," he said. "Better than in some other years."

The Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament might be the biggest amateur tournament in the state, Mikulski said.

Some members of the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization will attend to help kids bait and remove fish from their hooks during the Sloppy Joe Maltese memorial fishing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 11 in East Park. Mikulski said up to $500 of the proceeds will go to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Dave Juilleret, a founding member of the tournament said, the event was originally started as a means to help out Charlevoix's economy during the late spring and early summer when the area wasn't quite so busy. Over the years it evolved from a tourist draw to more of a community event as more locals and less out-of-towners participate in the festivities.

"Basically, what we like to see is mom and dad out on a boat fishing with the kids. We can get kids involved and give them an appreciation of the outdoors," Juilleret said.

He added, "It's family oriented. This is what it is all about."

Aside from helping local businesses and giving families a chance to spend quality time together, some of the proceeds from the tournament are given in the way of scholarships to students studying conservation.

Funds also go to catch and release ponds in Charlevoix and Petoskey stocked with fish.

While there will be thousands of dollars in prizes given away for the biggest fish, Juilleret said there will be many prizes for those who may not be the greatest fisherman in the world too.

The tournament fishing areas are Round Lake, Lake Charlevoix and part of Lake Michigan from Norwood to Seven Mile Point. Prizes will be awarded for first through twentieth place and the largest fish in each division will be mounted by Jeff Lutz of Lasting Memories Taxidermy.

First place is a trophy and $1,000, second place is $500, third place is $300, fourth place is $200 and fifth place is $100. Sixth through tenth places will receive $50 and eleventh through twentieth places receive a $25 award.

Last year's big winners were Sam Washburn with a 10.14 pound Brown Trout, Kurt Roelofs with a 10.84 pound Lake Trout and Tom Mussleman with a 7.96 pound Steelhead.

Anglers will vie for top prizes as they try to nab the largest Brown Trout, Steelhead and Lake Trout in the area. Competition begins at 5 a.m. Friday, June 10 and ends at noon Sunday, June 12. An awards ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. in East Park.

The deadline for registration is 8 p.m., Thursday June 9 at the tournament headquarters in the East Park band shell. The entry fee for adults is $25, kids six to 14 is $10, five and younger are admitted at no charge.

For more information on the tournament call (231) 330-0867, (231) 547-9054 or (231) 547-6805.

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June 10, 11, 12, 2005

Registration

Registration will take place at Tournament Headquarters in East Park - Bandshell. The deadline for registering will be 8 p.m., June 9th, 2005. The entry is $25 per adult, $10 for children ages 6 thru 14, children five and under are free, but must register. Registration fees must be paid in U.S. currency. For more information call (231)330-0867, (231)547-9054 or (231)547-6805.

More fun to be had

In addition to tournament fishing, there will also be, a Kids' Fish Pond in East Park on Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; food available in the park; an Awards Ceremony beginning at 1 p.m., June 12th in the park, Grand Prize drawings in the park in which you must be present to win, and sponsor displays in the park.

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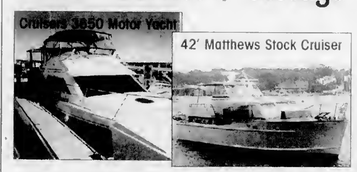

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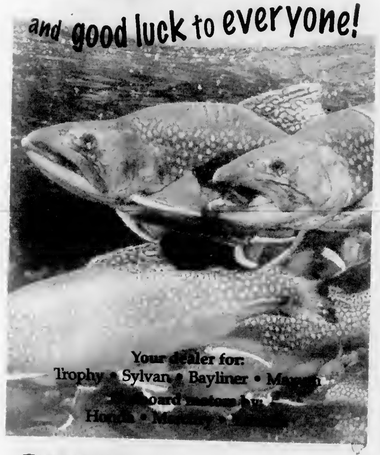

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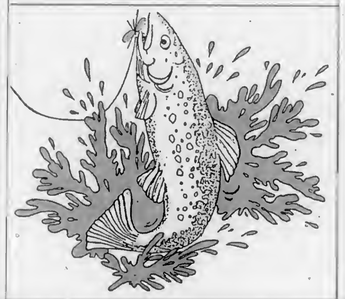

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Child's letter garners attention of presidents

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A Charlevoix Elementary School student has received international attention for simply doing her homework.

Maggie Hamilton

According to third grader Maggie Hamilton, in January, when she wrote the assigned letter to an unknown victim of the tsunami disaster that devastated Indonesia, she had no idea the presidents of Indonesia and America would read it. Or, that Indonesian ambassador, Soemadi Brotodinigratto, would recognize her letter with a visit to Charlevoix.

Hamilton wrote the short, but heartfelt letter Jan. 26 addressed simply to "A dear friend."

An excerpt from the letter reads, "Hi, my name is Maggie. I am sorry for what happened to your country. I have heard something about that. I hope your family and friends are OK. In church, I pray for you and your family."

Hamilton's letter went on to say she and her classmates were helping raise money for the disaster stricken portions of Indonesia by making and selling bracelets, one of which she sent with the letter.

A short time later, someone from AMFRICORP in Indonesia saw it and passed it along to someone else. Eventually, it ended up in the hands of Indonesian president Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

"The president of Indonesia was so impressed by it that he faxed it to an elementary school there and a little girl named Nada (Lutfiah) wrote back to her (Maggie)," Hamilton's mom explained.

Lutfiah is a student at Keude Bieng Elementary School in the Lhoknga Aceh Besar district, near the capital Banda Aceh who lost her family in the tsunami this spring.

President Yudhoyono brought both letters to the United States when he met with President Bush and read them to him.

President Yudhoyono directed his amhassador, amhassador Brotodinigratto, to visit Charlevoix with a letter from and picture of Lutfiah, which he will present at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9 at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Hamilton said she feels sad for everyone suffering a loss and is anxious to meet Brotodmigratto.

She added that she would like to become pen pals with Lutfiah and hopes to someday meet her. She also encouraged other children to write

"They (other kids) should because it's nice and it will make other people that got the letter happy," she said. "All this happened to me, so something good can happen to them if they wrote the letter."

Barb, Hamilton's mom, hopes this gesture between the two girls can be the start of something positive for everyone, regardless of culture and location.

"Everybody just thinks that everybody over on the other side of the earth aren't looking for peace, but these people are. They want to have peace all over the world too and it would be great if a little letter like this could spark something in two different countries around the world," she said.

Tilleys head to Haiti to join Raincatcher group

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A local man and his sons flew to a land of rampant disease, corrupt government and utter chaos, to give clean water to thirsty people.

Mike Tilley, of Charlevoix, and his sons spent their own money to travel with a group of nearly 20 people to build rainwater collection and purification systems in the village of Seguin in Haiti.

Tilley said, "My son Kiel went with his mission group last year to Haiti. We were personally affected by his stories, enthusiasm and desire to go back in May 2005. When Kiel signed up for another team and eight day trip to Haiti I and his brother Chris went along."

According to Tilley, Raincatchers, the group they traveled with, is a nondenominational Christian group that sends volunteers to provide clean water to Haitians.

"But I also saw it providing a youth leadership training experience that required the ability to improvise and adapt in a remote environment," he said. "It was pretty rewarding to do that with my sons. I'll go as long as they go."

Tilley said the work he did with his sons this spring had such an impact on him that he plans to go back for another trip next year.

"They don't have much, they are growing a few cabbages and carrots and tending their goats," he said. "No electricity, no phones, just a small business district where they barter vegetables for chickens and stuff. And as far as the eye can see there are these little shacks."

Tilley said the leaders of the country have pretty much raped the environment leaving citizens with few resources.

"Those people don't even know who is running their country," he said. "They are good, nice Christian people who love us (Americans) for

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Local family assists in drinking water effort

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helping them. The problem is there is no good drinking water. Those people walk three to five miles a day to get water out of a mud puddle which is diseased."

With the Raincatchers system, not only do the villagers have fresh drinking water, but the source is now much closer to them.

"The systems we installed collect rainwater off the tin roof of their huts piping it though two filters into a plastic drum serving as a cistern," he said.

During their eight day stay, Tilley and the rest of the group installed 33 Raincatchers.

"We split into three teams that branched out daily to install Raincatchers on the homes of villagers. While it rains daily there, there is no groundwater," he explained.

He added, "Walking miles a day over rocky terrain hauling barrels, sheet metal and PVC piping was physically exhausting, but I have never felt so purposeful or had a more rewarding experience."

Tilley said some of those water systems have been up since 1999 and people who had the system installed years ago still come out of their homes to thank the workers as they pass.

"The rural people we encountered were loving, appreciative and often offered the group what little food they had," Tilley said.

According to Tilley, the eight day trip costs approximately $1,500 and some of the work was grueling, but the money and time spent was well worth it.

"The kids raise that ($1,500) on their own. That covers your airfare, food, transportation and everything," he said. "You sleep in the dirt and hike three or four miles up and down the mountain, spend a little time with the family and install a water system."

He added, "We did at least two a day, sometimes three. It was pretty rewarding stuff. I think it's a very good thing for America, your doing things to help them and they're real, grateful people."

In addition to taking several of these trips, his sons have begun inspiring others to do the same.

"My boys went there full-steam ahead on it and they're trying to get other people signed up," he said.

He added, "To spend a week with a bunch of kids who take their spring break and their money to go over there — what a wholesome, decent bunch of kids, it kind of renews your faith in our youth."

There are two or three groups a year which travel to Haiti to install the Raincatchers. For more information on joining or supporting the foundation go to www.raincatchers.org.

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Charlevoix's Tilley family visited Haiti to work with Raincatchers. (Back, from left) Kiel, Chris (front, center) and Mike pose with villagers.

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Practice caution when flying kites outdoors

Warming temperatures, blue skies and spring breezes are beckoning kite flyers outdoors. Consumers Energy offers some advice to help make outdoor activities safe as well as enjoyable.

"We urge everyone to follow a few important safety rules when flying kites," said Timothy J. Pietryga, senior public information director for the utility. "When it comes to outdoor fun, look up to identify hazards and obstacles, stay away from overhead electric lines, and stay safe."

Kites should never be flown near electric power lines. If a kite gets tangled on an overhead wire, don't try to get it – let it go. Adults should caution children to never climb a utility pole, a tree located near a power line or an antenna tower to retrieve a kite. Buying a new kite is the safest course of action.

Consumers Energy offers some basic rules to help kite flyers have fun and avoid trouble.

• Keep away from all overhead wires, especially electric lines.

• When buying or making a kite, make sure it is constructed of wood, plastic or paper. Never use anything metallic, such as aluminum foil or Mylar polyester film; they conduct electricity.

• Use dry kite string when flying your kite and never use wire.

• Fly your kite in open areas in dry weather. Avoid streets and highways and keep away from television and radio antennas.

County Commission on Aging schedules annual senior picnic

The Twenty-sixth Annual Senior Picnic is scheduled for July 13.

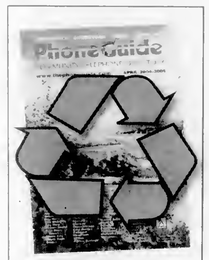
The picnic will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Due to the increased number of seniors attending the picnic, the site of the event has been moved to Harvest Barn Word of The Church, located at 201 South Lake Street, in East Jordan.

The cost is $6 for non seniors and a suggested donation of $3 for seniors.

The picnic menu is barbecued chicken and all the fixings.

To purchase tickets call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.



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United Way cuts funding to Camp McSauba

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The United Way has cutback funding to area agencies leaving some Mount McSauba Day Campers without scholarships.

City of Charlevoix Recreation Director, Ike Boss, received a letter May 25 from Dianne Clifford Dupont, executive director of the CharEm United Way, outlining funding available to campers this year.

Boss was surprised to see major cuts were handed down.

"They've had to cut everybody. But we've been hit hard," he said.

In previous years, the United Way has provided funding for about 20 scholarships at the camp. This year that has been pared back to five. The weekly camper cost is $80.

The camp started in 1975. Since its inception, the United Way has been the primary source of scholarship funding. Boss said he has seen small changes in the amount of money allocated to the camp, but never a hit like this.

Dupont said camp cuts are directly related to a 39 percent decrease in donations to the organization. Last year, they received $217,000 while this year, $138,000 came in.

Dupont attributes funding issues to many things including redirection of donations this year from the United Way to the tsunami relief and hurricane disaster efforts. The United Way has decided to reduce administrative costs by letting Dupont's assistant go. This means Dupont will cover the two county area on her own.

"Unfortunately, this was a skimpy year and we can't give out more than we take in," Duponst said.

Because of this, the United Way board of directors and citizen advisors decided to distribute the money so its agencies received close to the same percentage of the pie that they got last year.

But Boss said the pie is too small to meet the camp's needs.

Boss said the eight-session camp which is open to kids ages 5-12 starts June 20 and a stack of scholarship applications have already came in. He is hoping the community will help fund the balance of the scholarships.

"We started this camp under the premise that every child needs a camp experience. We don't want to turn any child away because of need," Boss said.

The Rainbow Shoppe in Charlevoix donated $800 to the camp last week.

For information about the scholarship program or to donate, contact Boss at (231) 547-3253.

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Pictured above are Mount McSauba campers from previous years. Due to cuts in funding from the United Way, this year, fewer scholarships may be available for campers in need.

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Rayder soccer team takes district title

The Charlevoix High School Lady Rayder soccer team claimed their first ever district title with a victory over Boyne City at the Harbor Springs Ottawa Stadium last week.

Charlevoix went into the June 3 match knowing that Boyne would be ready. The Ramblers had forced the Rayders into a double overtime 0-0 tie earlier in the season during conference play. The Rayders won the conference rematch 5-0.

Charlevoix started out strong in district play, dominating play but was unable to penetrate the net despite over 10 early shots.

Buie, the Boyne keeper had their defense packed in and stopped several Rayder attempts. Finally, with about 10 minutes left in the half, Charlevoix midfielder Becca Madison sent a long ball to the right corner which was gathered by Ariel Ramsey. With a couple nice moves, she beat the keeper to put the Rayders on the board.

Just a few minutes later, midfielder Sarah Cross sent a nice long ball to the left corner which was gathered by Lori Zimmerman who beat the defender and put the ball past Baie for the 2-0 lead at half.

The Rayders improved their control and passing in the second half. The final score of the night came when seniors Madison McKenzie and Meghan Lame connected. McKenzie sent a ball back out to the 20 where Lame launched a high shot over the keeper.

The Rayder's midfield and defenders limited Boyne to just 2 shots, both of which were gathered by junior keeper Laura Nitchman, who earned the Rayder's twelfth shutout of the season in goal. Stevie Murray, Lisa Knebler, McKenzie and Meighan Havens played well defensively.

Midfielder Zita Anderson had a great game to help Cross and Madison control the midfield. Although senior forward Jaime Pettis didn't score, she created opportunities for her teammates all night with her aggressive play.

Coach Carol Madison said, "This was an overall great team effort culminating in the district title. Boyne played well and kept our scoring down. However, our girls were not going to be denied."

"After losing in the district final to Harbor last year, we set our goal and put in the work necessary to achieve it. Our younger players mixed in well with our upper classes. Our four seniors, Cross, Lame, McKenzie and Pettis are all four year letter winners and have provided leadership and taught determination, showing the path for those who will follow," she added.

Charlevoix, now 15-4-1 overall, advances to the Harbor Springs Regional. The Rayders will face Saginaw Valley Lutheran (14-5-1) at 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 8at Ottawa Stadium.

Charlevoix earned the spot in the district final with a convincing win over the Rams in Harbor Springs on May 31. Charlevoix outshot Harbor 21 to 11 on the night.

Madison was pleased to enter district play with this win under their belt.

"It is tough to beat a good team 3 times in a season. Harbor has ended Charlevoix's season in the districts the past few years. When we play our game, we are tough to beat," she said.

Tennis finishes 17 out of 23 teams at state meet

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Charlevoix High School varsity tennis team closed a successful season with a seventeenth place finish at the division four state competition.

The team won three matches out of eight flights at the state meet which took place June 3 in East Lansing.

Head coach Erik Lundteigen, was excited to see the improvement over last year's showing at the state tourney when his team took only one point.

"I'm really proud of these guys for making it there (to the state tournament). We had a great day and got some great experience," he said.

In singles play Nate Turner lost to Berrien Springs, Adam Wager fell to Chesaning, Justin Klooster lost to Buchanan and Matt Novotny lost to Essexville Garber.

The Essexville coach approached Lundteigen at the game and commended Novotny's hard work in the match.

In doubles play, Mitch Klooster and Andrew Mailloux notched a win against Berrien Springs, 6-1 and 6-4. They followed this match with a face off against number two seed, Ann Arbor Greenhills and lost.

Doubles team Cody Wheat and Mike Greyerhiehl had a bi in the first round and faced Grandville Calvin Christian in the second round of play. They were able to knock off Grandville and notched Charlevoix's second win of the day with 6-4 and 6-0 matches. Wheat and Greyerhiehl fell to number one seed Grosse Isle in final match play.

Their fellow doubles teammates, Dan Swenor and Dustin Dibble fell to Portland.

Taylor Martin and Sparky Nitchman lost to Essexville Garber in what Lundteigen characterized as a "great, close match."

This was the final high school tennis meet for seven of the 13 varsity players. Lundteigen said he has had a lot of fun with the graduating seniors over the past four years and is looking forward to rebuilding next year.

"We are going to be a little less experienced, but we have some good players coming up," he said.

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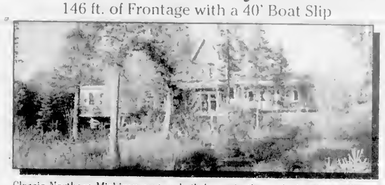

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SPORTS

Baseball closes season with impressive statistics

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Jake Teuscher closed out his varsity career with two tremendous pitching efforts in district play.

With Teuscher on the hill, the Rayders beat Harbor Springs, 10-2, and were eliminated by Boyne City, 3-0.

Teuscher limited Harbor Springs to one run on one hit in four innings of work. He threw a complete game against Boyne City, yielding only six hits, two walks and striking out five in six innings.

Charlevoix stranded ten runners against the Ramblers and committed two costly errors, leading to two runs.

"I tip my hat to Coach (Beano) Archey and to the Boyne players (who went on to win the district)," Coach Bryan Hawkins said. "They made some fantastic defensive plays to keep the game under control and their number three and number four hitters pounded the ball all day long. We couldn't get the big hit we needed and they made the defensive plays to keep it that way."

The Rayders managed only four hits — by Jake Teuscher, Tyler Bier, Danny Waldron and Shannon Gillespie.

Against Harbor, Bier was 4 for 4, including a double and two runs scored and an RBI at the plate. Michael Wojan had two doubles, two runs scored and an RBI. The Waldron brothers — Danny and Eddie, each had two hits.

Jake Teuscher doubled and had two RBI. Will Kautz singled.

"I was very excited for Will Kautz to get his very first hit of the year," Hawkins commented. "He's a great kid who works hard and it was nice to see him have that success in his final varsity at-bat."

Three Rayder seniors earned all-district awards from the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association — Jake Teuscher at catcher, Tyler Bier in the infield, and Michael Wojan in the outfield.

Jake Teuscher finished his career in tenth place on the Rayders all-time hit list. He finished his senior year with a .352 batting average. Teuscher led the team with seven doubles and 31 runs scored. He had a .438 on-base percentage and, according to Hawkins, was "a flat-out tenacious player."

Bier also ended his high school baseball career, posting a .421 batting average, a team-leading 35 hits and seven doubles. He scored 26 runs and drove in 18 and had a .432 on-base percentage.

Wojan hit .368, tied for the team lead in triples with three and led the team with .476 on-base percentage, helped by his team high 10 hit-by-pitches.

"Those three seniors carried us, and kept us afloat when some off-field problems hurt our team," Hawkins noted. "I'm proud to have coached these three players."

Charlevoix finished with a 13-16 record overall, 6-8 in the conference which left the Rayders in sixth place.

"I felt we were competitive for the most part, but couldn't quite break through when the timing demanded," Hawkins observed. "We had nineteen games decided by three runs or less, but we were only able to win five of those contests. We were also 0-4 in extra inning games."

Highlights of the year, according to Hawkins, included the Florida trip, winning the Charlevoix Invitational and beating rivals Petoskey, Boyne City and Elk Rapids.

The future looks bright, as the junior varsity team posted a 19-7 record on the year.

Hawkins noted players to watch in the future as Eddie Waldron, a junior who hit .407 on the varsity with team-highs in RBI with 28 and slugging percentage, .625; Matt Teuscher, a junior who was second on the varsity with 27 RBI and posted a team-low 3.44 ERA on the mound; Matt Heimbuch, a sophomore who posted five wins on the JV and two more for the varsity; Danny Waldron, a sophomore who posted a perfect 7-0 record on the mound and was voted team MVP by his teammates on the JV and who hit .344 for the varsity; freshman Cliff Jones, who was thrown into the fire, playing some shortstop and centerfield on the varsity; and, freshman Ty Telgenhof who picked up his first varsity pitching win late in the season and who hit .413 for the JVs.

Softball team ends season with a win against Boyne

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Playing some of their best softball of the season, the Charlevoix Rayders beat Harbor Springs in tournament action, 6-4, before ending their season with a tough 5-1 loss to Boyne City.

"I was real happy with the team's play (in the districts)," Coach Elizabeth Grunch said. "The team has really improved on offense and defense this season."

Genevieve Kochanny led the Rayder bats with two hits against Harbor Springs. Sasha Spencley doubled. Desi Faust and Leah Kelly both singled.

Faust was the winning pitcher, throwing what coach Grunch termed "an exceptional game", walking no one.

Against Boyne, Kochanny again led the hitters with two singles. Spencley, Murphy Gillespie and Renee Drew also had hits.

Faust walked four and struck out four in a complete game pitching performance.

Things look bright in the future for Charlevoix softball as this year's team featured a number of freshmen and sophomores.

"They are a very young team with a lot of desire to better themselves on the field," Grunch noted. "It will be exciting to see their growth throughout the next few years."

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CHARLEVOIX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Clayton Mitchell	1				
Michael Heckendorn	3	1			2
Andrew Largent	2				
Ty Telgenhof		1			
Nick Williams	2			1	
Gunnar Whitley	1				
Alex Foster	1				
Chase Moore	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Ty Telgenhof 5.2/3	8	7	8	
Clayton Mitchell 1/3	1			
Woody Nitchman	1	1	1	

BOYNE CITY - NOT REPORTED

JUNE 2
CHARLEVOIX 7,
EAST JORDAN 2

CHARLEVOIX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Woody Nitchman	1				
Andrew Largent	1				
Nick Williams	1				
Chase Moore	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Michael Heckendorn 7	1	14	6	

EAST JORDAN - NOT REPORTED

MAJOR LEAGUE

MAY 31 - ATHLETICS 5, DODGERS 4
ATHLETICS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Boog Nitchman	1	1			
Cody Herriman	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Boog Nitchman	4	3	10	
Cody Herriman	1	0	2	3
Andrew Potter	1	1	0	1

DODGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Brett Ludwig	1				
Brandon Darrah	1	1			
Jordan Farmer	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Charlie Hamilton	2	1	2	3
Brandon Darrah	4	3	6	4

MAY 31 - ST. LOUIS CARDS 4, BOSTON RED SOX 1
CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Wyatt Drost	2				
Thomas Rich	1				
Myles Kerr	1				
Morgan Stewart	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Thomas Rich	5	1	12	4

RED SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
James Spieth	1	1			1

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
JT Lawrence	5	5	11	1

JUNE 2 - ST. LOUIS CARDS 12,
BOSTON RED SOX 2
CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Matthew Klooster	1				
Wyatt Drost	1				
Myles Kerr	1	1			
Jeremy Downey	1	1			
Keegan LeBlanc	1		1		
Tommy Zipp	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Tommy Zipp	2	2	3	2
Keegan LeBlanc	2	2	3	1

RED SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Addison Amstutz	1				
J.T. Lawrence		1			
David Merrill	1				
River Gauthier	1				
James Spieth					1

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Addison Amstutz	2		2	5
Nolon Age	2		4	5

JUNE 2 - OAKLAND 8, DODGERS 7
ATHLETICS 0 - NO STATS
DODGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jeremy Whitley	2				
Charlie Hamilton	1				
Clyde Schoonover	2				
Brandon Darrah	1	1			
Brett Ludwig					
Jordan Farmer					

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Charlie Hamilton	2	1	3	1
Brett Ludwig	3	7	3	2

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Local designer wins national award

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Realizing the function and beauty of a customized kitchen or bathroom is the passion which makes one Charlevoix resident an award winner.

Liz Firebaugh's desire to provide unique, personalized service drove her from sales to planning and design. And, as a certified kitchen and bath designer (CKD) she went on to win the Pinnacle of Design Award for the best overall design project in the 2005 NKBA Design Competition.

"It's the biggest honor in the industry and I'll keep working on it for next year," she said.

Firebaugh won for one of her latest kitchen designs in Bay Harbor.

Though this was one of the first contests she entered, Firebaugh's design was named the best out of over 400 entrants by 14 judges. Out of 11 categories Firebaugh received $1,500 and first place in the category of Open Plan Kitchen. In addition to the Pinnacle prize of $5,000, Firebaugh attended the National Kitchen and Bath Association Board of Directors Gala in Las Vegas, Nev. earlier this spring.

While Firebaugh is grateful for the award, she doesn't take all of the credit.

"Amy Dixon, who works with me on a lot of these projects was co-designer on that award," Firebaugh said. "She works behind the scenes a lot."

Firebaugh grew up in Iowa and received her degree in marketing from the University of Northern Colorado. It was during a stint as a seller in a furniture store that she realized she needed to work more directly with her customers and their projects.

"My sister was building a house and at the time I was working in a furniture store," Firebaugh said. "She was meeting with her kitchen designer and I kind of overheard their conversation and I had the thought 'that sounds fun to do.'"

Firebaugh added, "At the time there really wasn't any type of certified kitchen design within an architecture school. At the time you started out with more of a stock line of cabinets and progressed up to custom."

Firebaugh's approximate 26 years in the kitchen and bath design business has allowed her the creativity and personal connection with clients she had always been looking for in her career. And, one of the best ways to personalize someone's space, is often to implement pieces the owners already have.

"I think it's more interesting to incorporate their own antiques, using the things they have and working in their spaces," she said. "That's something that we usually work with the client on."

According to Firebaugh, winning this award won't keep her from working on jobs some consider to be of a lesser priority.

"Even the small projects are fun. There are always wonderful design elements," She said.

Some of the bigger challenges she has found are simply finding time for the designer and client to meet and making the client happy in what is often such a short time-frame.

"Sometimes timetables are really hard and you want to meet your clients expectations," she said.

Firebaugh said she has lived and worked in several different cities, but after receiving her certification, she moved to northern Michigan and shortly thereafter opened Signature Kitchens in Petoskey.

"This area just really brings in a wide variety of small cottages and wonderful homes," she said. "It's a great area to live and do this job."

Firebaugh's company has worked on projects all over the Round Lake and the Lake Michigan area including cottages and houses in the Belvedere Club and they even have one of their project designs featured in this summer's Charlevoix Home Tour.

While Firebaugh hasn't done anything extreme like designing a bathroom made of solid gold, she has incorporated hand painted scenes on tiles by local artist Sue Bolt.

Courtesy photo

Liz Firebaugh pictured second from left recently won the Pinnacle of Design Award for the best overall kitchen and bath design project 2005.

"They can do everything from a cottage scene to a favorite winter scene or summer scene to help personalize a kitchen," Firebaugh said.

Firebaugh said she has found other unique ways to incorporate northern Michigan themes into the scheme of your kitchen or bath.

"We've done Petoskey stones. We work them into the hardware, like the knobs," she said.

Another thing Firebaugh likes about her line of work is the opportunity to utilize area resources whenever working on a local project.

"There is a lot of talent in Charlevoix — interior designers and architects and builders, so I try to use the local trades," she said.

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Alano Club reinstates office hours

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Alano Club is open for business after a year of reduced hours of operation.

The club's new hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday through June, July and August.

According to Scott Kelly, a founding member of the Alano Club and its management services coordinator, for nearly two decades the club has hosted 35 percent of the substance abuse support groups in the area. He said that despite a year of financial uncertainty, the clubhouse recently reopened on a regular basis.

"Due to financial reasons in (January) 2004 we had to eliminate paid employees and that resulted in closing the main clubhouse at the time which gave us time to financially get back on stable ground," he said.

The club continued to host the 12-step meeting groups, but had to close its doors to walk-ins.

In January 2004, the Alano Club took steps necessary to renew interest of its local membership.

"When we started there was about 10 dues paying members so we increased that to over 70," Kelly said.

Kelly has a masters degree in counseling and is certified in addictions counseling and relapse prevention. He has 19 years experience of professional treatment experience and 22 years of personal recovery experience.

According to Kelly, who is also the executive director of Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES), the two groups have an agreement that BASES will oversee the financial and operational aspects of the club.

"The typical community member doesn't realize all the stuff you have to do. There are just a ton of people who come up here on a seasonal basis," he said. "In the off season the club serves approximately 200-300 people per week, but in the summer the number rises to between 700-800 people per week."

With such a large number of people in need of service, the most important thing Kelly wants the community to know is the club is back.

"The resources are still available and we need to continue to make sure that we have substance abuse services and support groups available to community members," he said. "Charlevoix is fortunate to have an Alano Club because we're probably the only one within about a 50 mile radius."

Kelly added, "Professional counseling treatment resources are dwindling due to cutbacks by the state and insurance companies."

Aside from Alcoholics Anonymous and many other programs the club offers, there is a new Chronic Illness/Pain 12 step program and a new drop-in host, Tory Werth. Werth, 28, will be in the club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday to answer phones, show educational videos

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Substance abuse support club offers new services

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Werth has been a full-time prevention specialist at BASES for over 6 years. He also worked for over a year at the Munson Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center and has 10 years of personal recovery experience.

"I like to be of service to others pertaining to addiction recovery," he said.

Werth will show videos about addiction and recovery between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. daily followed by a short open discussion pertaining to the material.

Kelly said he hopes people with questions or concerns about themselves or a loved one will use the service.

"There is help for addiction," he said. "So often the denial and secrecy prevent people from seeking out the resources that are available."

The Alano Club is supported in part by the United Way, membership fees and donations from public and private individuals. Anyone wishing to help support the club can mail donations to: The Alano Club, 106 Mason Street, Charlevoix Michigan, 49720.

For information about meetings call (231) 547-9184.

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The Alano Club on Mason Street has new hours. Pictured above is Tory Werth, who is heading up new projects at the club.

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YARD SALE: 8 to 2 p.m., Saturday June 11, 106 W. Lincoln, Charlevoix. Home sold. Everything left must go!

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MISC. FOR SALE 134

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(11-10-tf-168)

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CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEEKING BIDS FOR THE HOME CONSTRUCTED BY TECHNOLOGY CLASS

The Charlevoix Public Schools are seeking bids for the home the Construction Technology Class built. It is 1,456 square feet, 28' x 52', 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a great layout. Starting bid is $49,000.00 The bids are from June 1 through June 10, 2005. Contact Joe Vogelheim (REMAX) at 547-9980, for bidding and further information.
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010821-DE

Estate of Ann Alice Mikulski

Date of Birth: November 8, 1921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Alice Ann Mikulski, who lived at 13154 Cedar, Charlevoix, Michigan died May 13, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Francis Dean Mikulski, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 1, 2005

Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State Street Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-4059

Francis Dean Mikulski
13196 Cedar
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9054
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

On May 20, 2005, the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) amended the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) quarantine. This quarantine includes 20 counties in southeast Michigan and 19 quarantined outlying areas of isolated infestation. An excerpt outlining highlights of the quarantine as well as the regulated articles are indicated below. A complete copy of the quarantine and accompanying maps are available on the MDA website at www.michigan.gov/eab. It is also available upon request at all MDA regional offices and through MDA's Pesticide and Plant Pest Management division Lansing office, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909, or by calling (517) 373-1087.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
PESTICIDE AND PLANT PEST MANAGEMENT DIVISION
EMERALD ASH BORER INTERIOR QUARANTINE
(Revised May 20, 2005)

WHEREAS, the Director, Michigan Department of Agriculture, having found that an exotic pest, known as the emerald ash borer, Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire), has been detected in this state and has a limited distribution at this time; and

WHEREAS, the emerald ash borer has been found infesting and killing ash, Fraxinus spp., trees in certain counties, cities, and townships; and

WHEREAS, ash trees are a valuable resource for the nursery, landscaping, and timber industries in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, ash trees represent a significant component of the natural environment in Michigan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture by the authority of Act No. 72 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, and Quarantine Regulation No. 620, does promulgate this quarantine to prevent the further spread of this pest and sets forth: definitions, regulated articles, quarantined article, regulated areas, quarantined areas, conditions of movement, violations and penalties, and special exemptions. This revised quarantine shall become effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded by the Director.

I. DEFINITIONS.
The following terms shall be construed to mean:
(A) **CERTIFICATE and CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION** mean a document issued or authorized to be issued by the Director, including state-issued certificates of quarantine compliance, state phytosanitary certificates, and multiple-use quarantine certificates to allow the movement of regulated articles to any destination.
(B) **COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT OF FIREWOOD** means quantities of firewood in excess of two-face cords.
(C) **COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT** means a written agreement between a person moving regulated articles and the Michigan Department of Agriculture wherein the former agrees to comply with the requirements of the agreement.
(D) **DIRECTOR** means the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture or his or her authorized representative.
(E) **INFESTATION** means the presence of the emerald ash borer or the existence of the circumstances that make it reasonable to believe that the emerald ash borer is present.
(F) **INSPECTOR** means an employee of the Michigan Department of Agriculture authorized to enforce the provisions of this quarantine.
(G) **LOG** means tree parts cut into lengths 4 feet or longer to be milled or processed. This does not include logs intended for firewood.
(H) **MICHIGAN'S LOWER PENINSULA** means the area that consists of those 68 contiguous Michigan counties lying between the Michigan-Indiana/Ohio state line to the south and the northernmost point of Emmet County to the north. For the purpose of this quarantine, Michigan's Lower Peninsula is divided into two areas, the quarantine area and the regulated area as described below.
(I) **MOVED (MOVE, MOVEMENT)** means shipped, offered for shipment, received for transportation, transported, carried, or allowed to be moved or shipped.
(J) **PERSON** means an individual, society, association, partnership, corporation, or other organized entities.

II. REGULATED ARTICLES.
(A) The emerald ash borer, Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire), in any living stage of development.
(B)Entire ash (Fraxinus spp.) trees.
(C) Ash limbs and branches.
(D) Ash logs or untreated ash lumber with bark attached.
(E) Uncomposted ash chips and uncomposted ash bark chips larger than 1 inch in diameter in two dimensions.
(F) Any article, product or means of conveyance when it is determined by the Director to present the risk of spread of the emerald ash borer, Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire).
(G) Cut firewood of any non-coniferous (hardwood) species.

III. REGULATED AREA
The counties and portions of counties in Michigan's Lower Peninsula that are not designated as quarantined.

IV. QUARANTINED AREAS.
The counties and portions of counties as listed below are designated as quarantined areas, based on the confirmed presence of emerald ash borer, Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire). In addition, the Director may designate as quarantined any area where the presence of the emerald ash borer, Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire), is confirmed in the future. Information on additional quarantined areas not listed within this quarantine will be provided on the Michigan Department of Agriculture web-site located at www.michigan.gov/mda. Thereafter, the movement of any regulated article from an area designated as quarantined or regulated will be subject to this quarantine. As soon as practicable, this area will be added to the list of quarantined areas within this quarantine and the Director will post an update to the quarantine on the Michigan Department of Agriculture website provided above. A current printed listing will also be available upon request at all Michigan Department of Agriculture Regional offices and through the Michigan Department of Agriculture Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division Lansing Office, P.O. Box 30017 Lansing, Michigan 48909, (517) 373-1087.

Alcona County / Iosco County: Quarantine Boundary - Cedar Lake / Van Etten Lake area
Antrim County / Grand Traverse County / Kalkaska County: Quarantine Boundary - Lake Skegemog / Torch Lake area
Barry County / Ionia County: Quarantine Boundary - Lake Odessa area
Berrien County: Quarantine Boundary - St. Joseph area
Branch County - the entirety
Calhoun County - the entirety
Charlevoix County: Quarantine Boundary - Boyne City & Evangeline Twp. area
Cheboygan County / Presque Isle County: Quarantine Boundary - Forest Twp. area
Clinton County - the entirety
Eaton County - the entirety
Emmet County: Quarantine Boundary - Petoskey area
Genessee County - the entirety
Grand Traverse County: Quarantine Boundary - Peninsula Twp. in its entirety; Quarantine Boundary - see Antrim Co.
Gratiot County - the entirety
Hillsdale County - the entirety
Ingham County - the entirety
Ionia County - see Barry Co.
Iosco County - see Alcona Co.
Jackson County - the entirety
Kalkaska County - see Antrim Co.
Kent County: Quarantine Boundary - Kentwood / Wyoming / Grand Rapids area
Lapeer County - the entirety
Lenawee County - the entirety
Livingon County - the entirety
Macomb County - the entirety
Manistee County: Quarantine Boundary - Tippy Dam area
Midland County: Quarantine Boundary - Coleman area
Monroe County - the entirety
Montcalm County: Quarantine Boundary - Crystal Lake area
Oakland County - the entirety
Oceana County: Quarantine Boundary - Pentwater Twp. in its entirety, including the Village of Pentwater
Osceola County: Quarantine Boundary - McKinley area
Presque Isle County: Quarantine Boundary - Ocqueoc Lake area; Quarantine Boundary - see Cheboygan Co.
Roscommon County: Quarantine Boundary - St. Helen area
Saginaw County - the entirety
Saint Clair County - the entirety
Saint Joseph County: Quarantine Boundary - Nottawa / Colon area
Sanilac County: Quarantine Boundary - Brown City area; Quarantine Boundary - Sanilac Twp. area
Shiawassee County - the entirety
Washtenaw County - the entirety
Wayne County - the entirety

V. CONDITIONS OF MOVEMENT OF REGULATED ARTICLES.
(A) Movement of regulated articles from any quarantined area to any destination outside the quarantined area is prohibited, except under all of the following conditions:
1. A thorough examination of all regulated articles and treatment methods must take place. A certificate of inspection may be issued based upon the determination by the inspector, grower, or shipper authorized to conduct such inspection under a Compliance Agreement, that no life stages of emerald ash borer Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire) are present; based on conditions or treatments administered in accordance with methods approved by the Director.
2. The certificate of inspection shall be attached to the regulated articles, and shall remain on/with the regulated articles until such articles reach their final destination, except when the certificate of inspection is attached to the shipping document and the regulated article is adequately described on the shipping document and the certificate of inspection. The point of origin and the final destination shall be indicated on the bill of lading or other shipping documents and on the certificate of inspection. The certificate of inspection shall be given by the carrier to an inspector when requested or to the consignee at the destination of the shipment.
3. A regulated article may move outside of the quarantined area only to a facility under Compliance Agreement approved by the Director or USDA from September 1 to April 30, for processing, utilization, and/or disposal.
(B)All regulated articles originating outside the quarantined area may move through the quarantined area without a certificate of inspection for this pest, under the following conditions:
1. Passage through the quarantined area is made during the period of September 1 through April 30, and passage is made without stopping except to refuel or for traffic conditions; or during the period of May 1 through August 31 if the articles are shipped in an enclosed vehicle or is completely enclosed by a covering adequate to prevent access by the emerald ash borer, Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire).
2. The point of origin and the final destination of the regulated article must be indicated on the bill of lading or shipping documents.
(C) All Regulated articles originating outside any quarantined area which are moved into the quarantined area Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire) shall be considered to have originated from a quarantined area. These regulated articles may only be moved from the quarantined area under the conditions noted in V (A) above.
(D) Movement of regulated articles from any quarantined area through any non-quarantined area to a quarantined destination is prohibited without a certificate of inspection lor this pest, except under the following conditions:
1. Passage through a non-quarantined area is made during the period of Sept. 1 through April 30 and the passage is made without stopping except for refueling or for traffic conditions; or during the period of May 1 through August 31 if the articles are shipped in an enclosed vehicle or completely enclosed by a covering adequate to prevent the escape of any emerald ash borer, Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire).
2. The point of origin and the final destination of the regulated articles must be indicated on the bill of lading or shipping documents.
(E) Any shipment of ash logs or lumber with bark or commercial shipment of non-coniferous firewood within the regulated area requires a bill of lading or accompanying shipping documents that must indicate the point of origin and final destination of the regulated article by township, county, and state.
(F) The movement of ash logs and lumber with bark originating inside any quarantined area to a destination outside a quarantine area may only be moved from the quarantine area under the conditions noted in V (A) above.
(G) The movement of ash logs and lumber with bark originating from any location within regulated area may only be moved from the regulated area to a destination outside the regulated area under all of the following conditions.
1. A thorough examination of ash logs and lumber with bark and treatment methods must take place. A certificate of inspection may be issued based upon the determination by the inspector, grower, or shipper authorized to conduct such inspection under a Compliance Agreement, that no life stages of emerald ash borer Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire) are present; based on conditions or treatments administered in accordance with methods approved by the Director.
2. The certificate of inspection shall be attached to or accompany the ash logs and lumber with bark, and shall remain with the ash log shipment until such logs reach their final destination, except when the certificate of inspection is attached to the required bill of lading or shipping document. The point of origin and the final destination shall be indicated on the bill of lading or other shipping documents and the certificate of inspection.
3. Ash logs and lumber with bark may move outside of the regulated area only to a facility which is under Compliance Agreement approved by the Director from September 1 to April 30 for processing, utilization, and/or disposal.
(H) The sale and/or movement of all ash nursery stock within, out of or into Michigan's Lower Peninsula is prohibited. This area consists of those 68 contiguous Michigan counties lying between the Michigan-Indiana/Ohio state line to the south and the northernmost point of Emmet County to the north.
(I) The movement of all non-coniferous (hardwood) firewood and other regulated articles other than logs and lumber with bark out of Michigan's Lower Peninsula is prohibited unless heat treated, fumigated or otherwise treated according to specifications approved by the Director. A certificate verifying such treatment must be attached or accompanying these products to their final destination. This area consists of those 68 contiguous Michigan counties lying between the Michigan-Indiana/Ohio state line to the south and the northernmost point of Emmet County to the north.
(J) The movement of regulated articles that do not leave a quarantined area does not require a bill of lading or shipping documents.
(K) Any regulated article from the quarantined area, moved into the regulated area in violation of this quarantine shall be removed from the regulated area immediately or destroyed at the expense of the owner or owners, under the direction of the Director. Likewise any regulated article moved from the Lower Peninsula in violation of this quarantine shall be removed from the non-regulated area immediately or destroyed at the expense of the owner or owners, under the direction of the Director.

VI. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.
(A) Any violation of this quarantine is subject to the full authority of Act No. 72, Public Acts of 1945, as amended.

VII. SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS.
(A) The Director may allow, with written approval, the movement of emerald ash borer, Agrilus planipennis (Fairemaire), into or within Michigan lor research purposes.
(B) Uncomposted ash chips and uncomposted ash bark chips 1 inch and smaller in diameter in two dimensions are not considered to be regulated articles under this quarantine and therelore are exempt from the conditions of movement prescribed.

Date: May 20, 2005
Dan Wyant, Director
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Watershed committee meeting

The Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project Advisory Committee will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 9, at Boyne City Hall. At the meeting the committee will present an evaluation report and will review the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Management Plan.

Orchestra performance

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra begins its summer season in northern Michigan with orchestra favorites, "Beethoven and Schubert." The concert will be presented at 4 p.m. June 12, at the Cross in the Woods, in Indian River. Under the direction of Maestro Matthew Hazelwood, the Bay View artist, Anthony Patterson, will be the featured soloist in Beethoven's Concerto # 1 for Piano and Orchestra. Schubert's 5th Symphony will complete the program.

Admission is $12 for adults and $8 for students. For more information, contact Robert Pattengale at (231) 347-1548.

Youth golf

4-H Youth Golf is being offered this season at Ye-Nyne Olde Holles Golf Course in East Jordan.

Two sessions will be offered in June. The first session, for 7-11 year olds, will he from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. and for 12-16 year olds from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. June 13-16. The second session, for 7-11 year olds, will he from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m. and for 12-16 year olds from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. June.

Friday, June 24, will he a golf play date for all participants at Ye Nyne Olde Holles. Cost is $40 per session. For more information, contact the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

School finance forum

Charlevoix Public School employees and board members invite you to attend a community forum on public school finance to take place from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 14 at the Charlevoix High School auditorium. Come to find out what is happening to Proposal A funding at the state level, what impact the State's decisions are having at the local level, and what we can do about it. If you have any questions or comments, please contact central office at (231) 547-3200.

Book donations accepted

In preparation for the huge annual book sale on Saturday, June 18, the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are accepting all gently used books for resale. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Saturday in the lobby of the Library at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix.

Federal employees meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, June 21, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, Cheri Leach, from the Raven Hill Discovery Center in East Jordan, will speak about the center's many attractions and activities available for all ages. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Outreach lunch

Charlevoix resident Jan McKay, who is sponsoring a ministry outreach program, will host picnic lunches at noon, every Monday this summer, with the exception of July 4 and 11, at Michigan Beach. For more information contact Jan at (231) 547-1378.

Hamilton reception

The Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting its annual reception recognizing and thanking its Ralph Hamilton Circle members at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, June 14, at the Harsha House at 103 State Street in Charlevoix. This evening will also honor Society benefactor Andrew Lonyo and our scholarship-winning students. Membership in the Circle includes annual membership fees. Those who would like to join at any patron level receive inclusion in the Circle. For more information call (231) 547-0373 or visit the website at www.chxhistory.com.

Library dedication

Ellsworth Community School Library Dedication will take place at 7 p.m., Friday, June 17. The library renovation was entirely funded by community and alumni support. Dedication to he followed hy light refreshments. The Ellsworth Community School is loeated at 9467 Park Street in Ellsworth. For more information call (231) 588-2544.

Queen car wash

Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen Competition is having a car wash party fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 11, at Rick's Chiropractic Clinic located at 1422 Bridge Street in Charlevoix next to McDonalds.

Greenbelt discussion

The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting a presentation by Jennifer Gelb of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at 7 p.m. on June 9, who will discuss how to create a winning greenhelt restoration. The lihrary is located at 109 Clinton in Charlevoix or call (231) 547-2651 for directions. For more information visit the council's website at www.watershedcouncil.org/leacontest.html or call (231) 347-1181.

Crooked Tree events

Crooked Tree Arts Center events:

Crooked Tree Arts Center's Kitchen Painter - 2nd Annual Exhihition from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays from May 15 to July 15.

The Art Tree Sales Gallery will showcase artist Kevin Barton's original oil paintings from June 8 to July 11. Meet the Artist Reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 8.

Goin' Dancin! Year End Dance performances at 7 p.m. June 10 in the John Hall Auditorium - Bay View.

Join other art enthusiasts for a day of exploration and relaxation on Crooked Tree Arts Center's first annual Beaver Island Art Adventure for a full day tour from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. June 11. CTAC member fee is $100/Non-members $125.

Brian Gartside Ceramics Workship is June 15-17. Glaze Texture and Surface Decoration demonstrating paper, clay, and developing visual skills is included. CTAC members $150, non-member $180/Ages 17 to Adult. Also join Brian Gartside for Coffee at Ten from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on June 15.

Benefit lunch

Epiphany, aka Baby, a preschooler and the youngest child in the Hang family, has been diagnosed with and is heing treated for cancer at Devos Hospital. Friday, June 10 is being designated Eat for Baby Hang Day at Chee Peng. A donation container will he available at the restaurant and in each of the school buildings.

PTO raffle

The PTO of the Charlevoix Elementary School is having a raffle for four day passes to the Great Wolf Lodge. All proceeds will go to the family of Parker Ebert, one of their students who is battling cancer. Tickets can be purchased at the Charlevoix Elementary School office for $1 each or six for $5. All other donations are appreciated.

Book signing

Poet Rosalyn Goldstick will sign her new book titled Do You Remember?, illustrated with line drawings hy Marilyn Boss, from 1 to 3 p.m., June 11 at the Harsha House museum. All proceeds from sales of the book at the Harsha House go toward support of the Society. Do You Remember? retails for $12.95 plus tax ($13.75). For more information call 547-0373.

Sexual development class

Child Care Connections will sponsor Sexual Development and Children Training classes for Daycare providers, teachers and parents of young children from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 14 and 16 in the CHEC Building at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. The cost is $10. For more information or to register, contact Carrie Ball at (231) 941-8870 ext. 122.

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SPORTS

Track finishes strong at state meet

While the girls and boys track teams did not score points at the state meet June 4, at Comstock Park, north of Grand Rapids, they reached personal and team goals.

"Heat was a hig factor, the track was just steaming," Charlevoix High School girls track team coach, Mary Plude, said.

Plude had seven of her girls go for individual competition to the state meet as compared to one she sent last year.

"They came hack with dreams of next year and that's all you want to instill in them," Plude said.

Individual results for the girls team were:

• 3200 meter relay — the team of Theresa Martin, Lindi Edger, Shannon Dibble and Brittney Lamb finished ninth with a time of 10 minutes, 8 seconds.

• 400 meter relay — the team of Jasmine Witthoeft, Sonya Plude, Caitlin Ernst and Emily Heffling finished with their best time of the season with a time of 52.7 seconds.

• 1600 meter relay — the team of Theresa Martin, Betsey Dennis, Shannon Dibble and Liz Madison finished with their best time of the season and a sixteenth place finish with a time of 4 minutes 17.5 seconds.

• 100 meter hurdles — Emily Heffling made semifinals placing sixteenth with a time of 16.5 seconds.

• 1600 meter run — Lindi Edger finished nineteenth with a time of 5 minutes 30 seconds.

• Long jump — Jasmine Witthoeft had her best jump of the season at 15 feet 1 inch.

Boys coach Ken Pludé sent the men's team as well as seven individual competitors.

The boy's team finished fourth in the state meet May 28.

Individual results for the boys team were:

• 800 meter relay — the team of Ryan Seelye, Darron Munson, Jared Hunt and Ben Bergmann finished with a personal and team best time of 1 minute, 34 seconds.

• 400 meter relay — the team of Ryan Seelye, Travis Johnstone, Jared Hunt and Ben Bergmann finished with a personal and team best time of 45.8 seconds.

• Long jump — Ryan Seelye finished twelfth at 20 feet 2 inches.

• Discus — Jeff Golovich placed fourteenth throwing a distance of 125 feet 7 inches.

• 800 meter — Nate Sotuyo finished in fifteenth place with a time of 2 minutes 2 seconds.

"It was a fantastic season across the board for both teams," Plude said.

Three seniors from the boys team graduated and four senior girls graduated.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix High School's track teams met last week at ACE Hardware in Charlevoix before heading off to the state finals near Grand Rapids.

Rec softball league results and schedule

Results for the Men's Slo-Pitch season opener in Charlevoix on May 31 are as follows:

Game one; Boss Engineering won 11-9 over Flight Deck.

Game two; Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting won 10-1 over D 480/St. Mary's Cement.

Game three; Lakeshore Tire won 18-2 over Art Form Fabricating; Bob Williams and Dave Hahn had one home run each.

Results for the Men's Slo-Pitch for June 1 are as follows:

Game one; Grey Gables won 21-5 over Boss Engineering. Chris Bartling and Doug Waha of Grey Gables each had a home run.

Game two; Lakeshore Tire won 20-7 over Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting. Williams, Brian Roman and Hahn of Lakshore Tire and Don Jess and Chuck Pop of Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting each had one home run.

Game three; Flight Deck won 16-13 over D 480/St. Mary's Cement. Nick Cole of Flight Deck, Ryan Annshury and John Parish of D480/St. Mary's Cement each had a home run.

Results for the Men's Slo-Pitch third night on June 2 are as follows:

Game one; Flight Deck won 21-6 over Art Form Fabricating. Cole had one home run.

Game two; Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting won 22-16 over Boss Engineering. Bret VanSeedum of Swanson's K&D and Neil Friske of Boss Engineering each had one home run.

Game three; Lakeshore Tire won 17-1 over Grey Gables. Mike Miller of Lakeshore scored one home run.

Results for the citywide tournament June 3 are as follows:

Quarter final; Swanson won 7-4 over Flight Deck. Cole had one home run.

Semifinals; Swanson K&D/J. Arnold Painting won 12-5 over Carlson's Home Improvements. Waha had one home run.

Finals; Lakeshore Tire won 7-4 over Swansoh's K&D/J. Arnold Painting. Hahn had one home run.

Games scheduled for Wednesday June 8 include a showdown at 6:30 p.m. with Carlson's Home Improvements facing Lakeshore Tire. This game will he followed by a match-up at 7:30 p.m. with Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting facing the Flight Deck. The final game will take place at 8:30 p.m. today when the D 480/St. Mary's Cement faces Boss Engineering.

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Chamber Action

The Chamber is actively working on the following events:

June 18th exciting day for Taste of Charlevoix

The Chamber is happy to present our 2nd annual Taste of Charlevoix on June 18th. There will be delicious food from our restaurants, beer, wine, and activities for kids. Bring your family to enjoy a memorable event.

Chamber Dinner Dance is June 18th

Returning by popular demand, the dinner dance will be held at the Belvedere Club. This will be a night to remember! Call the Chamber for your reservation.

Summer Solstice Art Show is June 25th and 26th

This will be a perfect time to come downtown and enjoy some beautiful art work for sale.

July 9 & 10 is the 37th Annual Art & Craft Show

This is a very exciting weekend for shopping with over 100 artists and craftsmen to choose from.

Centennial Flags on sale

The Chamber has a limited number of beautiful 100 year Centennial Flags to celebrate Charlevoix's 100th birthday. Stop by and get yours soon!

Other summer events coming soon:

The Landing's open for summer

The Landing's Restaurant opened May 18th for the summer. They will be open 7 days a week. They offer great menu choices.

Trout Tournament is June 10th, 11th & 12th

Registration forms are at the Chamber office, deadline is June 9th.

Boating Safety Day 2005 on June 17th

On Friday, June 17th, from 9am to 5pm the U.S. Coast Guard, USCG Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, Charlevoix County Sheriff and Michigan DNR will host Boating Safety Day 2005 in downtown Charlevoix. For information call 547-4461, ext.320.

Castle Farms offering CPR classes

Castle Farms is a proud provider of American Red Cross health and safety training. Learn how to save a life by contacting Brittany Wittmers at Castle Farms at 237-0884. Brittany @castlefarms.com. Their next adult CPR course is June 25th at 1:00pm.

Farmers Market at Castle Farms

On every Wednesday from 4pm to 9pm during the months of June-October Castle Farms is hosting a healthy farmers market. There will be all kinds of fruits and vegetables for sale. If you are interested in being a vendor please call 231-237-0884.

C2 Gallery celebrating open house

June 11th will be an exciting day for C2 Gallery as they are rolling out the red carpet and gearing up for an exciting summer. Please join them in the evening from 6-9pm for a wine & cheese reception.

Sailing School begins soon

Registration forms are available at The Chamber for 4-H sailing lessons and an adult sailing program. For the adult program please call 231-838-4484 or 231-675-5644 and for the 4-H classes call County Extension office at 231•582-6232.

Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales has moved to Charlevoix

Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales has opened a brand new office located on the main floor of the new Apple Tree building at 224 Bridge Street. This first class office has pictorial displays and computer presentations for the boats they have to offer. Remember to stop in and say hello and tell all your friends who are cruising too.

Brittany's open for business June 7th

Brittany's located at 115 Bridge Street is a new business featuring home décor merchandise. To name a few products that they sell includes the following items: lamps, heritage lace, wildlife figurines, wine racks, and wrought iron gazebos. Stop in and say hello and welcome Terry and Jim Gerou, the owners, to our community.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

June 10-12	Trout Tournament 547-9054
June 12	3rd Annual Lou Open 547-5125
June 18	Taste of Charlevoix 547-2101
June 18	Charlevoix Chamber Dinner Dance 547-2101
June 18	3rd Annual Pink Ribbon Ride 536-7066
June 18	Annual Summer Used Book Sale 547-2651
June 25	Strawberry Social Friske's 599-2604
June 25-26	Summer Solstice Art Show 547-2101
July 4	Charlevoix and Horton Bay Parades
July 5	"Ancient Charlevoix" - Historical Society 547-0373
July 8	Symphony on the Green 547-8685
July 9-10	37th Annual Art & Craft Show 547-2101

Retail Meeting

The next Retail meeting will be held on June 16, 2005

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

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Red Cross bear hunt is on

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

"The Hunt for Bearable Art" is on.

Area residents and visitors who wish to join the safari will be roaming in search of a rare species of large, painted bear that has been spotted all over Charlevoix and the rest of northern lower Michigan.

"Watching people look at the bears is so much fun. They talk about them and point at them," Linda Weston, a Red Cross volunteer and auction coordinator, said.

The painted bears are part of a fund-raiser by the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

This latest fund-raiser follows the concept of the painted fish fund-raiser the Red Cross tackled in 2003 which reeled in about $280,000 for the non-profit group's cause.

"People are still talking about the fish," Weston said.

She added that they are hoping to repeat that success with "The Hunt for Bearable Art."

The bear theme was chosen because it, like the fish represents northern Michigan.

The difference between the bear drive and the fish drive is the number of pieces. Because the fish were smaller, there were more. The bear are large, they have a strong stone base and stretch about 6 feet from the tip of their nose to the tip of their tail.

There are a total of 45 bears, painted by 40 local artists, who were paid $900 for their effort.

The bear can be found in Charlevoix, Petoskey, Bay Harbor, Harbor Springs, Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Cheboygan, Indian River and Elmira.

Members of Charlevoix's painted bear population currently reside at the Charlevoix Public Library, in Bridge

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix artists Russ and Sue Bolt stand by Share Bear in Charlevoix's Bridge Park. The couple, along with other artists, painted the bear for a Red Cross fund-raiser.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Ambassador visits school

Indonesian Ambassador Soemadi Brotodiningrat speaks with Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Dick Swenor June 9 just before an assembly in Brotodinigratto's honor.

Charlevoix developer dies unexpectedly

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Ed Amick, a Charlevoix resident, developer and Realtor, passed away June 9 following a lengthy surgery.

According to Ed's wife, Carol Amick, her husband suffered a heart attack and aneurysm the morning of June 9.

At around 3 p.m. that day, while in recovery at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey following a five hour surgery, Amick gave up his fight.

"They tried to save him," Carol said of the doctors at the hospital.

Carol and Ed, who married Dec. 2, 1961 in Mount Gilead, Ohio, moved to Charlevoix in 1989 from the town where they took their vows.

They both grew up in that small Ohio town and returned there to retire in the mid 1980s after 14 years developing property and operating Amick Realty in Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda, Fla.

For four years, while in Ohio soaking in retirement, the couple took up farming, cultivating alfalfa and other products.

"He always said that was the best time of his life," Carol said.

On Wednesday, the Amick family, including Ed's two children, Lisa Wehr, 39, of Suttons Bay and Rodney Amick, 37, of Northport, Fla., gathered at Trinity Missionary Church in Petoskey for his funeral.

Ed will be buried tomorrow, June 16 in a Mount Gilead, Ohio cemetery located across the street from where Carol was raised.

During his 16-year stay in Charlevoix, Ed came out of retire-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Howard Steven Christy, 36, Charlevoix. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit of three, to serve 90 days in jail.

Michael Shawn Sicloff, 22, White Lake. Impaired driving, open intoxicant. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit of one with 82 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1280 in fines and costs.

Kevin McKay Hicks, 26, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with a credit of one with 30 days held in abeyance. Five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail, six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Paul Anthony Fiel, 41, Boyne Falls. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit of one day with 92 days held in abeyance, one year probation and family counseling; $500 in fines and costs.

Daniel Michael Jacobson, 41, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit of two, to serve 30 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 51 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail with one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine attend substance abuse classes; $1601 in fines and costs.

Trista Marie Vargo, 21, Boyne City. Entry without permission. Serve 90 days in jail with a credit of one with 81 days held in abeyance, 60 hours community service work, nine months probation, must submit to a PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must write a letter of apology.

Zachary Dane Whitley, 18, Boyne City. Two counts of assault and battery. 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, eight months probation; $400 in fines and costs.

Kari Marie Fincoul, 21, Boyne City. Entry without permission. Serve 90 days in jail with credit of one, 81 days held in abeyance, 60 hours community service work, nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must write a letter of apology; $840 in fines and costs.

Michael Roy Hanson, 36, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated first offense, open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit of one day, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $1330 in fines and costs.

Brian David Carson, 41, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit of one, to serve 10 days with 72 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $930 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kelly Joanne Dustin, 34, Ellsworth. Two counts of uttering and publishing. Serve a minimum of 29 months in jail to a maximum of 14 years, with a credit of 63 days; $3,686.64 in fines and costs.

James Robert Newson, 17, Boyne Falls. Attempted gross indecency between a male and female. Serve 270 days in jail with a credit of 31, to serve 90 days in jail, 24 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Kevin Keith Paulik, 28, Boyne City. Operating while under the influence third offense. Serve 270 days in jail with a credit of two, to serve 180 days in jail, 24 months probation and 480 hours of community service work; $1,195 in fines and costs.

Wade Alan Druckenmiller, 19, Ellsworth. Attempted uttering an publishing. Serve 90 days in jail with a credit of eight, to serve 30 days with 18 months of probation; $2,574.91 in fines and costs.

Clinton Winfred Cowles, Charlevoix, Breaking and entering a building with intent. Serve 270 days in jail with a credit of 51, to serve 180 days in jail with 24 months probation; $270 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Northern Woodworkers, 312 West Garfield Street, Charlevoix by Clifford J. Osborn

Calo Plumbing and Heating, 830 Pleasant Avenue, Boyne City by Leonard J. Calo

Porter Creek Farms, 02409 Jaquay Road, Boyne City by Robbin James Behling

The Eisenhower Legacy, 03474 Hillview Drive, Boyne Falls

D & G Lawncare, 4857 Wickersham Road, Charlevoix by R. Troy Drebenstedt II

Habasco's Home Painting, 03357 Springwater Beach Road, Boyne City by Tom Habasco

Tidy Up Cleaning, 625 Lewis Street, Boyne City by Chelsie L. Cole

Super Duty Plowing, 5560 Pickerel Lake Road, Petoskey by Kris Glasscock

Tables In The Woods, 1799 Jenkins Road, Boyne Falls by Patrick C. Mitchell and Teresita S. Mitchell

Scott J. Moody Construction, P.O. Box 249 801 Spring Street, Boyne City by Scott J. Moody

Van-W's, 304 Meech Street Charlevoix by Charles R. Whitney Jr.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Donald Dean Baldwin Jr., 22, Boyne City and Kate Allison Cravel 18, Boyne City

Scott Wayne Cameron, 26, East Jordan and Miranda JoAnne Barrett, 24, Charlevoix

Frederick Arness Cox, 30, Charlevoix and Kimberly Marie Buckner 35, Charlevoix

Jason Jay Scherencel, 23, Kent and Fawn Danielle Kortba, 22, Boyne Falls

Alex Christian Burns, 19, East Jordan and Melissa Marie Willingham, 23, East Jordan

Melvin George Napont, 59, Charlevoix and Alvina Sarah Cornstalk, 65, Beaver Island

Patrick Michael Weeks, 36, Charlevoix and Denice Rena Borowski, 41, Kingsley

David Daniel Sudol II, 20, Charlevoix and Jenna Lee Duncan, 18, Charlevoix

Richard Cory Hudson, 20, Charlevoix and Emily Godwin-Chulick, 22, Charlevoix

Jeremy Foster Parks, 31, Charlevoix and Jessica Lynn Beldyga, 27, Charlevoix

Gerold Arthur Grice, 42, Boyne City and Amy Lynn Sutherland, 28, Boyne City

Matthew Herbert Howard, 21, Boyne City and DiAnna Elizabeth Bearden, 20, Boyne City

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Faith Marie Giddings vs. Rocky Allen Giddings

Robynhawk Freebyrd vs. Thomas Arthur Brown

Stacie Lyn Harrington vs. Jeremy John Harrington

Melissa Suzanne Blankenship vs. Jeremy Matthew Blankenship

Kathryn Firman vs. Christopher Firman

Weather

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June 6	77	54	—
June 8	71	55	.14
June 9	85	63	—
June 10	76	61	—
June 11	82	63	.05
June 12	87	67	.02
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Ed Amick, 60, dies June 9 following lengthy surgery

AMICK

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ment with property development on his mind.

Ed Amick

"He got itchy feet to develop something again. It didn't last long that he wasn't developing something," Carol said.

When they moved here in the late 1980s Ed and Carol opened four Subway franchises, one in Charlevoix, another in Boyne City and two in Petoskey. They sold the Charlevoix store to Ed's brother, Terry Amick in 1995.

In 1999, he and Carol opened Amick Lakeside Realtors which was headquarted at an office off Clinton Street. The two recently sold that business.

"He thought Charlevoix was a beautiful community and enjoyed the seasonal market," Carol said.

One of his latest endeavors, Thunder Falls Family Water Park in Mackinaw City, was a four-year challenge filled with zoning and environmental battles. Ultimately, he overcame the struggle and built his dream park, which opened late last summer. However, he never made the June 11 grand opening.

Carol attended in his absence as they dedicated the water park to Ed and cut the ribbon.

She said the event was bitter-sweet for her.

Ed was also the landowner who sold the Petoskey Avenue parcel on the north side of the city of Charlevoix, where Sunnybank Assisted Living is currently being constructed.

He was also in the process of developing 16 residential lots behind the Sunnybank site. Carol said she will carry out the remainder of the project.

Past projects he was involved in include development of town houses near the Charlevoix Golf Club off Cherry and Elm streets as well as extensive work on a 500 acre piece of land in Antrim County.

Carol said Ed's death has brought two lessons to light for her. First, those with a history of aneurysms should be checked by ultrasound annually. She said aneurysms are common in the Amick family.

And secondly, she said, "Balance your life. It's not all work. He was hard to get to play."

Births

Isaac Ewald Redmer weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces was born to Karl and Becky Redmer of East Jordan on June 6, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Garett 4, and Brady 1. Grandparents are Gary and Margaret Redmer of East Jordan and Bill and Andrea Chapin of Fenton.

Tanner Joseph Guczwa weighing 8 pounds and 19 1/2 inches long was born to Tim and Laura Guczwa of Spring Lake on May 30, 2005 at North Ottawa Community Hospital at Grand Haven. Sihling is Noah Loder Guczswa. Grandparents are Gary and Hazel Loder of Charlevoix and Frank and Carolyn Guczwa of Monroe.

Mya Christine Pofahl weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces, was born to Jon and Nicole Pofahl of Boyne City on June 12, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Earl and Diane Pofahl of Faribault, Minn. and Jerry and Barb Meyer of Faribault, Minn.

Carsen Anthony Dittmar weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces was born to John and Julie Dittmar of Charlevoix on June 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sibling is Riley Louis. Grandparents are Violet Dittmar of Livonia and Lou and Marilyn Russo of Macomb Township. Great-grandmother is Pearl Rowe of Charlevoix.

Red Cross bear art to be auctioned Aug. 13

BEAR

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Park and on the front lawn at St. Mary's School.

The school bear, "Flower Power Bear" was designed and painted by second through sixth grade students, from St. Mary's School, under the direction of art instructor Lori Bolt. The design of fourth grader Desirée Drewa was chosen.

"Through the bear, the kids are giving back to the community," Bolt said.

Lori also assisted her parents, Russ and Sue Bolt in painting a Bridge Park bear called "Share Bear.". The three own and operate Bolt Grange Hall Studio in Marion Township, and brought in family and community artists to help in this project.

Sue Bolt said the design, which depicts northern Michigan's season and night sky, was chosen as a reminder of our connection and obligation to respect and protect the area's unique environment.

In about three weeks, a guide to the entire painted-bear population will be available at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, located off Bridge Street.

Display locations are temporary homes for the bears. Each is sponsored by the property owner at which it resides. Sponsorship fees are $2,000 a hear. For $4,500 you can buy the bear before it is sold to the highest bidder at a live auction to take place at 7 p.m. Aug. 13 in Bay Harbor.

From 1 to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 12 there will be a beary special event at Bay Harbor where the entire painted group will convene so the community can view them prior to the auction. Activities will include bear songs and stories and light refreshments will be provided.

Weston said this effort is important for the local Red Cross chapter as it funds their efforts for three years.

She said all funds are dispersed locally. The Red Cross helped fund local training and emergency response to Florida's hurricane disaster. The group also continues to act as an intermediary between local families and servicemen. Other, more standard activities, include support of blood collection efforts and funding for first aid and CPR classes.

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Kudos to Sturock for finance discussion

EDITORIAL

As schools across the state continue to suffer economically, locally, a school finance discussion took place and we think that's just what the doctor ordered.

In coffee shops, gyms and other social venues you hear school board bashing about how "they" are ruining the local school system by laying off teachers, slashing extracurricular funding and even cutting classroom supplies.

The truth is that "they" are reacting to promises made many years ago in Lansing that have since been broken.

We want Lansing to find a way to restore Proposal A's promise to provide adequate school funding and to maintain equity among Michigan schools.

Since Proposal A was instated in 1994, the state legislature has tweaked it. Tax cuts that were made in the mid to late 1990s were permanent but the economic boom we were in the midst of at that time was temporary.

Now, as the economy hits the dirt, the state doesn't have money to fund Proposal A as it was promised.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, organized the local Proposal A discussion that took place June 14 at Charlevoix High School. We commend his efforts to support an informed community. And hope that community members with disgruntled fingers pointed at the school board aim that pointer at Lansing where this issue needs to be solved.

A group of area residents plan to attend a June 20 rally in Lansing to put pressure on the legislature to do something about school finances.

Further details about the community forum will appear in next week's edition of the Courier.

For more information about Proposal A, visit www.michigan.gov/mde.

Nesting birds, a springtime friend and a messy foe

A few years ago we planted a vine called a Porcelain Berry at the bottom of a trellis just outside our back door. You never can know completely what will be the outcome of such a simple act.

Roger Knutson

The vine grew rapidly and quickly covered the trellis and crept out under an overhang that provides shelter from rain above the back door. Within a year, a pair of robins had decided that the twists of the vine and the shelter from the elements made the perfect place for a nest. We were thrilled. The nest was within a foot of the back door and every time we opened the door, whichever robin was on the nest flew away with a great flutter of wings. The nest provided nursery for four young robins who in the course of time fledged, flew off into the lilac bush and set out to establish their own households.

Almost immediately, time and the elements began to take the nest apart, and our back door and sidewalk became something less than neat. Bits of nest and whatever parents and offspring had left in it, showered down us with almost every opening and closing of the screen door. We removed the remains of the nest and stashed away the mostly pleasant memories of our temporary neighbors. We had not reckoned with the persistence of birds.

Since the first family had been so successful, the same pair of robins decided on a repeat performance. Appreciating anew the messiness of having a family of birds so close to our major entry way, we tried to discourage them by removing nesting material as fast as they placed it. We made the mistake of going away for a weekend and when we returned there it was; a fully formed nest with three eggs in place. Of course we could not remove it at that point. We suffered the temporary pangs of messy young bird adolescence for a second time. I won't describe in detail how parent birds manage the problems of nest cleanliness. Many pounds of worms and bugs found their way to the growing birds and almost as many pounds of, shall we say, intestinal products were produced and disposed: much of it quite close to the bird's home and ours.

The following spring I built what I refer to as a bird discourager: a spiky thing making it impossible to settle in their favored place for a nest. It worked. No robins. But the general location remained desirable. A pair of House Finches began to build a nest a foot to the left and now directly above the back door. I discouraged them by removing incipient nests as I had for the robins. Unfazed they waited until we went out of town for a weekend, built a serviceable if small nest and filled it with four eggs before we were back on Monday afternoon.

It is most often a pleasure to live as close to nature as we do. There is an often-sighted fox in our neighborhood. One winter night we counted eight deer in our yard at the same time, visiting our bird, squirrel and deer feeder. The wild turkeys are right next door, and we once saw a Sharp-tailed Grouse sitting under the large cedar in the front yard. No Missasaugas yet, but it wouldn't be a complete surprise. In one way it is delightful, but I do wish the nesting birds would look for a new address a few feet farther from the entrance to our house. I would appreciate any non-destructive, ecologically gentle suggestions.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be reached at (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Hospice success

Editor:

On June 3 Hospice of Northwest Michigan sponsored another successful benefit auction using the theme "Come Fly Your Colors for Hospice".

A sincere thank you to all the artists, crafters and businesses in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet counties who donated to the auction. With deep appreciation we thank Castle Farms for providing such an elegant facility for the evening and their staff for being so accommodating. The music was provided by Margaret Thomson, who gave a special sound to the evening. Thank you Carol Ross for your artist's hands, and Hank Ross for the wonderful publicity. Thank you Grey Gables Inn for providing tasty desserts for the evening.

I want to thank all of the volunteers, especially those of Hospice of Northwest Michigan and its Board of Director's. Jeanie's Bar and Wait Service also deserve many thanks. Thank you to auctioneers Jeff Macfarlane and Jim White who kept the verbal portion of the evening moving along. The last minute preparations were ably covered by BC Pizza, Indian River and Cheboygan, Rental Express, Indian River and 7-Eleven, Charlevoix and Petoskey.

This is our major fundraising event for the year and many others should be thanked personally for their generosity. Thank you to all who attended and made generous bids. Your support allows us to continue to provide volunteer and grief bereavement services to those in our communities. Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, provides a comprehensive hospice program to those with a life limiting illness. We are very grateful to all of the people who supported us, in any way, that evening.

Patricia A. Johnson
Boyne City

Performing arts fund-raiser

Editor:

The (Charlevoix High School) Performing Arts (PA) Program is back in full swing, getting ready for next year's full schedule of events.

This year there are 60 students involved in the PA program, and they have a full slate of performances and competitions ahead of them. After the Fall Show, they will take play in the pentathlon competitions. In December, the drama season begins, and we are excited to announce that we will be hosting the Drama Regional Competition. After the fun of doing the drama shows, the Individual Events (IE) competition begins in which the students can compete in 14 different performance categories. Lastly, the PA season will end with a Dinner Theater in May.

As you know, there are a lot of expenses involved in running the PA Program. These costs are largely borne by the students, their parents and sup-

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porters from the community. The annual PA budget, which covers expenses for road trips, costumes, royalties, equipment, etc., is more than $15,000 over the money allotted by the school board. The board does support PA by paying event fees and transportation costs, but the rest is up to the kids and their devotees.

So here we are again, asking for the help of community supporters and avid fans of the arts. Your contribution to PA is tax deductible and appreciated throughout the year.

We would like to thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Tasha Morrison
Charlevoix Performing Arts

Great soccer season

Editor:

This year the girls soccer team had its most successful season ever. The players worked very hard and committed themselves fully. Their effort paid off in bringing home first ever district and conference titles for Charlevoix soccer. We could not have done this without all the help and support we received. The largest crowd of soccer fans ever was there as we closed out our season in the regional finals. As we end this season, we'd like to thank those of you who have encouraged and supported us this year, and offer special thanks to the following people and businesses:

Ace Hardware, Charlevoix Screenmasters, Jim Kanine, Tom Schultz, Charlevoix 4-H Soccer, all the future soccer players who attended our camp, Mary Beth Zimmerman, Zita Winn, Bob Schofield, Charlevoix Floral, Debi Murray, The Belvedere Club, Ken Rogers and most of all the tailgating fans who have been there all season. You're the best.

Coach Carol Madison
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Move forward with East Park

Editor:

We are so fortunate to live in the beautiful Northwest Lower Peninsula of Michigan with so many wonderful towns in our area. But only Charlevoix has the unique privilege of Lake Michigan, Lake Charlevoix, Round Lake, and yes the bridge as an integral part of it's downtown. Now we have a further opportunity for our town to enhance it's beauty even more.

We can now have a continuous park setting from Clinton Street to Antrim Street with nothing obstructing our breathtaking view of Round Lake and the park. There will be no buildings in the park between Clinton and Antrim above street/sidewalk level. Our forefathers envisioned a continuous park setting from the bridge to the end of East Park. While we can not make that happen we now have a once in a life time opportunity to have that continuous park setting from the traffic light to the southside hill.

If you haven't done so already, please sign the petition at either The Village Pub or Ace Hardware so the East Park renovations can be placed on the November 8 election ballot. View the drawings for the new park setting available with the petition. You will see that your view of our beautiful town is enhanced, just as our forefathers dreamed years ago.

Don't let this opportunity pass us by. The renovations can be made without our tax dollars. It is a win, win for Charlevoix.

Bennie von Hellens
Charlevoix

Celebration of life

Editor:

My Father Ivan J. Witthoeft has been diagnosed with colon cancer and it is already pretty advanced. He has been a staple in my life, and I know he has touched countless others. His dedication to his family and friends is unsurpassed. Ivan is home with Hospice care and his spirits are incredible, even with the bleak news he has received from his team of doctors. He is living large and I would like to take this opportunity to invite any of you who would like to see Ivan and give him some support and offer him a word of kindness to an open house. We will be having the open house at 6 p.m. Friday June 17 at Ivan and Lucy's house located at 09298 Old Orchard Road. We will have live entertainment, food and fun. Bring a smile and a dish to pass. Come help us celebrate this wonderful gift we call life.

A.J. Witthoeft
Charlevoix

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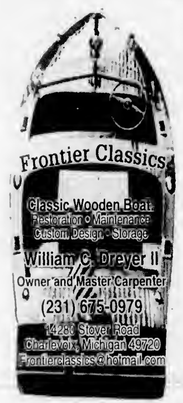

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Zonta to host Literary Delights at the Castle

The Charlevoix Zonta Club is sponsoring Literary Delights, an afternoon fund-raiser celebration of Michigan's female authors.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms located off M-66 in Charlevoix.

It will feature three authors, Kathy-jo Wargin, Priscilla Cogan and Sheila Quinn-Simpson, who will speak about their experiences and literary work.

Wargin penned "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," Quinn-Simpson authored "Apology," and Cogan wrote "Winona's Web.

Lunch will be catered by Scovie's Gourmet Deli of Charlevoix.

Tickets for the event are $40. They are available locally at the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street or by calling Zonta member Linda Degrow at (231) 547-4109 or fellow Zontian Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Proceeds will be distributed to scholarships the club provides and will also help fund Young Women's Day, an event the club is planning for November for area middle school girls to help them realize their goals.

For more information, contact Degrow at (231) 547-4109.

Lifeguards to man area beaches for the summer

City of Charlevoix lifeguards will man their posts this week.

Lifeguards will begin beach duty June 17 at three area beaches — Depot Beach, Ferry Beach and Michigan Beach.

These beaches will be manned with guards from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

For more information, contact the city recreation department at (231) 547-3253.

Friends of the Library to host annual book sale

This week, the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will sponsor their sixth annual used book sale.

The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 18, at the library, located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix.

Proceeds from previous sales have purchased over 2,500 new books for the Charlevoix Public Library.

With most paperbacks priced at 50¢ and most hardcover books at $1, the community can support library programs and stock up on summer reading at very little cost. Higher priced books will also be available, and a limited supply of canvas book bags with the library logo will be on sale for $5.

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Wednesday Nights
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Thursday, Friday & Saturday Nights
Nelson Olstrom

Nelson Olstrom is a musician with a variety of musical styles, a blend of folk, blues, country, rock and a bit of beach music. Although he was born and raised in Northern Michigan, playing music has taken him from Michigan to the beach bars of Florida, and from the ski resorts of Switzerland to the cruise ships of Scandinavia. Nelson is now a fixture on the Northern Michigan music scene.

Sunday Nights
Pete

Pete's been a regular fixture on the Great Lakes resort circuit for over 10 years, spending much of his time on Mackinac Island. Aside from solo gigs, Pete is also in demand as a substitute player in many groups in the Detroit area and does a great deal of studio sessions there. His voice has a sound of its own, lending itself to many of the styles and moods he touches upon.

COMMUNITY

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Grand Valley State University Dean's List

Adam Wood of Charlevoix, who attends Grand Valley State University in Allendale, earned a 3.5 or better grade point average in the fall of 2004 and winter semester. This academic achievement placed him on the school's Dean's List for both semesters.

MSU graduate

Sabrina Wynkoop of Charlevoix, the daughter of Wayne and Micheline Wynkoop, earned her Bachelors Degree in Zoology with concentrations in both general zoology and ecology, evolution and organismal biology, from Michigan State University May 7.

Police academy graduate

On May 6, Charlevoix High School graduate John Heise, graduated from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy in Lansing.

Lake Superior State University Dean's List

Natashia Kleiber, an elementary education major, and Kyle Leese, a history major, both of Charlevoix, attend Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. Both earned a 3.5 or better grade point average in the fall of 2004, placing them on the school's Dean's List.

Alma College Dean's List

Shannon Nystrom, the daughter of Jim and Diane Nystrom of Charlevoix, and Nathanael Teuscher, the son of Rev. Michael and Elisabeth Teuscher of Charlevoix, attend Alma College in Alma. Both earned a 3.5 or better grade point average in the fall of 2004, placing them on the school's Dean's List.

Re/Max Realtors win awards

At the Re/Max of Michigan Annual Regional Conference Feb. 10-12 in Traverse City, seven Re/Max of Charlevoix Realtors were recognized. Steve Andreae and Dave Campbell with were awarded the Platinum Club Award based on sales production. Charlotte Arnold, Greg Bryan Jr., Judy Petkewicz and Joseph Vogelheim received the 100 Percent Club Award, which is also based on sales production. Susan Louiselle was awarded President's Club honors for sales production.

DiMartino earns certification

Donna DiMartino of Bingham Insurance Services in Charlevoix successfully completed the five-part Certified Insurance Counselor certification process.

CHS grad earns insurance awards

John Crinnion, a 1980 Charlevoix High School graduate, was honored at a Farm Bureau Sales Convention in May. He was given the 2004 All American Award for sales and client service. He also received membership in the Multi-Line Sales Council and earned top achievement recognition.

A group of new area firefighters complete training in Charlevoix

The Charlevoix County Fire Academy recently announced completion of training courses by 13 new firefighters.

The group of 13 finished the Michigan Firefighters Training Council Firefighter I course. The students spent over 200 hours of training to successfully pass the Michigan Certified test.

These students are: David Ramage, Preston Peck; (Melrose Fire Department) Thomas Hodges Jr.; (East Jordan Fire Department) James Wieschowski, Greggory Seaman, Garett Paige, and Thomas Andrews II; (Readmond Friendship & Cross Village Fire Department) Karen Hoig; (Alba Fire Department) Brian Halbert; (Charlevoix Township Fire Department) Ethan Winchester, Andrew Riley, William Brodin, and John Mclean.

Instructors who taught this course, include Al Welsheimer, William Brodin, Mike Passingham, Tony Postmus, Mark Steffel, Don Horn, Bryce Tracy, Jesse Silva, Kevin Shaw, Harry Rogers and course manager Joe Schwartzfisher.

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Obituaries

Clarence Archer: March 3, 1930 - June 8, 2005

Clarence M "Shorty" Archer, 75, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. A memorial service will be at 3 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, at the Archer home located at 10926 Boyne City Road in Charlevoix.

Shorty was born March 3, 1930, in Carp Lake, the son of Fred L. and Thelma (McFarland) Archer. He attended Muskegon Schools, and then served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He made his home in Petoskey and was employed as a painter by the Mackinaw Bridge Authority during and shortly after its construction.

Shorty married Muriel (Lang) Swartout in August of 1972, and they made their home in Charlevoix. He was a self-employed painter for 30 years, and was also the maintenance supervisor at the Lodge Motel for nine years. Shorty earned his G.E.D. in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his wife Muriel; brothers, Byron R. (Diane) Archer of East Jordan, Michael Archer of Charlevoix, Robert L. (Debbora) Archer of Petoskey; sisters, Evelyn Kilmer of Petoskey, Virginia Smith of Petoskey, Naomi McConnell of Cadillac, Gari Johnson of Hazel Park, Maryetta (Ken) Mousseau of Charlevoix, Christine (Mike) Spiegl of Bay Shore, Nola Coonrad of Petoskey, Monna Boldry of Gonzales, Texas, foster sister, Barbara Shiver of Petoskey; brother-in-law, Frances (Marci) Murdick of Charlevoix.

Shorty was preceded in death by his sister Audrey Gerlock. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Fellowship Mennonite Church, c/o Lewis Schlabach, 08056 Burgess Rd, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

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Pool volunteers

Members of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club volunteer at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool every Tuesday night for the rest of the year. To volunteer call (231) 547-0982. Pictured above are Kiwanian volunteers, (from left) Terry Edger, Leah Dulaney, Carolyn Navarre, Ted Dumbald, Bob May and Dave Garland. Missing from the photo are Jim Kanine and Jim Lewis.

Sheriff arrests suspect in break-in at a local business

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater has reported an arrest made following a recent break-in.

In the early hours of Wednesday, June 8, a 27-year-old male was arrested for breaking and entering Esperance Deli and Wine shop on U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix Township.

Charlevoix County deputies and Charlevoix City Police officers responded to an alarm at the store. Charlevoix City Police, who were first on the scene, discovered a broken window in a side door of the business.

Shortly thereafter, a male subject was located trying to leave the business. The suspect was immediately taken into custody.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate the incident.

Last week, detectives sought warrants from the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office. Further charges in addition to the breaking and entering may be forthcoming. The suspect's name was not released.

Lasater commended Charlevoix City Police Officer Peter Shrift for his timely response and professionalism in assisting his office.

Deputies to closely monitor handicap parking violators

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater wishes to advise the public that his office will be increasing the amount of time that deputies spend enforcing Handicap Parking Violations.

Specifically, persons that are utilizing a vehicle displaying a handicap decal, placard or registration plate will have to be transporting the disabled person with them to use the special designated parking or they face a misdemeanor arrest which carries a penalty of a $500 fine plus costs and a 30 day jail sentence. In addition to the above penalty deputies will also be confiscating the documentation and forwarding it to the Michigan Secretary of State's office where it will be decided whether to cancel, revoke or suspend the handicap parking privilege.

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Bids for new Charlevoix library awarded

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

All but two of the bids for work on the new Charlevoix Public Library building were awarded last week by the library board of trustees.

According to Charlevoix Public Library Director, Valerie Meyerson, the grants yet to be awarded are for plumbing/mechanical work and technology.

"The week of June 20 is the start date. That week we should start seeing some business down there," Meyerson said. "The foundation and masonry guys come in first and then they'll bring in the sand fill and start the structural stuff."

Thursday June 9, Duane Wixson, manager of northern operations for Clark Construction Company led the meeting of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees. At that meeting the board unanimously voted to award all but two contracts for construction of the new library located at 204 Grant Street.

Many of the contractors were from the northern Michigan area, but some are from as far away as Saginaw and Grand Rapids.

"I think we're getting really fair contracts and I think we have really good contractors," she said. "Clark has said they are really pleased with all the contractors that we have approved."

Nearly all bids accepted were the lowest bid for each job.

Site work went to CH Smith for $76,166. Site asphalt, concrete, curb and gutter went to H & D for $115,653. Landscaping went to John Hoffman for $61,687. Foundations and structural concrete went to Spence Brothers for $198,300. Masonry and stone went to Boettcher for $412,900. Masonry restoration went to Premier Caulking for $101,000. Structural, ornamental and miscellaneous steel and stairs went to Howard Steel for $270,400. Gypsum assemblies and acoustical ceilings went to L & L for $494,100. Carpentry and casework went to Jess Construction for $397,000. Roofing and metal wall and roof panels went to Bri-Car Roofing for $176,241. Wood doors went to SA Morman for $137,645. Aluminum glass and glazing went to TC (Traverse City) Glass $497,895. Flooring went to Bartlett's Flooring for $209,700. Interior and exterior painting went to National Coatings for $107,475. Specialties, including bathroom fixtures and window blinds, went to Jess Construction for $76,700. Elevators went to Otis Elevator for $53,500. Fire protection went to John E. Green Co. for $81,670. Electrical work went to Sky Electric for $692,286.

"What I'm learning from this whole thing is that the planning process is really important," Meyerson said. "And I think all the hard work we did upfront was well worth it. The planning is what paid off, that's why we're in such good shape right now."

According to Meyerson, Clark Construction Company was always looking ahead to keep things on schedule.

"Clark actually got people to bid on the plans and give us a price," she said. "There was a phenomenal amount of work involved but it really paid off."

Meyerson said the planning happened in three major phases which gave them time to refine any issues they might have had.

"If we were out of line, we came back and said 'Okay, we need to fix this,' and at each phase the pricing became more refined," Meyerson said. "We hashed out a lot of these issues before bid day."

She added, "From what people have told me, they are pretty impressed with our set of documentation."

The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2006.

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Heather Raue

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A ballet technique class will be offered from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays.

Registration has begun and class sizes are limited. To register, call Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

For more information on events and classes offered at Crooked Tree, see the Charlevoix briefs page inside this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier.

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Intern joins the Courier staff for the summer

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

This summer the Charlevoix Courier has extended an internship opportunity to summer resident, Nicole Graziano, who will be tackling general assignment reporting for the paper.

Nicole Graziano

"I'm excited to have an opportunity to write this summer. I don't want to take any breaks — writers have to keep practicing," she said.

Graziano, 23, of West Chester, Pa., is staying in Charlevoix's Hayes Township this summer with Linda and Buzz Jelinek. Linda is the mother of Graziano's boyfriend, Ryan Taché.

She and Taché visited during Venetian Festival 2004, when Graziano said she fell in love with Charlevoix.

They decided to move from Pennsylvania to Charlevoix with dreams of soaking in a northern Michigan summer before making a fresh start.

While writing for the Courier Graziano also plans to waitress at Stafford's Weathervane restaurant.

Graziano graduated in January of 2005 from California State University in Fullerton, Calif. with a Bachelor's Degree in Print Journalism and a minor in geography.

Her experience in the field includes copy editing for the Daily Local News in West Chester, Pa., employment as staff writer for The Daily Titan at California State University and freelance writing.

Graziano's future plans include working toward a full-time reporting position and possibly making a move west.

Her first article for the Courier appears on page 13 of this week's edition.

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Emerald Ash Borer in Charlevoix County

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A silent threat responsible for millions of deaths lurks in Charlevoix County trees.

The Emerald Ash Borer is in Charlevoix and Robin Millsap, Communications Manager at Michigan State University, said it most likely came from infested firewood which was inadvertently brought in by campers.

"It's not like they did it intentionally, because even we had no clue," she said. "So far they found a tree that was killed by Emerald Ash Borer from 1993 and that was nine years before we discovered it."

Responsible for the destruction of countless trees so far, the Emerald Ash Borer could wipe out every ash tree in Michigan if the destructive bug is not stopped.

"In southeastern Michigan they have lost between 10 and 15 million ash trees mainly in the six counties surrounding the Detroit area," Millsap said.

"We discovered it in 2002, but research tells us that it could have been here for as many as six to 10 years before that," said Jennifer Quimby, Media Relations Coordinator with the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Emerald Ash Borer Program.

Quimby said this half inch long, metallic green beetle, native to Asia, was first identified in southeastern Michigan around the Canton area.

"That's kind of our best guess," she said. "We believe it came in on wood packing materials."

Millsap said when the Dutch Elm Disease spread through Michigan years ago, the trees were replaced with ash due to the thought that the trees were more resilient to blight and infestation. It was this mass planting of ash which now makes for an easy kill by the Emerald Ash Borer.

"Too much of one thing is not a good thing. So what we're learning from this is to diversify," Millsap said.

Millsap said a few of the ills from this situation is the loss of beautiful landscape, natural cooling and wind blocks.

"People have said, now they pay more for air conditioning — that's the biggest complaint we're hearing about," she said.

In addition to ugly landscape and higher energy bills, the mass destruction of hardwood trees affects soil erosion, air quality and the even the economy because baseball bats, flooring, tool handles and much more can be made from ash.

According to Quimby, adult Emerald Ash Borers lay their eggs in and around the crevices on the bark of ash trees. When the eggs hatch the larvae burrow in between the wood and bark in a layer called the phloem which the bugs eat.

"As it feeds on the layer between the bark it makes "S" shaped marks under the bark," she said. "It's essentially cutting off the flow of nutrients to the top of the tree."

She added, "When the adults emerge between May and August they make a very distinct "D" shaped hole in the tree."

The trees eventually die from the top down. Some signs of an afflicted tree are sprouting at its bottom, splits in the bark and woodpecker holes.

Millsap said the bug is so small you are better off looking for signs of infestation than the insect itself.

"Number one, make sure it's an ash tree. If you see die-back you may want to check it for 'D' shaped exit holes. From there you'll want to look at the bark very carefully and also you may want to peel back some bark if you can," Millsap said.

Millsap said die-back is when the canopy or leafy part of the top of the tree begins to die.

Another sign of an Emerald Ash Borer problem is the appearance of woodpecker holes.

"By the time he's (woodpecker) going after the larvae, you've probably got a pretty good infestation," Millsap said. "It may be a good indication that your tree is going to die."

According to Quimby, on May 20, the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture amended the ash borer quarantine. The quarantine includes 20 counties in southeast Michigan and 19 quarantined

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The Emerald Ash Borer is approximately one and a half inches long, metallic green and capable of wiping out a full-grown ash tree.

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Ash borer could wipe out ash across state

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outlying areas of isolated infestation.

"First of all, the quarantine was revised to include all areas of the state where the Emerald Ash Borer was known to exist and to strengthen the state's ability to restrict the movement of ash materials — especially firewood," she said. "Ash is considered a host so one of the main focuses we've had is to limit the movement of hardwood because humans can artificially spread the borer to camping areas."

"It's really going to have to be a joint effort between the state and federal agencies as well as Michigan citizens and travelers," she added.

Because there was so little information on the bug, Quimby's main focus is detecting and maintaining the beetle.

She said, "We are continually making strides in our research. When it was discovered, virtually nothing was written on the Emerald Ash Borer but a page and a half in a Chinese textbook, so every day it's changing and we're learning more and we're getting better at being able to detect it and contain it."

Quimby said while it is a potentially huge problem for the state of Michigan, there are eight billion ash trees in the United States which could eventually be at risk.

"Left unchecked in Michigan, it could eliminate ash from the ecosystem. Ash trees make up about two to three percent of the tree canopy in the United States," she said.

Quimby said there are also infestations in parts of Indiana and Ohio, but there is hope for Michigan's forests because Maryland and Virginia were able to eradicate the bug.

"So far, so good," Quimby added.

"One thing that citizens and travelers can do is don't move that firewood, buy it locally," Quimby said. "If you see signs of the Emerald Ash Borer, call our toll free hot line at (866) 325-0023."

Some of the methods for ridding your ash trees of the bug require calling a certified arborist, but there are a few products you can apply on your own like insecticides.

According to Millsap, your best bet is to visit the website for products and tips on how to properly and carefully treat your trees.

"We always tell people they must follow package instructions and not to deviate from that, not only for the safety of the tree but for the people around it," she said.

Millsap said the only thing you can do to protect your ash tree is to treat it every year.

"Because right now spraying it is not a good preventative," she added.

For more information on signs, symptoms, prevention and eradication techniques, visit www.emeraldashborer.info.

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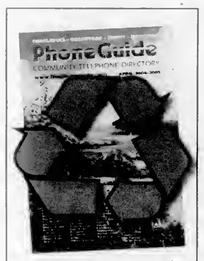
May 20 the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture amended the EAB quarantine. The quarantine includes part of Charlevoix County.



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Famed Grampa Woo III cruised into town

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The 115-foot Grampa Woo III cruised into Charlevoix's Municipal Marina last week.

Grampa Woo III had not cruised Charlevoix's Round Lake since May 1997. But at about 4 p.m. on Friday, June 10, the converted crew ship docked beside the Acacia in the Charlevoix Municipal Marina to de-board 50 passengers for an evening of sightseeing.

Named Grampa Woo III, the tri-level Cam Craft replaces the ill-fated Grampa Woo II, a Beaver Island Boat Company watercraft that was lost at sea after a violent storm in October of 1996 on Lake Superior.

Today, Capt. Dana Kollars — along with his son, Second Capt. Clint Kollars, and wife, Chunae — guide the passenger vessel from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border, offering more than 30 excursions on the lakes and rivers in between.

"We get to see the middle of the country, from the Canadian border to Tennessee," said Capt. Kollars, adding that the bottom level of Grampa Woo III includes seven sleeping cabins for the crew.

Last week's stopover in Charlevoix, part of a three-day cruise coordinated by Grampa Woo Excursions and King of the Road boat and bus trips, marked the midway point between the tour group's departure city, Traverse City, and their final destination, Mackinaw City.

The ship's passengers, all residents of Chicago, Ill., were first bussed to northern Michigan prior to boarding Grampa Woo III. Upon docking at the local marina, guests poured out of the vessel to board their pre-arranged transportation – a Royal American tour bus - - that accommodated their exploration of Charlevoix and eventually took them to Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey. Once in Mackinaw City, the passengers were then bussed back to Chicago, Ill.

Hal Evans, harbormaster at the Charlevoix Municipal Marina, was anxious to witness his sixth cruise ship enter the Pine River Channel and dispatch its passengers for the evening. He said this was of special interest since the last fleet that sailed the city's western shore didn't even enter Round Lake.

"By not keeping the passengers on the boat, it allows our people to utilize the community," said Capt. Kollars, adding that Peter Fitzsimons, executive director of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Boyne Country Visitors Bureau, was among those passengers aboard Friday. "It is economically advantageous."

On Sunday, Grampa Woo III departed Mackinaw City and headed north to tour Lake Superior, where it will be through Sept. 5. Once the fall season is complete, Capt. Kollars said, the ship will return to its original home in Mobile Bay, Ala., where residents are always tickled to see their city's very own tour vessel dock.

Although the weekend-long journey along the eastern side of Lake Michigan began Thursday, June 9, Capt. Kollars' operation of the vessel dates back almost two decades.

Grampa Woo Excursions — a charter business launched by Capt. Kollars in 1986 – operates on a ship that once transported crews to oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. With the addition of a top deck and the enclosure of the main deck, the watercraft was converted into Grampa Woo III, an exclusive passenger vessel, and purchased by Capt. Kollars in 1997. The federally documented ship is registered with the U.S. Coast Guard and, therefore, is permitted to sail out of any port in the nation.

Partnered with more than 100 tour companies, Grampa Woo Excursions primarily hosts clusters of conventional tourists. In 2000, however, Grampa Woo III accommodated the senior editors of Time magazine during their "Life on the Mississippi" assignment, published in the July 2000 issue.

Capt. Kollars is considering three additional trips To Charlevoix during Grampa Woo III's 2005 tour season and is looking to include the three-day tour of the area on its permanent fall schedule.

A "reverse cruise," beginning in Mackinaw City and sailing down to Traverse City, may also be offered during spring 2006, he said.

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The 115-foot Grampa Woo III cruised through the open drawbridge and into Charlevoix's Municipal Marina June 10.

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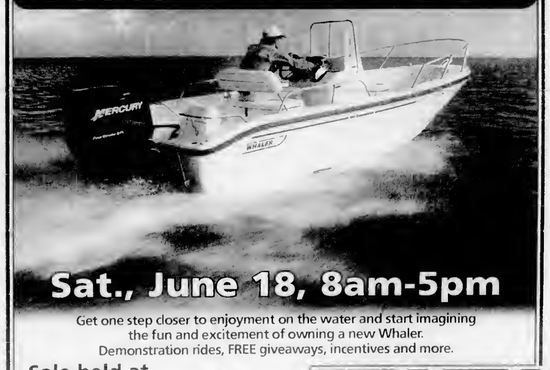

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Magni mania gives businesses a boost

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Magni madness, a private corporate gathering, will sweep through Charlevoix next week, bringing with it, big bucks for businesses.

Dave Berry

"This is our way of giving back to Charlevoix, we love it here," Charlevoix resident, Dave Berry, who co-hosts the event, said. "It's a tremendous shot in the arm for local businesses."

The event, The Magni Scramble, which is scheduled to take place June 22-23 is hosted by Dave, 64, and his wife Paula who moved to Oyster Point from Birmingham in 1993.

"It's a huge party centered around a little bit of golf," he explained.

Participants enjoy lodging on Berry for two nights at The Lodge, where he booked the entire 32-room facility, and the Weathervane Terrace Inn and Suites.

The night of June 22, Berry hosts a cocktail hour at The Town House followed by dinner at Grey Gables.

On June 23, they are treated to complimentary golf at either the Charlevoix Country Club or the Belvedere Golf Club, followed by lunch at the Charlevoix Country Club. The event ends with dinner and an awards ceremony at the country club.

Both nights, the Magni group is house charged at Whitneys of Charlevoix.

"It has a great deal of impact on us. It means a lot of income for us during an apron season," Gina Whitney, co-owner of Whitney's of Charlevoix, said.

Kip Thomas, owner of the Charlevoix Country Club golf course and Mahogany's Fine Dining raved about the effects of Magni mania as well.

He said, "It's the largest single event we host. It's an event everyone talks about all year long. People set their calendars around it."

Gary Anderson, owner of Grey Gables, echoed Thomas' sentiments.

"The Magni is huge for us," he said.

This is the tenth year in the scramble's 11-year existence that it will take place in Charlevoix.

"Living here, sometimes we forget how beautiful it is. These people come here and just can't believe it. This area is infectious — people have fallen in love with Charlevoix," Berry said.

The Berry's spend over $100,000 in lodging, food and golf costs to bring over 200 people from all over the world to town for the scramble.

The bulk of the Magni participants are customers, automotive engineers, equipment manufacturers and chemical suppliers for The Magni Group, Inc., of which Berry is chief executive officer and chairman of the board. About 60 others are local friends.

"These people are spenders. They're shopping for souvenirs and gifts. Every place in town seems to know someone affiliated with the Magni," Berry said.

The company, which Berry founded 30 years ago, supplies corrosion resistant paint systems, specializing in small part finishes, worldwide. It is headquartered in Birmingham and includes seven manufacturing plants outside the United States and five domestic facilities.

While the Berry family personally kicks in over $100,000, Berry said many people invited plan week-long summer vacations and end up feeding the local economy even longer.

"A lot of different businesses are effected by it," he said.

Berry explained that he plans the event for early summer as, like Whitney mentioned, it is still a slower time for Charlevoix. He added that he plans to continue the event's local legacy.

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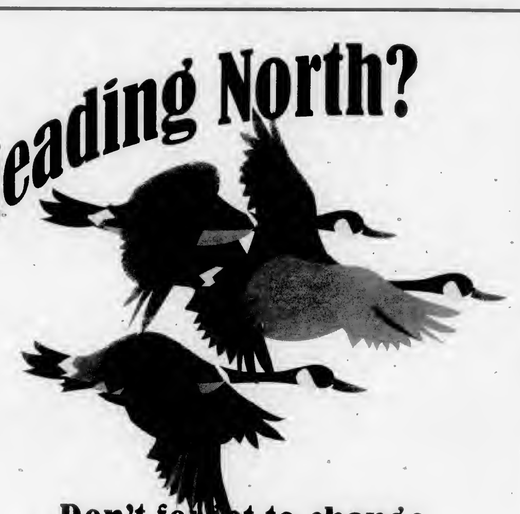
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'Skip Day' seniors have day in court

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A pre-graduation party for a group of seniors at Charlevoix High School ended in court fines and penalties.

At a May 25 arraignment in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court, nine seniors from Charlevoix plead guilty to misdemeanor charges their first offense of being a minor in possession of alcohol and one plead guilty to their second offense of being a minor in possession of alcohol.

"The arrests could have been successfully challenged but I talked to parents and discussed where they wanted the lesson to be learned," Dick Joseph, an attorney for one of the students, said.

Ultimately, parents of the nine seniors that plead guilty, opted to support an entry of a guilty plea.

Sanctions brought against the nine first time offenders by District Court Magistrate, Larry Burgess, include three months probation with random urine testing as well as 60 hours of community service work, a $160 fine and required attendance at a Zero Tolerance course at BASES in Charlevoix.

The student charged with a second offense is also subject to three months probation with random urine testing as well as 60 hours of community service and required attendance at the BASES course. Fines against this student were $200.

Zero Tolerance education is a three-hour session for students ages 17-20 that focuses on alcohol physiology, the effects of alcohol on driving, legal aspects of alcohol related violations and more.

The 10 students who plead guilty were offered deferred sentences. According to Joseph, this means if they complete all aspects of their sentencing within the time prescribed, the misdemeanor falls off their record.

However, the Michigan State Police keep the arrest on file so if one of the students is arrested again for being in possession of alcohol, it is still considered a second offense.

Joseph said that for these young kids entering college and the work force, this new deferred offense law, which came into being in September of 2004, is beneficial.

"So, when they go to apply for a job they don't have to say they have a misdemeanor," he said.

Four other students arrested in the bust waived the May 25 arraignment and instead opted to plead not guilty.

On June 28, these four will appear at a pre-trial conference with Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema and Burgess to discuss the details of the case.

One is facing a charge of allegedly being a first time offender of being a minor in possession of alcohol, the second is facing a charge for allegedly being a second time offender.

The third and fourth students are facing misdemeanor charges of allegedly being minors in possession of alcohol and traffic offenses for minors refusing to take a breathalyzer test.

According to Paula Strange, Charlevoix County District Court deputy clerk, if convicted of the misdemeanor first time minor in possession charge, the student could face community service work, fines of $100 and required attendance at substance abuse classes.

She said that if convicted of the misdemeanor second time minor in possession offense the student could face community service work, fines of $200, driver's license suspension and required attendance at a rehabilitation program.

Strange said refusal to take a breathalyzer generally carries a $160 fine.

All four could be given deferred sentences.

The incident precipitating this occurred the night of May 12 and carried over into the early morning hours of May 13, a day the senior class declared "senior skip day."

A group of seniors, including those arrested decided to throw a party the night of May 12. The gathering took place in the woods off the seasonal portion of Stephen's Road in Charlevoix's Hayes Township.

Just after midnight the morning of May 13, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office received an anonymous call. The caller, a parent of a partygoer, said underage drinking was going on at the site.

In a previous interview, Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater said when three of his deputies and two Michigan State Troopers arrived at the site they found several cars and a bonfire.

He said the 14 students mentioned above were ticketed, about five others ran into the woods.

Charlevoix High School Athletic Director, Jim Kanine, applied the school's extracurricular policy to those students who were on athletic teams at the time the incident occurred.

High School Principal Gary Grundman said that because the party did not take place on school grounds or at a school sponsored event, further disciplinary action could not be taken by the school.

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Charlevoix woman heading for Sundance?

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

An actress born and raised in Charlevoix may soon be headed to the Sundance Film Festival.

Annie Wagner, the daughter of Butch and Joan Wagner of Charlevoix, got a taste for movies at a young age, due in large part, to her father's night job as a projectionist at a local movie theater.

"So, my brother and I grew up going to the movies with our dad," she said. "Keep in mind that this was a time prior to VHS, prior to repeated access to films that children have now. We could see a film over and over and over again."

She isn't sure whether she gained her thirst for acting through watching movies, but as she grew older, she began to participate in school plays.

"I was in performing arts in high school," she said. "Connie Ford was my teacher."

Wagner was involved with many activities while attending Charlevoix High School which, she said, gave her a diverse array of experiences.

"When you go to a small school like Charlevoix, you get the opportunity to participate in many activities," she said. "I was involved in basketball and in fact was recruited to play basketball in Kalamazoo."

It was while on the Kalamazoo College basketball team that Wagner auditioned for and received the lead role in a play. It was then that she was forced to make a decision between the court and the stage.

"Even though Kalamazoo was a small school it was actually quite a major decision for me at the time. But, I chose the theater and I never regretted my decision," Wagner said.

Wagner held major roles in at least one major play a year during college and she didn't stop there.

"After college, I toured the Midwest and Canada with the Mosaic Theater Project in the lead role in the play Brigadista for several months," she said. "It was the experience of a lifetime."

Wagner also starred in David Mamet's play, "Speed-The-Plow."

In her time as an actress she has been able to work and study with some incredible people including, the late Uta Hagen at H B Studio.

Wagner quit acting over a decade ago to raise her children, but decided to break her 12-year hiatus about a year and a half ago.

"I revisited my passion for acting and did some shows at Theater Conspiracy in Fort Myers, Fla.," she said. "And, I was happy to find my performances were well received by audiences and critics."

One of her roles was in the play "Murderer," wherein Wagner played two parts, unbeknownst to the audience.

"It was just flattering that I had fooled the audience and they had no idea it was the same person playing the two different parts," she said.

Currently, Wagner is working on an independent film called, "Canvas."

"We're going to be wrapping up shooting towards the end of summer," she said. "The hope is to be done sometime in November."

When the film is complete, the makers will begin the application process to show it at local, regional and national film festivals, possibly including Sundance, which has Wagner excited.

"It's a completely different experience than a stage performance," she said.

Despite Wagner's rise from college theater to independent film, she said she has no plans to move to Hollywood, Calif.

"At this point in my life and my career, it's not about the fame or the fortune, it's about pursuing my passion, so I am going to continue to do just that," she said.

"Whether I'm recognized for that on a local, regional or national scale, that really has nothing to do with my goals," she added.

For the last seven years Wagner and her children lived half the year in Charlevoix and half the year in Florida, but she recently took a position utilizing her English degree which prevents her from spending as much time in this area.

Wagner said, "It (Charlevoix) has been a major influence on who I am as a person. It doesn't matter how small of a town you're from, as long as you stay true to yourself, one can be as happy as is possible."

Wagner said growing up in a small town taught her that greatness has nothing to do with the size of the city.

"There are a lot of talented people in this country who are not in Hollywood and who are not in New York," she said. "And I have had the fortune to work with some of them and the honor and to get to know them as people."

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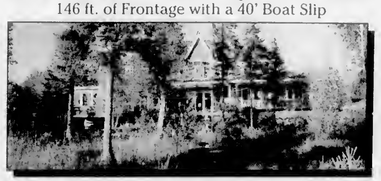

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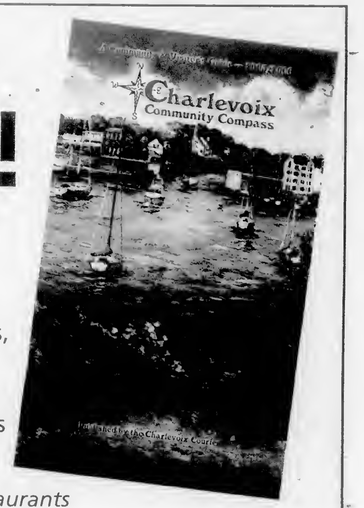

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'Taste of Charlevoix' on tap for Saturday, June 18

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This event will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18, in downtown Charlevoix's East Park.

Chamber members from local restaurants and food and beverage service are being invited to showcase their specialties, along with local entertainment and activities for the children.

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On-site children's activities will include cookie decorating, face painting and a moonwalk.

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The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Seventh Annual Summer Solstice Art Show, featuring high quality art displayed on the shores of Scenic Round Lake in downtown Charlevoix.

Participating artisans are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations.

This two-day event, will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26.

It showcases paintings in oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as sculpture, photography, pottery, furniture, jewelry and more. From contemporary to whimsical, it is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with beautiful and unusual products on display.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

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Red Hatters hit the town

About 20 area residents who are part of the Red Hat Society, attended a luncheon at Scovie's Gourmet Deli and Bake Shop May 20 in Charlevoix.

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Parasailing fund-raiser for 'skatepark'

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(Above) Members of the Charlevoix Community Skatepark steering committee, relax after brainstorming and nailing down the design for the new park. They are still looking for funds for the project. Fund-raising efforts will include a June 20 "Sail to Skate Benefit 2005."

Sunshine Charters of Charlevoix, a sailing and parasailing business will sponsor "Sail to Skate Benefit 2005" June 20.

This event will raise money for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark.

Tickets for sailing on this exclusive day will only be $10, while parasailing tickets will be down from their normal $55 to just $20. All profits will be donated to the recently poured Charlevoix Skatepark located on West Carpenter Street, across from the ball fields.

Vickie Daman, one of the mothers dedicated to making this dream a reality, has been working with the students for over a year on this project.

When asked why this park is important to her, she responded, "While we are fortunate enough to live in this beautiful area, the closest skatepark is 20 miles away. This skatepark will provide a location for kids to practice their skating and biking skills, and get them outside - away from the TV and video games. These kids have worked incredibly hard on this project."

To date, the Charlevoix Community Skatepark Committee has raised over $81,000 from grant writing, fund-raising, and in-kind donations. With a total projected cost of $127,000 they still need to raise about $46,000. Though the Sail to Skate Benefit will not be able to come up with the total cost needed to complete this project, Daman said every donation gets them closer to their goal.

Sunshine Charters' Captain, Nicole Dawson, is equally animated about the opportunity to raise money for the park.

"We have been members of this community for 13 years, and we're looking for constructive ways to give back to Charlevoix. We have a great business that reflects the energy and adventurous spirit of the families involved in this project. It's a perfect fit," Dawson said.

Charlevoix Community Skatepark members will be selling tickets at the Boating Safety Awareness Day, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 17 in East Park.

There will also be tickets available through Sunshine Charters and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. However, sailing and parasailing tickets are limited so be advised to call (231) 547-0266 as soon as possible to buy a ticket.

For more information on this event, call Vickie Daman at (231) 547-8063, or visit www.sunshinecharters.com.

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BUSINESS

Larry Drost opens Twin Birch Nursery

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A new landscaping material supplier has opened in Charlevoix.

Twin Birch Nursery, located off U.S. 31 South is the fourth extension of Larry Drost's company, Larry Drost Builders.

Drost, 37, of Charlevoix owns and operates, Larry Drost Builders, Drost Excavating, 3-D Landscaping and Ponds and now, Twin Birch Nursery.

"We are lifelong residents of Charlevoix and believe it is important to promote small business in our hometown," Drost said.

Drost said that this latest addition allows his company to be a one stop shop for those looking to build a home or to do landscaping. He can now dig it, build it and beautify it.

His company employs six full time personnel and four part time employees. All four businesses now operate at the U.S. 31 location. Prior to Twin Birch opening, Drost's business ventures were located off Phelps Road.

While Drost can now use his own materials to landscape, he is also a supplier for other area landscapers who are offered discounts at Twin Birch.

Twin Birch specializes in perennials, mulch, natural stone, trees, shrubs, pondscaping vegetation and stone and retaining wall materials.

At the site, Drost has barbecue rings and fire pits on display.

While these are some of the supplies immediately available, Drost said customer requests and special orders are welcome.

The nursery is open form 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. A grand opening celebration is being planned for this summer.

"We are happy with business so far. We very quickly sold out of most of our annuals," Karen King, Drost's office assistant, said.

Drost explained that the Twin Birch operation will eventually be year-round. He and his staff are looking at starting their own on-site growing. This will allow them to offer lower costs to customers and to closely monitor the quality of their products.

They also plan to extend services to include sale and installation of water features including waterfalls and ponds.

For more information, contact Drost at (231) 547-9745.

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Larry Drost of Charlevoix, (pictured above) has opened Twin Birch Nursery, a new landscaping material supplier. It is located off U.S. 31 South near the Flight Deck.

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BUSINESS

Charlevoix Kmart closes its K-cafe to cut costs

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix's K-cafe, inside the local Kmart located off M-66, recently closed.

When the proceedings for bankruptcy started in January, Kmart stores had plans to close nearly 300 of its 1,700 stores. Since then, the lagging retail veteran has merged with Sears, Roebuck & Co. as well as taken some efforts to reduce profit loss.

According to Manager of Media Relations for Kmart Corporation, Stephen Pagnani, Kmart closed 188 of its 1,011 in-store eateries on May 24 because they weren't pulling their weight.

"They weren't profitable," Pagnani said. "So we're looking at using the space for other merchandising opportunities."

Charlevoix's K-cafe, along with 15 similar operations in Michigan, were closed as a part of the company's planned restructuring.

While the newly found extra space will be used for, as of yet, unidentified general merchandise, Pagnani said the space will not be used for any other in-store restaurants.

According to Pagnani, most K-cafe's employed between two and six people each, depending upon location and size.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The Charlevoix K-cafe is officially closed. The space is currently undergoing remodeling for, as of yet, undetermined general merchandise.

While he wouldn't say exactly how many people lost their jobs, Pagnani did say that not all of the restaurant workers were let go.

"Some of the positions were eliminated and some of the positions were absorbed into other departments in the store," he said.

Harbor Industries named Sears Partner in Progress

Harbor Industries, Inc., has been named a Sears Partner in Progress for 2004.

Ted Parker

This award is presented annually to a select group of supplier companies that have provided Sears, Roebuck and Co. with quality products and services, from apparel, appliances and tools to marketing, transportation services and technology. More than 10,000 sources competed for this award in 2004.

Ted Parker and Tabb Wierengo were honored on April 12 at an event hosted by Sears Holdings Corporation Vice Chairman and CEO Alan J. Lacy at the company's headquarters in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

Started more than 20 years ago, the Partners in Progress program recognizes suppliers that make significant contributions to the growth of Sears businesses and the creation of new ways to better serve Sears customers. The winners were selected from nominations submitted by Sears' employees who purchase goods and services for the company.

"It was truly an honor to be the recipient of this prestigious award for the third time. It speaks very highly for our company and the employees who make earning this award possible through their continued hard work and dedication to Sears," Ted Parker, President of Harbor Industries, said. "We are among a very elite group of Sears suppliers, less than 1% of the suppliers earn this distinction."

Harbor first receive the Partner's in Progress award in 1999. In 2004, Harbor received the Partner's in Progress award as well as the Innovative Supplier of the Year award.

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BUSINESS

Wireless Internet service provider opens

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some Charlevoix Internet surfers will soon have an alternative to their existing service provider.

Co-owners of Charlevoix Wireless, Desmond Milligan and Jacob Jensen were recently granted a special use permit by the Marion Township Planning Commission, which will allow them to expand their wireless Internet coverage.

"Right now we've got a 47 foot temporary tower. Once this (new) tower goes up the speed will increase, the amount of customers we can serve will increase and so will the quality of service," Milligan said.

According to Milligan and Jensen, the 100 foot tower, located at the old Hoskins Manufacturing plant on 05339 M-66 North, will elevate a 24 inch antenna for high speed wireless broadband Internet service.

"It will offer at least a six mile radius of service to customers in and around the area of the plant," Jensen said. "It will offer them a low cost alternative to high speed Internet."

And, Milligan said, all the equipment they use is state-of-the-art. So, just like your cable Internet, the transmissions through Charlevoix Wireless will support Voice Over Internet Protocol or VoIP, which will allow customers to utilize functions like Internet telephones.

In addition to the broadband service, the local 911 service will be installing a repeater antenna on the new tower.

"Right now they only have one repeater antenna and if it were to go down they would lose service to much of the area," Milligan said. "This will enhance and expand the 911 services in the area."

Jensen and Milligan started out installing telephone systems and local area networks but started offering wireless service when they noticed a need for an alternative in high speed data transfers.

"We found out we couldn't get a lot of Ethernet cables to certain locations, so we went with broadband wireless networking," Milligan said.

According to Jensen, wireless Internet is similar in speed to cable Internet, and is about 10 times faster than satellite service and doesn't have the same types of problems with weather that satellites suffer.

"It's very comparable (to cable) and the thing with wireless, you aren't limited to one computer or one area," Jensen said. "You can use your high speed connection anywhere, anytime."

According to Jensen, Charlevoix Wireless helps ensure high quality data transfer by making sure there is sufficient signal before starting service to a customer.

"We don't hook anybody up unless they are getting at least DSL speed," Jensen said. "DSL speeds are generally between 100 and 300 kilobytes per second (Kbps). Our speeds are anywhere from 300 to 2,500 Kbps."

Once the antenna is installed at the Hoskins property, there are plans to increase service to other areas, including a tower at St. Mary's Cement plant.

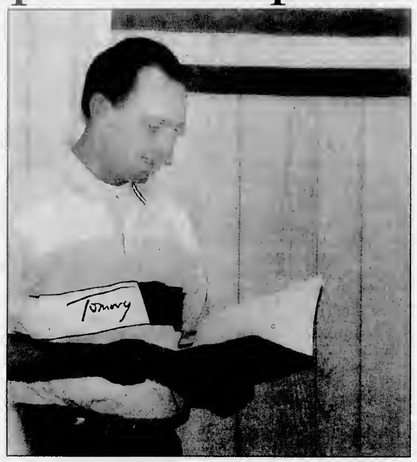
Jensen said the additional tower at St. Mary's will increase the load of customers Charlevoix Wireless can handle as well as the area of service they can provide.

Jensen and Milligan said, they eventually hope to have uninterrupted coverage all over Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties. One way they are working to expand their service is by making agreements with airports and other areas to setup WiFi technology which would allow users of Charlevoix Wireless to tap into the wireless ports at places outside the service area, such as airport terminals.

Though the wireless service has been free of charge to the downtown area thus far, Jensen and Milligan said they need funding from the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority to maintain the free service.

According to Jensen, states across the nation currently offer free wireless access to the Internet via the downtown areas of their cities, and he hopes the city of Charlevoix will give their support to do the same.

"With help from the DDA, it will stay free," Jensen said.



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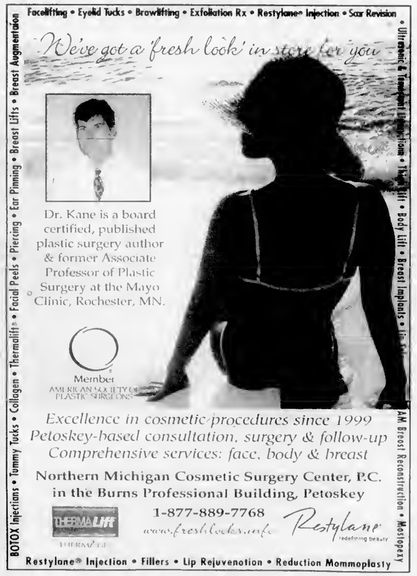
Desmond Milligan of Charlevoix Wireless gives a presentation on the intended location of the 100 foot tower for wireless Internet service at the Marion Township Hall last week.



SPORTS

Lady Rayder soccer team loses regional

After an exciting fight to make the regional finals, the varsity Rayder girls soccer team was unable to score and dropped the regional final to Hart Friday night.

"I'm not crying because we lost. I'm crying because we all played our hearts out. We didn't leave anything on the field, it just wasn't our night. I'm crying because this is the last time I'll get to play with all of you together," Madison McKenzie, a Charlevoix High School senior soccer player, said in post game discussion.

At the June 10 match-up at Harbor's Ottawa Stadium, Hart scored when a punt by the Charlevoix keeper was sent back from 50 yards out, sailed over the defenders' heads and came down in the Charlevoix net.

The Rayders were surprised but not discouraged. Charlevoix began to control play in the early evening heat and managed several opportunities which were either stopped by the Hart keeper or sailed over the crossbar. Hart packed in the defense and prevented the Rayders from any clear shooting opportunities. The half ended 1-0.

Three minutes into the second half, lightning struck and officials suspended play for over an hour. Play began again just before 9 p.m. and the Rayders came out with new energy. They continually penetrated the Hart end but were unable to connect and punch the ball into the goal. Charlevoix outshot Hart 20 to 8 on the night. Unfortunately, the shots were either to the keeper or off target.

This was the final high school game for Charlevoix seniors Sarah Cross, Meghan Lame, Madison McKenzie and Jaime Pettis. Cross and McKenzie hope to continue their careers at Adrian and Olivet, respectively.

According to head coach Carol Madison, all are four-year letter winners and provided leadership and determination that will be difficult to replace.

"This was a special team which all the coaching staff will remember forever," she said.

The Rayders end the year at 16-5-1.

Charlevoix's honorable mention All-State Goalkeeper Laura Nitchman propelled the Rayders into the regional finals.

Madison, said, "We were a little nervous defensively during regulation but settled down in the overtime. The conditions were extreme and both teams played their hearts out."

On Wednesday, June 8, Saginaw Valley came to the regional semi-final match against Charlevoix, ready to play. The Saginaw team started the match with several shots on goal which were handled easily by Nitchman.

The Rayders woke up midway through the first half and began applying offensive pressure.

Charlevoix took the 1-0 lead when Lori Zimmerman sent a nice cross to senior, Jaime Pettis, who buried a shot in the net.

The Rayders continued to control play until a defensive miscue on a goal kick allowed Saginaw's top scorer, Caroyln Dicken to send an uncontested shot over Nitchman. The half ended locked at 1-1.

Charlevoix again took the offensive, scoring early in the second, when Pettis took a ball to the corner, beating two defenders and crossing the ball to the center. Freshman, Becca Madison, gathered in the pass and with a couple nice moves beat the keeper low to put Charlevoix up 2-1.

The Rayders continued to have the better of play but couldn't connect on a game winning third score.

With about 14 minutes remaining, Saginaw tied the match when Charlevoix's defense inadvertently took the ball out of Nitchman's hands. Regulation ended at 2-2.

With both teams running out of steam in the heat and humidity, both overtime periods went by with each team having opportunities and both keepers coming up strong.

In the shoot-out, Saginaw took the early advantage scoring on their first three opportunities. Then, Nitchman took over.

After scoring on her own penalty attempt, Nitchman stopped six straight penalty tries, while Stevie Murray Jaime Pettis, Zita Anderson and Lori Zimmerman connected for the Rayders. Charlevoix won 5-3 on kicks.

"Charlevoix set a new standard with this season, going farther than any Charlevoix soccer team, boy or girl, has gone before. Last year, we set the target at the district title and surpassed that with this regional final appearance. Next year's target is to take the next step," Madison said.

Courtesy photo

In spite of Charlevoix's 20 shots on goal against Hart in the regional finals June 10, Charlevoix was unable to score.

CHARLEVOIX LITTLE LEAGUE BOX SCORES

MINOR LEAGUE

JUNE 7 - ANGELS 4, CUBS 3

ANGELS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Certa	1	1			
Gunner Lundteigen	1	1			

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Logan Eckardt	1				
Adam Michaud	2				
Ryan Joy	2			1	
Eli Damon	2				

JUNE 9 - CUBS 13, ANGELS 5

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Adam Michaud	2	1			
Shane Sutherland	2	1			
Ryan Joy	2	1			
Andrew Mitchell	3				
Skylar Herriman	3				

ANGELS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Nick Snabes	3				
Hunter Cox	2			2	
Will Teligenhof	2				
Noah Certa	2				

JUNE 7 - BOYNE CITY-2 8, PIRATES 5

CHARLEVOIX PIRATES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Michael Heckendorn	2				
Chase Moore	1				
Bill Ivan	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Michael Heckendorn	4⅓	3	3	5
Alex Foster	1⅔	2		2

BOYNE CITY-2 NOT REPORTED

JUNE 7 - REDS 4, TIGERS 1

REDS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Brett Siegwart	1				
Sawyer Golovich	3				
Devin Largent	2				
Sam Eakes	1				
Zach Hankins	2				
Garret Amstutz	1				

TIGERS - NOT REPORTED

JUNE 9 - REDS 13, TIGERS 9

REDS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Devin Largent	3				
Zach Hankins	3				
Austin Putman	2				
Garret Amstutz	4				
Jared Cole	4				
Spencer Stewart	4				
Spencer Bruce	1				

TIGERS - NOT REPORTED

MAJOR LEAGUE

JUNE 6 - ST. LOUIS CARDINALS 6, L.A. DODGERS 5

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Matthew Kloester	1				
Thomas Rich	2	1			
Myles Kerr	1				
Logan Kline	1				
Keegan LaBlance	2				
Corben Turkelson	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Tommy Zipp	2	1	1	5
Keegan LaBlance	3	2	2	1
Tom Rich	2	2	2	2

L.A. DODGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Paul Stoll	2				
Clyde Schoonover	1				
Brenden Darrah	1				
Jordan Farmer	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Brandon Darrah	6	8	13	2
Paul Stoll	1	2	2	

JUNE 8 - CARDINALS VS ATHLETICS NOT REPORTED

JUNE 8 - RED SOX 11, L.A. DODGERS 2

RED SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
JT Lawrence				1	1
River Gauthier	2				

David Merrill	1	2		2
James Spieth	2			
Nolon Ager	1			1
Max Schwein	2	2		2

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
JT Lawrence	3	2	9	1
Nolon Ager	3	3	8	1

L.A. DODGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Paul Stoll	2				
Charlie Hamilton	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Paul Stoll	4	5	5	1
Brett Ludwig	2		2	2

JUNE 6 - RED SOX 15, ATHLETICS 14

RED SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
David Merrill		2			
JT Lawrence	1	1			
Max Schwein	1	1			
Thomas Sutton	1				
River Gauthier	1				
James Spieth	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
JT Lawrence	3	8		
Nolon Ager	1	1		
Isaac Knoester	1	1		
River Gauthier	1	2		

ATHLETICS - NOT REPORTED

JUNIOR LEAGUE

JUNE 7 - PIRATES 8, BOYNE CITY-2 3

CHARLEVOIX PIRATES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Clayton Mitchell	1				
Michael Heckendorn	3				
Andrew Largent	2	1			
Zach Amstutz	1				
Bill Ivan	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Ty Teligenhof	5	1	6	2

JUNE 7 - PIRATES 5, BOYNE CITY-2 8

CHARLEVOIX PIRATES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Michael Heckendorn	2			1	
Chase Moore	1				
Bill Ivan	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Michael Heckendorn	4⅓	3	3	5
Alex Foster	1⅔	2		2

JUNE 6 - EAST JORDAN GEMINI 16, CHARLEVOIX PIRATES 14

EAST JORDAN GEMINI – NOT REPORTED

CHARLEVOIX PIRATES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Woody Hitchman	5				
Michael Heckendorn	2			1	
Ty Teligenhof	1			2	
Andrew Largent	1	1			
Nick Williams	2			1	
Bill Ivan	1			1	
Justin Williams	1			1	

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SPORTS

Rec softball teams compete in tournament

Last week, men's and women's rec league, slow pitch softball teams played a packed schedule.

On Monday, June 6, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Art Form Fabricating 23-5.

That same day, Lakeshore Tire beat D 480/St. Mary's Cement 21-9. Dave Hahn of Lakeshore had two homeruns.

The final game last Monday ended with the Flight Deck defeating Boss Engineering 7-0.

On June 8, Lakeshore continued its winning ways with a 24 – 9 victory over Carlson's Home Improvements. Bob Williams and Mike Miller of Lakeshore each had a homerun and Bret Erskine of Carlson's had a homerun.

The next game pitted winners from Monday, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting and the Flight Deck against one another. Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting came out on top in the 10 – 5 win. Chuck Pop of Swanson's had a homerun.

Closing the day, was a close game between Boss Engineering and D480/St. Mary's Cement. The Boss team won 13 – 12. Ryan Amesbury of D480 had a homerun.

On June 9 Women's Slo-Pitch team Kwikie beat Screenmasters 24 – 7. Angie Bayling of Kwikie had an in the park homerun.

The Waterfront Salon tallied a 15 – 1 win over Burger King.

In the Girls' Minor A League, Elk Rapids beat Charelvoix 13 – 10. Sarah Potter of Charlevoix had a double.

Courtesy photo

City tournament champs Lakeshore Tire are (front, left to right) Dave Hunter, Bob Williams, Brian Vromen, Jason Joles Joe Williams and Bob Barbour. (Back, left to right) Dave Hahn, Craig Napont and Mickey Walker. Missing are Jesse Simon and Mike Miller.

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Venetian Festival board plans 'Country Kick-off'

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival and Castle Farms will once again join forces in a unique entertainment offering.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, the gates at Castle Farms will open and participants will be greeted by sounds of the West during the Venetian Festival's Country Kickoff. The event will feature country music and 25 of the rankest bulls and toughest cowboys in the Midwest, in the Super Kicker Rodeo bull riding competition.

The Country Kickoff is an outgrowth of the relationship established last year between the festival board members and Castle Farms owners Richard and Linda Mueller and Executive Director, Alan Lovelace.

"The festival appreciated the support of Castle Farms, during the summer of 2004, in staging both the Young Americans fundraising concert and the kickoff at the Castle. We look forward to another top caliber event this year, with the Venetian Country Kickoff in the capable hands of Alan Lovelace and the Castle Farms staff," commented festival president, Dan Barron.

Barron also noted that Castle Farms will be underwriting the expense of the event, which will save the festival more than $10,000.

Lovelace said "Castle Farms and Venetian are natural partners, with the common goal of delivering first class, family entertainment. The Castle provides a perfect environment for the community's Venetian homecoming celebration."

Country Kickoff will also uphold the festival's musical tradition. Toe tapping tunes will fill the air, with two outstanding local country music artists, Chris Dominic of Charlevoix and Chelsee Oaks of Traverse City, strutting their stuff on stage.

Adults will be charged a $10 admission fee while children ages 6 through 12 will be admitted for $7.50 and those ages 5 and under will get in free of charge. Wrist bands will be provided, entitling all "Country Kickers" to participate in numerous "Kickoff" activities, including elephant rides by "Baby Laura," petting zoo livestock displays, a rock climbing wall, "Mongo" the mechanical bull and inflatables.

Food and beverages will also be available.

Venetian planners believe that Rayder Rumble II on Venetian Monday and the Country Kickoff on Venetian Tuesday will be a great buildup to the outstanding entertainment scheduled for East Park, from Venetian Wednesday through Saturday, including such groups as the classic rock band WAR and "1964 . . . The Tribute."

"The Rumble and the Country Kickoff will not only provide great entertainment but also significant funds for the Festival to meet its budget demands," Barron stated.

For more information call Castle Farms at (231) 237-0884.

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Young anglers

Ross Reynolds of Iowa and Samantha Martin of Minnesota try their luck at catching a trout in East Park during the 21st Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament last weekend.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
July 5, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, to receive public input on a proposed amendment to Title V - Zoning and Planning, Chapter 51, also known as the City Zoning Ordinance, of the City Code. The proposed amendment is outlined as follows:

A. Addition of a new section entitled - Site Condominiums
The intent of this section is to provide minimum standards and guidelines for review and approval of site condominium projects so they will comply wth accepted planning and engineering standards appicable to similar forms of development. It is further intended that this permitted use encourage a more creative approach to development through the planned reduction or grouping of lots while maintaining the overall density of the Zoning District.

B. Renumbering Sections 5.171 and 5.172 as Sections 5.170 and 5.171, respectively.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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GARAGE & RUMMAGE SALES 100

THE NORWOOD United Methodist Church is having a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the church, Saturday June 18. Proceeds will go to the steeple fund. Antiques, collectible items, and clothing.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedents Estate

Estate James Lee Elliott
Date of birth: August 31, 1908

TO ALL CREDITORS:*
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JAMES LEE ELLIOTT, who lived at 310 East Dixon Avenue in Charlevoix Michigan 49720 died on May 13, 2005.

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Date: June 14, 2005

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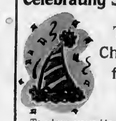

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Landscaping class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class "Landscaping with Native Plants" at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 22 and Saturday, June 25. Learn about native plants and how to use them to enhance your landscape. Register for the class by calling (231) 599-2824. Pine Hill Nursery is located on U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

Enrichment raffle

The Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation is conducting a raffle. The winner will receive an Amway Grand Getaway adventure package. This includes one deluxe room for two nights, a $75 food and beverage certificate and free parking at the Amway Hotel. Tickets are on sale now for a $10 donation at The Coffee Shop and at the Bridge Street Book Shop in downtown Charlevoix. A drawing will take place at 7 p.m. June 13 at the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education meeting at Charlevoix High School. Proceeds will go to the enrichment foundation.

Sexual development class

Child Care Connections will sponsor Sexual Development and Children Training classes for Daycare providers, teachers and parents of young children from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. June 16 in the CHEC Building at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. The cost is $10. For more information or to register, contact Carrie Ball at (231) 941-8870 ext. 122.

Jazz concert

The Bay View Association and Crooked Tree Arts Center will present jazz legend Chick Corea and Touchstone, in a one-night-only performance at 8 p.m., Saturday, June 18 at the John M. Hall Auditorium in Bay View. Tickets are on sale at Crooked Tree Arts Center, 461 East Mitchell Street, downtown Petoskey, (231) 347-4337.

Federal employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, June 21, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, Cheri Leach, from the Raven Hill Discovery Center in East Jordan, will speak about the center's many attractions and activities available for all ages. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Salamander hunt

The Little Traverse Conservancy is hosting a program called, "We're Going on a Salamander Hunt." The program will take place from 1-3 p.m. at the Oden Island Nature Preserve for children ages 7-12. There is no charge for the programs, but pre-registration is requested by calling (231) 347-0991.

Fruit tree class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class "Fruit Trees - Planting & Care" at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 18. Register for the class by calling (231) 599-2824. Pine Hill Nursery is located on US 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

Book donations accepted

In preparation for the huge annual book sale on Saturday, June 18, the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are accepting all gently used books for resale. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Saturday in the lobby of the Library at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix.

Black Hole trips

The Little Traverse Conservancy, SEE-North, the Pickerel and Crooked Lakes Association, and Ryde Marina are offering 2-hour trips throughout the day Thursday, June 16, to the Mysteries Within The Black Hole located In the midst of Pickerel-Crooked Lake Channel. Participants will board a pontoon boat at Ryde Marina in Ponshewaing for a mile-long trip across Crooked Lake and up the channel to the Black Hole. A researcher from Michigan Technological University will be there for some hands on explorations beneath the surface using a Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle (ROV).

SkatePark volunteers needed

Charlevoix Community SkatePark is looking for volunteers to work at the new skate park located across from the ball fields on Carpenter Rd. You must be 18 or older and will need to be CPR/First Aid Certified, which will be paid for by CCS, Inc. if needed. The park will be open during summer hours from 5-9 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 3-9 p.m. Saturday. Additional hours may be added if we can add to our volunteer base.

Crooked Tree events

Crooked Tree Arts Center provides our community extensive opportunites for entertainment, dancing and art events:

Crooked Tree Arts Center's Kitchen Painter - 2nd Annual Exhibition from 1 to 3 p.m. Sundays from May 15 to July 15.

Brian Gartside Ceramics Workship is June 15-17, Glaze Texture and Surface Decoration demonstrating paper, clay, and developing visual skills is included. CTAC members $150, non-member $180/Ages 17 to Adult. Also join Brian Gartside for Coffee at Ten from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on June 15.

2005 Petoskey Gallery Walk from 5 to 9 p.m., June 16. The public is invited to come see what's new at all the wonderful galleries downtown. The event is free and refreshements will be provided. The Crooked Tree Arts Center will be featuring wines of the Leelanau Peninsula Vintners and microbrews from Shorts Brewery, Bellaire.

The Crooked Tree Art Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in Petoskey. For more information visit the CTAC website at www.crookedtree.org or call (231) 347-4337.

Library dedication

Ellsworth Community School Library Dedication will take place at 7 p.m., Friday, June 17. The library renovation was entirely funded by community and alumni support. Dedication to be followed by light refreshments. The Ellsworth Community School is located at 9467 Park Street in Ellsworth. For more information call (231) 588-2544.

Father's Day Sundays at Four concert planned

On Fathers Day, June 19, treat dad to a "Sundays at Four" concert.

The event will take place at 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street.

As a tribute to dads everywhere, the Charlevoix Area Men's Chorus, directed by Terry Isenbarger, and the Da Li'l Com-pah Band from Petoskey will present a program with a lot of variety and some fun thrown in.

Bob Pattingale will accompany the Men's Chorus.

There is no charge but a donation of $5 will be gratefully accepted.

A reception will immediately follow the concert in Ransom Fellowship Hall at the church.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m, every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

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Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

In 1940, we knew most of those living here. They usually stayed here, and didn't have to move around as happens today.

Harold and Hetty Lamb lived at 304 Clinton with their children, Margaret and Marjorie. He was the director of the Charlevoix County Department of Social Welfare. Charles Lamphear was an alderman in the second ward. He and his wife, Mildred lived at 209 Mason with their son, John. Frank and Nettie Lamphear lived at 205 Park Avenue. Nettie Lamphear owned the Hotel Bartlett at 205 Park Avenue. Rose Lamphear lived at 202 State Street.

Robert Lee and his wife, Crescence, lived at 226 Antrim. They had a son, Edwin. I remember going to their home for Bible story time each week. She was a lovely Christian lady, and held these fun get togethers for neighborhood children.

Carl and Anna Left lived at 404 Antrim Street and their children were Claire, Anna Mae, Francis and Carlene. He was a seaman. Franklin Left lived at 110 West Hurlbut Avenue.

Philip and Mary Lemieur lived at 104 Wood. He was a caretaker.

Meyer and Freda Levinson lived at 110 Clinton Street. They owned M.A. Levinson and Co. which sold dry goods, women's ready to wear and men's furnishing goods. I remember my mother buying my slacks there. They were all wool, and very nicely made. Charles Levinson, their son, worked as a clerk in their store. Sybil, their daughter also was a clerk there.

Eugene and Sylvia Lewis lived at 102 West Hurlbut. His mother, Alice, also lived with them. She was a widow (James). Eugene was a painter.

Elliott and Eva Lewis lived on Division. He was a painter. Gwendolyn Struthers also lived there. Flora Lewis was a widow (Monte) and was vice president of the Charlevoix Lumber Co. She lived at 223 Clinton Street. Lola Lewis was a widow (Oral D.) and she and her children Russell, Maxine Faye, Loma, Jim and Beth Marie, lived at 306 Mason Street. Lorna has always been one of my best friends. I remember when she told me that her mother, and Mrs. Clarence Meggison had daughters born at the same time. Lola's daughter, Maxine Faye and Elanor Beth Meggison were best friends. They asked their mothers to name the new babies after each of them, using each girl's middle names. So, Beth Lewis and Faye Meggison were the names given to the babies.

Merritt Lewis and wife, Ruth, lived at 404 W. Upright Street. He was a carpenter and Ruth was a laundress at the Charlevoix Hospital. Dale remembers Merritt as a very fine trim carpenter. In the 1940s he and two other carpenters, who came from Chicago, Ill. rebuilt the Cater summer residence at 404 Mason Street. They sang while they worked, and Dale remembers them singing "When it's springtime in the Rockies". And it was some of the most beautiful harmony he had ever heard in his entire lifetime. It made tears come to Dale's eyes at the time. Back then, fellows would sing or whistle as they worked, and were happy even though they didn't have much money in their pockets.

Merritt didn't have a car, and he walked to work. He was Birdie Whitley's grandfather. It's too bad this is a lost art, except for a few. Glenn Crain still whistles, and I feel it is the sign of a happy man.

Charles Lamphear was the manager of Northern Creamery Co. until 1939, when John Maxbauer bought it. At that time, Dale's dad became manager. The creamery was located where the Charlevoix Public Library parking lot is today. Charlie then went to Campbell Shoe store and repaired shoes in the back of the store. Charlie was always a favorite of Dale and his brother, Dean. When they went down to the dairy, he would give them ice cream. He always liked kids. He was very kind-hearted gentleman.

Archie Livingston was a cashier at the Charlevoix State Savings Bank, and became president in later years. He lived on the next street from Dale. Dale and Dean would ride down the hill in front of his house at 312 Clinton Street, and he would watch them, and knew what kind of boys they were. His wife was Margery, and his son was Archie Jr. While he was president of the bank, he never once turned Dale down for a loan to make a real estate investment. He said he never had to remind Dale that a payment was due, because it was paid ahead of time. Such were the good old days when everyone knew your reputation.

Archie and Don Campbell, who owned Campbell Shoe Store, came to the first meeting when Dale called it to see about making Mt. McSauba Ski Hill. They were very enthusiastic even though there was 41 years difference in age between them and Dale. They were positive thinkers, and put their whole heart into making Charlevoix better whenever they could.

In my last column, I wrote the names of George and Edna LaBlance's children. In 1940, there were only two boys, John and Tom. I then wrote that Steve and Brendon were also their boys, and neglected to say that they were born later. I remember Steve especially, because he helped Dale and I tear down a old barn to use the lumber to build our first house. He was just a young boy, but worked like a trooper helping me pound the old nails out of the boards as Dale took them off the building. I am sure he remembers that today. I inadvertently left out the LaBlance's daughter, Georgia, who was also born later, and was their only girl.

Angie Supernaw called me a week ago, and mentioned that Edna Himebaugh Wells is 93 years old, and lives at 107 West Upright, and has always lived in the same house, where she was born.

Lawrence Boss also was born in his house in 1918, and when his father, Ed Boss moved to town, he took over the farm. He and his wife, Jeanette, live there today.

Many people have told me that they enjoy reading about old friends and relatives in 1940, proving again, how valuable memories are to all of us.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, June 6, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present with the exception of Councilmembers Chamberlain & Bellows.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to approve the minutes of May 16, 2005 with correction.
- Motion adopted to approve the accounts payable check register for June 3, 2005.
- A Public Hearing was held for the proposed conflict of interest ordinance.
- Motion adopted to approve the amendment to the development plan for 1217 State St., conditional on approval from the FAA.
- Motion adopted to support the Charlevoix Senior Citizens' Center in their request for a 2% match grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to be used towards an addition to hold two walk-in coolers.
- Motion adopted to approve the local liquor license for THPP Enterprises, Ltd. (Charly's Restaurant).
- Motion adopted to approve the bid of $6,114.00 to remove the Christmas lights from the trees so they can be trimmed.
- Motion adopted to set a public hearing for Tuesday, July 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for the site condominium amendment to Sections 5.171 and 5.172 of Article V, Chapter 51, of the City Code.

Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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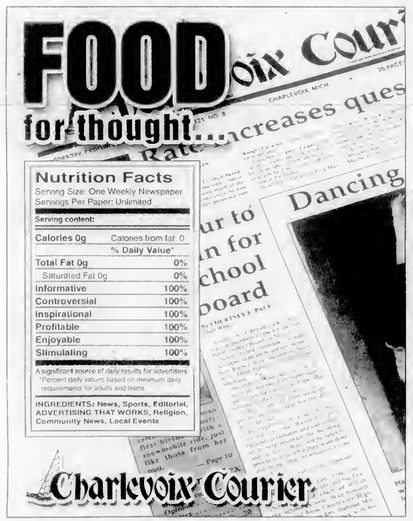
Anglers reel in the big one

(Above) Richard Fratogillo and John Hampel of Westville, Ind. show off bass they caught during the Bass Tournament June 4. (Below) Dave Juilleret shows off a steelhead at the 21st Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament June 12. Gary Beer reeled in the largest trout, weighing 16.6 pounds. Brady Way caught the largest brown trout, weighing 5.26 pounds. Greg Musselman caught the largest steelhead, weighing 9.98 pounds.



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(from a kid's perspective)

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2. Stuff dad likes

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City to sue its insurance carrier?

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The City of Charlevoix may file charges against its insurance provider for not covering a check for over $220,000 that was misdirected and cashed.

At city council's June 20 meeting, council members discussed possible attorney fees the city could incur if it pursued a lawsuit against Michigan Municipal League Insurance, its insurance carrier.

A report from city attorney, Jim Young, explored hiring an attorney with the firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.

Three options outlined by Bob DeJong, an attorney with the law firm, estimated costs for attorney services billing in the neighborhood of $65,000 to $85,000 with an additional $7,000 to $9,000 in expenses.

Council members said that while this seems steep, the city stands to lose over $220,000 if some relief is not found.

According to third ward council member Shirley Gibson, the city's position in this possible litigation is that its insurance carrier should cover a check for over $220,000 that was misdirected and cashed.

The city has sought coverage from its insurer. But representatives of Michigan Municipal League Insurance did not agree to pay the bill. The city has not yet opted to pursue treasurer's bonds that also cover incidents like the check debacle.

Council directed Young to request a proposal from the law firm that bills the city at $250 an hour with a 20 percent contingency fee. If council agrees to go this route, the law firm would draft its complaint and 20 percent of what the city would be awarded if a judge rules in its favor would go to the firm.

"The fact that they (DeJong) are willing to consider a contingency fee is obviously indicative of the strength of the city's claim," Young told council.

The check at the heart of this pending litigation was written to CCMS, a contractor hired by the city to work on roads and sidewalks. However, the check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then supposed to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

A report given to council in February outlining why the mistake was made pointed to miscommunication.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi, who was on vacation when the check was issued, claims he was not aware United Fire was supposed to be paid instead of CCMS. United Fire claims they sent a letter to Brandi with check writing instructions, prior to his vacation, but Brandi says he never received it.

Brandi's stamped signature as well as that of deputy city clerk Stephanie Brown, appeared on the check.

When Brandi realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment but it was too late, CCMS had cashed the check.

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Arrest made in counterfeit bill probe

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Investigators are looking into a connection between counterfeit money found in Charlevoix last week and more than $5,000 in counterfeit bills that were seized in the Upper Peninsula.

According to Scott Vogel of the United States Secret Service, Lawrence DeLuca was arraigned on Friday, June 17 before United States Magistrate Timothy P. Greeley in Marquette.

Vogel said DeLuca was charged with Title 18 United States Code 472 Uttering counterfeit obligations or securities.

"Our investigation is continuing," he added.

As of Monday, June 20, DeLuca was held in the Marquette County Jail awaiting a June 30 detention hearing which will determine if he can get out on bond or whether he must stay in jail while awaiting trial.

Charlevoix City Police Chief, Dennis Halverson, said the secret service investigation will in-

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Taste the fun

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the Second Annual Taste of Charlevoix in East Park June 18. Hundreds of area residents and visitors attended. There were 15 restaurants and six wine vendors at the event. Above Kris Way distributes chocolate covered strawberries from Kilwin's.

East Park petition submitted to city clerk

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Supporters of the East Park renovation project being decided by city voters are one step closer to landing a spot on the Nov. 8 election ballot.

A group of six Charlevoix city residents in support of East Park changes hit the pavement early this month in pursuit of signatures for an initiative action, to take the park project to a vote of city residents.

Signature seekers included John Winn, Terry Left, David Novotny, John Yaroch, Mark Greyerbiehl and James Berlage.

Changes they are working toward include removal of the current band shell, construction of a new performance venue and amphitheater seating and reconfiguration of the park's topography.

They submitted 462 signatures to city clerk Carol Ochs on June 14 — 126 more signatures than were required.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Darren William Kassuba, 21, Charlevoix. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail.

Linda Marie Herrick, 40, Charlevoix. Welfare fraud under $500, failure to inform less than $500. Serve 90 days in jail with 80 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve 24 months probation; $3,949 in fines and costs.

Kurt Alan Danforth, 22, Harbor Springs. Check non-sufficient funds less than $100; $568.85 in fines and costs.

Jame David Rakoniewski, 35, Petoskey. Possession of marijuana and possession of cocaine. Serve 365 days in jail with a credit for two days, to serve 10 days in jail with 338 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, to serve one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,200 in fines and costs.

Russell James Simmons Jr., 25, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, possession of a weapon while under the influence. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit of one, to serve 12 days, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 70 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year probation, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must submit to PBT/Urine test must attend IMPACT weekend; $1,830 in fines and costs.

Austin John Brady, 21, Athens, Ohio. Controlled substance, possession of marijuana. Serve 180 days with a credit for one day, 174 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail, to serve nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Dominic Michael Wilson, 21, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, to serve six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Emily Vandeweghe, 17, Charlevoix. Embezzlement agent/trust less than $200. Serve 30 days in jail with 23 days held in abeyance, seven days of community service work in lieu of seven days in jail, to serve six months probation and must write a letter of apology; $300 in fines and costs.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Benjamin Cowper Fowle, 27, and Katharine Lynn Varner, 27, both of Arlington Va.

William Marshall Danforth, 29, and Jennifer Lynn Frabis, 33, both of Royal Oak

James Michael Kanine, 24, of Charlevoix and Emily Kathleen Martinus, 24, of Mason

Carl Gibbard Petrie, 77, of East Jordan and Doris May Reed, 74, of Byron Center

Steven Gale Everett, 38, and Melody Rose Raphael, 40, both of Boyne Falls

William L. Dicks, 27, and Stephanie S. Gray, 26 both of Chicago, Ill.

Jason Russell Bock, 26, and Jessica Fay Whitman, 24, both of Boyne Falls

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Compassionate Hearts, 04712 Lakeshore Road, Boyne City by Sally B. Pasque

STP Enterprises, 10966 Burgess Road, Charlevoix by Shawn T. Purvis and Tracie Ann Purvis

Doggie Blues Dane Kennel, 1006 Water Street, East Jordan by Sara A. Kluth

Shawn's Turf Tamer Service, 05200 Stolt Road, Petoskey by Shawn L. Gallup and Terri L. Gallup

Art From Frog Holler, 03121 Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City by Laura L. Houser

American Building Maintenance, 11221 North Church Road, Ellsworth by Cory Dalaney

Births

Mason Cunningham weighing 9 pounds was born to Paul and Vanessa Cunningham of Charlevoix on June 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sibling is Kamri, 8. Grandparents are Greg and Betty Martin of Charlevoix, Keith and Renée Payne of Fairbanks, Alaska and Glenn and Kris Cunningham of Grand Haven.

Shelby Elizebeth Seymour weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces was born to Chris and Sharon Seymour of Charlevoix on June 17, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Earl and Alice Muma, Mike Seymour and Chuck and Jean Morrow all of Charlevoix.

Sydné Opal Harshman weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces was born to Joseph and Maranda Harshman of Charlevoix on June 19, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sibling is Angelina. Grandparents are Colette D. Doak of Traverse City, Richard Joyce of Traverse City and Aaron and Kim Brock of Charlevoix. Great Grandparents are Walter and Marilyn Doak of Central Lake and Beth LaBonte of Fife Lake.

Child injured on personal watercraft

At approximately 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 11 a personal watercraft accident occurred on Lake Charlevoix in Oyster Bay.

Three-year-old Tyler Loiselle of Chesterfield was injured while riding as a passenger in front of operator Kimberly Vansuilichem of Troy.

Vansuilichem told Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies that she encountered a large wake at which time Loiselle was lurched forward into the handlebar cutting his forehead. Loiselle was treated and released from Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Sheriff George Thomas Lasater reminds all personal watercraft users to exercise the utmost care and caution on this type of watercraft.

The accident was investigated by marine deputies Brian E. Brachel and Benjamin Speigl. It remains under investigation.

Weather

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Investigators look at local couterfeit cash tie

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clude a look at whether DeLuca also passed counterfeit bills in Charlevoix.

According to Halverson, from June 11-14, 10 to 15 separate incidents of counterfeit money spending were reported in Charlevoix. Some sites where the money has been spent include Glens Market and 7-Eleven. Most of the bills passed here are $20 and at least one was a $100 bill.

Halverson said the quality of the bills are high and one would have to really know what they are looking for to spot the fraudulent bills.

"If you were to hold one in your hand by itself you would have a difficult time telling the difference," he said.

According to a Sault Ste. Marie Police Department news release, DeLuca, a white male in his 60s, had possession of 12 fake $20 bills and $5,000 in fake $100 bills.

DeLuca, who was arrested in Sault Ste. Marie with the counterfeit money also had in his possession approximately a pound of marijuana with traces of cocaine on it.

The news release said there are indications that DeLuca might have taken possession of the counterfeit bills in Florida and upon interview the suspect did not mention spending any of the bills in Charlevoix, but that he did travel south of the Mackinaw Bridge.

Halverson said if you have any doubts about your money to hold the bill up to a light source and check for a watermark. If you fail to see the watermark or still have concerns with the authenticity of the currency, you should take the bill to your local bank to have it checked and then contact your local police department for further instructions.

As much of an inconvenience as it would be to lose money, Halverson said do not try to pass fake bills along because that is a crime.

Park petition submitted to city clerk Carol Ochs

PARK

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Ochs is now in the process of authenticating each signature to make sure it came from a registered city voter. Her review will be complete before July 5, the deadline for when the certificate has to be submitted to city council.

Council then has 60 days to act on that certificate. This means council will be forced to revisit an ordinance amendment, called "Amendment 5" which it already denied.

On March 14 city council voted against initiation of amendments four and five, as presented, to the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) development plan.

These amendments would have allowed the authority to pay for 25 percent of the marina, for the total cost of East Park projects and extend the authority's life.

While marina changes were approved and are expected to start this fall, plans for East Park were nixed.

Council decided to omit plans to build an ice rink in the park from amendment four and decided against passing amendment five in its entirety.

Amendment five included demolition of the current music pavilion in the fall of 2006 and construction of a new facility on the south end of the park. This part of the project would cost the DDA just under $1.5 million.

Ochs explained that because petitioners were successful in gathering initiative action signatures, council will pull Amendment 5, set another public hearing and consider it again.

If they approve it, the decision is eligible for a referendum to overturn that decision, which could appear the soonest on a February 2006 ballot.

If council sticks to its original decision and declines it, the amendment would be eligible for the Nov. 8 general election ballot.

Charlevoix resident Jill Picha, said if it goes to a vote she will have an army of voters lined up ready to fight. She plans to join forces with other residents against removing the band shell to campaign against it.

Council approved extension of the authority from its expected expiration date of 2013, to 2026, in order to finish the marina project, and approved payment of 25 percent of the total cost of the $10.6 million marina project, including construction of a new harbormaster's office. The authority's portion is $3.8 million, the Michigan Waterways Commission has committed to fund 75 percent, or $6.8 million, of the marina project.

The project will be done in phases with construction of the 67-slip dock system and sea wall coming first.

Debt from the marina renovation will cost between $242,000 and $310,000 a year for 15 to 20 years. City manager Mike Wiesner anticipates $100,000 a year being paid for from marina revenue and the rest coming from the DDA.

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Sunday Nights
Pete Kehoe
Pete's been a regular fixture on the Great Lakes resort circuit for over 10 years, spending much of his time on Mackinac Island. Aside from solo gigs, Pete is also in demand as a substitute player in many groups in the Detroit area and does a great deal of studio sessions there. His voice has a sound of its own, lending itself to many of the styles and moods he touches upon.

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OPINIONS

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A celebration of life to remember

Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

Pastor Mary Willis gave my father-in-law, Ivan Witthoeft, a light at a celebration of his life last weekend.

Ivan was recently diagnosed with an advanced case of colon cancer and community members gathered at the Witthoeft compound June 17, to show their support for a man who has in many ways brought light to their lives.

Ivan is a master electrician who pioneered the use of nuclear energy in Charlevoix. Since the 1970s he has lit up this town, from his amazing Christmas display to residential and commercial wiring projects.

But the celebration was for a different light he has brought to this community — the light his generosity, love and compassion has generated.

It was a warm afternoon early this spring when I felt his light most strongly.

I was headed to the Witthoeft ranch off Old Orchard Road after a typical eight-to-fiver to pick up my daughter who spent afternoons at 'Granny Daycare,' with Ivan's wife, Lucy.

I raced up to the house, threw open the door and shot in. Things in the house were unusually quiet, so I knew my 2-year-old wasn't inside. I quickly retreated back outside.

I'll never forget the feeling of the welcoming breeze as I looked up to see my sweet baby girl. She was toddling around the hilly terrain hand in hand with Lucy wearing long black braids and cowboy boots and Ivan in his signature jeans and matching boots.

The smiles on their faces, the sun in the sky and the power of their spirits was the warmest, brightest light known to man.

The next week we got the news about Ivan's illness and soon after I realized that spring afternoon was my gift from God.

Now, as the community and our family prepares to say goodbye to a man who brought intense light to our lives, we have to remember that his light isn't gone. Instead of it shining strongly on our faces in our daily lives it now needs to shine from within us.

Thank you to everyone who came to support our family and those who have sent cards, dinners and other symbols of your love. It is now our job to keep his light shining.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Pastor Mary Willis hands Ivan Witthoeft a symbolic light before leading a group of friends and family in prayer at a celebration of his life June 17 at his home.

Letters to the editor

The truth about local skaters

Editor:

As a parent that has been actively involved in the Charlevoix Community Skatepark Project, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has supported this much needed outlet for our area youth and visitors.

It has not been a disappointment, the support shown for this project has been wonderful. This has been an amazing experience and I would like to clear up some preconceived ideas about skaters/bikers in general.

The kids, who are involved with our project do not fit the norm of the typical skater. We have a broad spectrum of actively involved kids, from honor students to average, everyday kids, from graduates to elementary students who love their sport.

They all bring a different perspective to this project and their opinions and ideas have all been taken into account. The park has been designed by them and for them. It is not a cookie cutter design, it is custom designed for the skaters and bikers of Charlevoix. We are trying to promote the positive side of this sport. A point that I wanted to clarify is that this is a supervised park, this was the kids' choice, especially the 14-19 year olds. It would be easier on everyone if it wasn't but the kids using the park requested it be supervised. I think that shows we have responsible kids involved in this project.

As a parent who had no idea what she was in for, this has been life altering, very satisfying project to be involved in. Kids of today are not like those of 25 years ago, they want challenging activities to be available. Extreme sports is everywhere, it is changing the sports world as we know it. We are fortunate to live in a place where snowboarding, wakeboarding and skateboarding go hand in hand. I have been asked numerous times, would I do it again? The answer is yes. Why? Because it is making a difference.

One thing I have realized is the people criticizing or skeptical of this project don't understand it. They either have had a bad experience or don't realize the benefit this park will have. The parents involved in this project are more than willing to sit down with anyone and explain the importance of this. That is what the temporary park was for, to educate and make awareness that there is a need in this area for this kind of facility. There are kids who don't fall into typical football/basketball/soccer/baseball sports categories, they need an outlet for their sport. If we help one child be active, then this project has been worth it. I have been amazed at what these kids can do on their in-line skates, boards and bikes. These are not easy sports, they are very physically demanding.

To business owners, we realize there are skaters, locals/non-locals, who have been destructive, we have tried to educate the kids about skating in the allowed areas only and being respectful. If you have an area that is inviting to a skater and you don't want them to skate there, post a sign. One thing I have learned is that there is street skating and park skating, they are totally different. Our park has elements of both, which again the kids designed. But also realize unless it is bolted down they will move it, grind it, and ride it.

Feel free to contact any CCS, Inc. board member. They are myself, Vickie Daman, Scott Stebe, Patsy Ramsey, Michelle Witthoeft, John McLean and John Curtis. Any adult is welcome to join the executive board at any time. We also have park volunteers but are in need of more.

Please stop by our new permanent site on West Carpenter after June 25.

Again, thank you to all who have contributed to making this dream a reality.

Laura Stebe
Charlevoix

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'Thank you' volunteers

Editor:

On behalf of North Central Michigan College's, Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Omicron Upsilon Chapter, we would like to thank all of those who helped out with the Skate Night for Cystic Fibrosis held on June 10 in East Jordan. Together we created a successful event that helped increase awareness about Cystic Fibrosis throughout the local communities as well as representing our society and college with pride.

Seventy-two participants and nearly 20 volunteers turned out for this year's fund-raiser. We had a fantastic turnout and undoubtedly helped raise awareness. In future years, those participants will not only recognize the cause but they will also remember they were once a part of it.

We would like to thank the numerous volunteer's whose presence was instrumental in our success; Amanda, Beth, Billy, Chris, Chrissy, Dan, Darwin, Irene, Jessica, Jim, Laura, Mike, Nick, Patrick, Scott, Terry, Timmy, and Tonya. You guys made this happen.

We thank you all for your strong support for our cause and our community

Kevin Bavers
East Jordan

Emissions have bad odor

Editor:

Charlevoix the Beautiful (but stinky). Growing up in the down river area of Detroit allows one to gain knowledge of industrial aromas as a dubious distinction. With all the steel mills, car manufacturers, refineries, chemical plants, etc., the air was robust and rich with pollutants. Just a quick drive over the Rouge River bridge even today affords one the opportunity to gain a nasal perception of industry in Detroit — no need to open your eyes (unless you are driving of course).

This Memorial Day, my nasal memories of the industrialized down river area were rekindled by a smog filling the downtown area of Charlevoix. The sulfur smell was actually choking even the best ice cream devouring fudgie. Quotes like "Can you smell that," reminded me of not only a Lynyard Sknyrd tune but the Rouge Bridge.

I closed my eyes and was back there for a moment only to realize the bridge I was on was in Charlevoix. Wow. Tracing it back, one could see the origin south of Michigan Beach — an eyesore that paradoxically is in the peripheral vision of the million-dollar sunsets. SO2 it's referred to — Sulfur Dioxide. Upon checking with Courtney — their environmental professional — Medusa, PEMEX, Cemex their new owners are calling themselves now — Saint Mary's is allowed "over 4,000 tons of SO2 emissions per year." They were in compliance in stinking up Charlevoix. Four thousand tons — that's 50 pounds per minute — every minute. The equivalent of ten five pound bags of flour every minute — yuck. In Charlevoix the Beautiful (but stinky) hold your nose and appreciate the view and realize it's normal and legal.

Greg White
Charlevoix

Taste fest a success

Editor:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in making our 2nd Annual "Taste of Charlevoix" event a big success again this year. There was a large turnout and ticket sales were strong throughout the day. Several vendors sold out of food early or had to re-stock during the day. I had nothing but positive feedback from all of those who joined in on the festivities. I would like to thank all of our participating vendors, the Chamber member businesses who donated their time or materials to the Taste event, the Taste of Charlevoix committee members, the City of Charlevoix and its staff, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and its staff, and all of the volunteers who helped that day. Without all of you, this would not have been such a success. We look forward to next year's event and making it even more successful and enjoyable for our community.

Maura A. Snabes
Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Committee Chairman

Ambassador visit inspiring

Editor:

The compassion shown by Charlevoix third grader Maggie Hamilton, who wrote a note of sympathy to children who survived the tsunami, is indeed heartwarming. Her classmates also sent letters and came up with ways to raise money to help the young victims. In so doing, they created a lasting bond with new friends in faraway Indonesia who responded to their messages.

They also made front page news for inspiring the visit to their school of the Indonesian ambassador who told them "We now see the light, the spirit of humankind."

Perhaps we should not be surprised that these young children display such an awareness of the plight of others. We have only to view the art of 11-to-13-year-olds in the Lions International Peace Poster contest to appreciate the deep hope they convey that others may enjoy well-being and peace.

These young people may not realize it, but they are nurturing world peace by their actions. Kudos to them and also to the Petoskey News-Review and Courier for their coverage of this special event.

Barbara MacArthur
Charlevoix

Pet adoption needed

Editor:

I am a volunteer at the Charlevoix County Humane Society. I just recently fostered four mothers and 17 kittens who were abandoned in an apartment, and they were too young for adoption, so they needed a place to stay until they were old enough. They are all now back at the facility. But the humane society is overwhelmed with too many kittens and cats. So if you have been thinking about adopting a pet, this is the time. They have a special of two for one. Go over and just see all of these beautiful, sweet kittens. They need homes. Also, please neuter your animals. If you need help, call the Humane Society.

Georgia Boyer
Charlevoix

'Comedy at the Castle' presents Jay Laffoon

Comedy at the Castle will take place at 7 p.m. July 7 at Castle Farms, in the King's Great Hall, in Charlevoix.

The event, "A Comedy Celebration with Jay Laffoon," is a fund-raiser for the students at St. Mary School.

Laffoon grew up in Petoskey. He began his speaking career at 17 with Youth for Christ.

His parents, Jim and Joyce Laffoon, established Youth for Christ in 1969 in this area and touched many lives with their ministry.

Laffoon served for eight years as the Executive Director of Central Michigan Youth for Christ in Alma.

In 1995, he founded Communications Resources and launched his motivational speaking career.

He and his wife, Laura, currently speak at different venues ranging from marriage encounters to youth rallies.

He is currently a motivational speaker with the Nashville Speakers Bureau.

He is nationally known for his comedic delivery and for his uncanny insight into everyday life as a Christian, as a friend, as a teenager, as a student, as a son, as a husband and father.

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Tu-parles français?

Approximately 100 French language students from Charlevoix High School left for Europe on Tuesday, June 14 including this group of friends. (Left to right) Lisa Kuebler, Kara Fitzgerald, Juli Neidert, and Kara Ciesielczyk. They will be there for two weeks. They flew into Nice, spent a day in Monaco, where they swam in the Mediterrarean Sea and will visit Paris as well as other places.

Lions club sets date for its annual golf scramble

On Thursday July 14, at the Belvedere Golf Club, the Charlevoix Lions will hold their Eleventh Annual Four Player Team Scramble Golf Tournament.

Proceeds from the scramble go to support the club's 30 beneficiaries which include youth scholarships, sports teams and activity programs, civic programs and projects and sight and hearing local and state programs.

About 25 teams are expected to go for the winning lowest-score trophies and cash prizes. Along the way each golfer will try for $10,000 by sinking a tee-shot on hole 17, a generous package of Sony electronic equipment, on hole Four, two round-trip airline tickets on hole eight and a choice of Callaway drivers or irons on hole 14.

Players can also go for $5,000 in the putting contest held on the practice green. There are awards for longest in-fairway drives on some designated holes.

Check-in will take place beginning at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 14, with a brat picnic lunch. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The $5,000 putting contest finals will follow immediately after the last hole.

The awards banquet is at the K of C Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and features "Lions Chicken."

The $98 per player fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart rental, participation in events and the awards dinner. A fee of $12.90 is for awards-dinner-only guests.

Individual golfers and teams who would like to play the Belvedere course with the Lions can sign-up by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117 or Bern Cannan at (231) 547-5512.

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New farm directory features Charlevoix growers

One year after releasing a pocket guide listing northwest Michigan farms that sell their products directly to shoppers and retailers, the Michigan Land Use Institute is expanding its "buy local" campaign to include businesses from Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

The Institute will launch this northern expansion of its Taste the Local Difference campaign at a 3 p.m. press conference Thursday, June 23, at the Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix.

The event will feature the release of the expanded Taste the Local Difference pocket guide and related materials that more than 55 restaurants and grocers in the region will use to promote their use of local foods in-partnership with the campaign. Project staff will also introduce a new web site, www.LocalDifference.org, where shoppers can search for specific products, such as grass-fed beef, or select caterers and restaurants that use local foods.

The Taste the Local Difference food guide and retail materials make up the marketing arm of a broader institute effort to save farmland by building local food market connections. The nonprofit institute is working with a range of local and state organizations to build a local farm-and-food business network that will help farms of all kinds pursue new opportunities, such as marketing local foods to local schools.

The project, initially funded by a major grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, is attracting many local businesses and groups, including its two "Top of the Crop" sponsors — Traverse City State Bank and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians — and valuable support from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

Representatives of the community foundations said that the Taste the Local Difference campaign is an essential component of farmland preservation efforts in the area.

"We look forward to partnering with the Michigan Land Use Institute to heighten awareness of luscious, locally grown foods and the importance of purchasing locally grown products at our markets, grocery stores and restaurants," said Bob Tambellini, president of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. "It is a creative and tasty option for helping to preserve farmland, and we are proud to be part of the solution."

Judy Friske Kehr, marketing manager of Friske Orchards Farm Market near Ellsworth, said Taste the Local Difference can help area farms communicate the special nature of homegrown foods to consumers who are hungry for meaning in their meals.

"There are not many people who still have a grandma around to make jam for them. People are amazed and touched when I tell them, as they're looking at one of our jams, that my mother, standing over there at the counter, made it," Kehr said.

The Institute's 2005 Taste the Local Difference campaign's most visible feature is the updated, pocket-sized guide, which lists farms from Manistee to the Mackinac Bridge that offer direct sale of their products. With nearly 30 additional farms, this year's Taste the Local Difference guide now features 160 farms that together represent some $5 million in sales, 320 full and part-time jobs and nearly 23,000 acres of farmland. Its press run is more than twice as large as last year's.

According to an Institute survey of participants in last year's program, Taste the Local Difference is already boosting area food sales. A majority of the farmers listed in last year's guide, the project's first, reported an increase in customer contacts as a result of their listings.

The institute published 10,000 copies of the guide last year, which local residents and visitors snapped up in just two months. This year, the Institute has printed 25,000 guides, which it will distribute to libraries, visitors centers, farmers markets, and other popular spots.

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Obituaries

Helen Roeters: Sept. 13, 1925 - June 8, 2005

Helen Roeters

Helen Jean Roeters, 79, of Frankfort, passed away Wednesday, June 8, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born in Grand Rapids on September 13, 1925, to William and Florence (Wynsma) Bylsma, where she spent most of her life.

In 1945 she married Henry Roeters also of Grand Rapids. In 1963 they moved their family to Frankfort, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry, in 1993, and her son Barney (Mary) Roeters in 1994. Helen is survived by her children Ellen (Mark) Ketz of Frankfort, Judith (Mike) Eichoff and Ruth E. Roeters of Charlevoix, Carol (Doug) Younkers of Holland, Henry (Shirley) Roeters of Sparta, Richard (Bonnie) Roeters of Myrtle Beach; brother John (Barb) Bylsma of Jupiter, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Helen loved to sing. Her love for the water, nature, camping, boating, swimming and sunsets will be instilled in us all. We will miss her smile, warm hugs and laughter.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Dorothea Bolton: Nov. 27, 1911 - May 28, 2005

Dorothea W. Bolton, Age 93, of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Flint and Singer Island, Fla. died Saturday, May 28, 2005 at the Holy Cross Hospital in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mrs. Bolton was born November 27, 1911 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Montgomery and Zelma (Anderson) Withers. She and James R. Bolton were married on June 16, 1937 in Rockville, Md. He preceded her in death in 2000.

Mrs. Bolton graduated from Michigan State University in 1935 and was a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority. She worked as a home economist for Consumers Power Co. and implemented the federal government's school lunch program in Flint. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Flint, a 43-year volunteer with the Hurley Hospital Auxiliary, a member of the Junior Needlework Guild, The Flint Golf Club, The Flint Institute of Music, The Flint Institute of Arts, a charter member of Warwick Hills Golf Club and a contributor to the College and Cultural Fund and The Community Foundation of Flint.

Surviving are two sons; Richard Withers Bolton and wife Dr. Gabrielle Bolton of Greenwich, Conn. and Bruce Jonathan Bolton of Miami Beach, Fla. Also surviving are two grandsons; Alexander Bolton of Washington D.C. and Christopher Bolton of New York City and a brother Jack Withers of Bradenton, Fla.

Mrs. Bolton was preceded in death by her parents, her husband James, a sister Betty King and two brothers, Bruce and Robert Withers. A service of remembrance was held on June 19, 2005 in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church of Flint, 746 S. Saginaw Street, Dr. Jerry Pitman officiated. Her cremated remains will be placed in the columbium of the church. Memorial gifts in her name may be offered to the First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements by the Sharp Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

Nancy Murray: Feb. 20, 1931 - June 19, 2005

Nancy E. Murray, 74, of Kalkaska, formerly of Mt. Clemens and Charlevoix, died Sunday, June 19, 2005.

A funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Mary Willis will officiate and burial will be in Norwood Cemetery.

Nancy was born February 20, 1931, in Dayton, Ohio, the daughter of Ronald A. and Mildred (Vance) Lazure.

She graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, Ind. then attended Indiana University.

She worked as an X-Ray technician. Nancy married Robert J. Murray, February 2, 1951. They made their home in Mt. Clemens, where Nancy raised her family and served as public information chairman for the Michigan Cancer Foundation and president of the Macomb Town Hall.

In 1976, they moved to Charlevoix, where she was a member of the Northwest Shrine Club, garden club and was active in "Save the Trees."

After Robert, Sr. died in 1986, she relocated to Kalkaska, where she served on Kalkaska's planning commission, as a board member for Kiwanis and was active in the annual tree decorating fund-raiser for KAIR.

Nancy was employed by her son, Robert, at Preferred Properties.

She is survived by her sons, Robert, of Kalkaska; David (Pamela), of Naples, Fla.; John (Barbara), of Charlevoix, and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted under the auspices of the O.E.S. Chapter 72, at Tuesday, June 21 at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P. O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Vehicle leaves roadway and hits tree in Hayes Township

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a one-vehicle crash that took place on US-31 just south of Villa Road in Hayes Township.

At 2:16 p.m. June 18 Robert J. Schoenfeld, 76, of Birmingham was driving north bound on US-31 when his 2004 Lincoln crossed into the lane, left the roadway and crashed head on into a large tree.

The driver and his passenger, Franziska Schoenfeld, 75, also of Birmingham, were transported by ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Witnesses to the crash said the Schoenfeld vehicle had been driving erratically several minutes prior to the crash.

Schoenfeld told sheriff's deputies that he thinks he may have fallen asleep.

The 2004 Lincoln was totaled. Traffic was delayed intermittently for approximately one hour while the crash was investigated, victims transported from the scene and the vehicle removed.

Alcohol use was not involved and the deployment of the airbags greatly reduced the severity of injuries.

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CCMS check may result in suit against city's insurer

CCMS

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This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the City of Charlevoix. In December of 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United Fire the over $220,000 it already paid CCMS.

City police chief Dennis Halverson has been investigating possible charges against CCMS.

Because the check was cashed in St. Ignace he has been working with a detective from Michigan State Police post there. Halverson said that at this time they haven't concluded whether there was a criminal violation associated with the check cashing by CCMS or not.

At Monday's meeting council also approved hiring Michael Neihardt, a detective with Michael Neihardt Investigations in Kalkaska to look into what went wrong at city hall to have put the city in this predicament. Neihardt's fees were approved at $850 or less.

Blough retires from county GIS

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Chris Blough has resigned after three-and-a-half years as coordinator for the Charlevoix County office of geographic information systems.

Chris Blough

Blough worked closely with the Charlevoix County equalization, planning and building safety departments, helping to develop, maintain and promote geographic information technology which was and will be used to enhance life for everyone.

"I was in charge of initiating the program," Blough said. "Basically my purpose has been to support the different operational requirements they had in each office."

The information system he developed helps ensure fair property tax assessments, the ability for emergency personnel to find residences as well as the government's ability to maintain natural resources through accurate zoning and responsible planning.

An example of Blough's work with the system includes a collection of aerial photos of Beaver Island and the coastal mainland of Charlevoix County. These photos, which can be seen on the geographic information systems web site, are designed to be used just like a map.

"This makes a map consistent with a photograph. The two perfectly align," Blough said. "It takes the qualities of a map and applies them to a photo, which allows for actual measurements on the aerial photo."

Blough said the up side to this is that you can take distance and area measurements from photos on the site.

"The goal is to promote data sharing versus data sales between local units of government," he said. "Basically what this has resulted in is we are trying to provide these to the public at no cost."

According to the web site, geographic information systems is designed to recognize spatial relationships of points or cities, lines such as transportation systems and areas such as publicly owned property.

The information the system collects can also be used to help determine where wetlands exist and show where land use is occurring.

"What it really boils down to (is) the local government is trying to objectively represent what our community looks like today so that we can better envision a better future for our community tomorrow," he said.

Blough said the possibilities are numerous because you can look at a map of an area and find out whether it is appropriate for farming, timber planting, building or whether it's a wetland.

And, he said, "Sometimes we have to ask, 'Can the land support the uses that we're looking to apply in a given area without additional services?'"

Blough, who is moving to Novi to take a similar position and to be closer to his fiancé, whom he plans to marry Oct. 15, said he has enjoyed his time in Charlevoix.

"The thing I think I'm going to miss the most is the dedication of the people I worked with," Blough said.

He added, "And, it would be great for the public to understand, while the county politics may seem to be contentious at times, there is a great amount of support we offer to our citizens and I am glad to be a part of this community and serve our citizens."

For more information on the geographic information systems visit www.charlevoixcounty.org/gis.asp.

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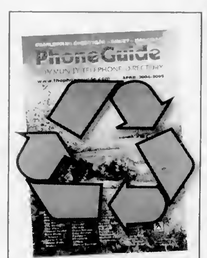

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Islanders celebrate dock and fire hall openings

By PHYLLIS MOORE
Special to the Courier

On June 18, Beaver Islanders celebrated the opening of their renovated marina facility and new fire hall and recognized the oldest island building.

According to islanders, renovations to the Beaver Island Municipal Dock were long overdue and the final result is top notch.

The project included removal of the old dock and replacing it with all new planking and pilings along with individual meters for boaters. The showers/restrooms were completely redone and the renovated facility now offers showers, laundry and a lounge.

There was no official dedication at this site during the open house.

Members of both Peaine and St. James townships boards attended the June 18 open house to answer questions. Other visitors included Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff Don Schneider, Shirley Roloff of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, Mark Muniak of the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office, Kevin Elsenheimer (R) for the 105th District, Andy Johnson representing State Senator Jason Allen (R) of the 37th District, State Senator Ron Jelinek (R) of the 21st District and James Musehell of United Design Associates Engineering and Architecture, and Rick Skendzel Architecture Technology architect.

After the dock event, most attendees gathered for the dedication of the new Beaver Island East Side Fire Station 2 located at Sand Bay, across from the Bill Wagner Memorial Campground. This project took almost eight years to complete.

According to Fire Chief Tim McDonough, this state-of-the-art fire hall will be home to the new pumper truck "Fritz." The truck was donated by the Steinbach family in memory of Fritz Steinbach.

This event was the culmination of the day and was marked by the AMVET's flag raising using a flag donated by Senator Allen which had been flown over the State Capital Building.

Peaine Township Supervisor, John Works, opened the ceremony with a welcome and thanks to all those who had been involved.

Ending the program was the official turning over of the keys to the new hall to McDonough and EMS Chairperson, Gerald LaFreniere, Jr.

The grand finale for the day was McDonough presenting a painting for the station from the Steinbach family saying, "this is no Mickey Mouse fire station."

The Mormon Print Shop Museum and Marine Museum also held their annual open houses.

The print shop, located a block from the ferry dock, is the oldest building on the island. It was in this building that the first newspaper north of Grand Rapids, was printed. The Mormon Print Shop Museum gives an over-all view of who has lived on the island.

The Marine Museum is housed in one of the last net sheds on the island. It was built by Shing Martin, whose descendants still reside on the island. This museum offers visitors a look back at the various occupations of the island and is centered on the fishing industry that sustained many island families.

Photo by Phyllis Moore

Attendees gathered for the dedication of the new Beaver Island East Side Fire Station 2.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Thursday, June 16, 2005 • 12:00 NOON

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceeding took place:

- Resolution adopted to approve the liquor license transfer to T.H.P.P. Enterprises, Ltd. (Charly's).

Council adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Local man to attend space center

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

While many of his students are suiting up to soak in the sun this summer, Craig Williams is preparing to absorb 40 hours of classroom, laboratory and field training in a suit provided by the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

On June 10, Williams, a Charlevoix resident and science and ecology teacher at Petoskey Middle School, was awarded a scholarship by Honeywell to attend their Educators at Space Academy program. The program, which will take place June 25 to July 1, is a rigorous, five-day immersion into the realm of space science and space exploration.

Led by educators at the Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., the program will be attended by 144 science and math teachers from 32 states and 17 countries. Williams is one of two Honeywell Bank scholarship reeipients from Michigan.

"I'm very nervous and very excited," Williams said. "I've never done anything like this. It's going to be unreal. I'm supposed to come back with loads of information."

Jim O'Leary, spokesman for the Morris Township, N.J. based Honeywell Hometown Solutions, said the Space Academy program is intended to inspire future generations of engineers, scientists and mathematicians by supplying their instructors with a one-of-a-kind learning experience.

"The program provides middle school teachers with tools and resources to bring the wonders of science to life in classrooms," said O'Leary.

Guaranteed to challenge both his mental and physical endurance. Williams' daily exercises at the Center will begin at 7 a.m. and conclude at about 8 p.m. Astronaut training is at the core of the program's curriculum — scheduled exercises include a high-performance jet simulation, scenario-based space missions, land and water survival training and a state-of-the-art flight dynamics program.

Of the outlined activities, Williams is most keyed up to buckle down in the Apollo-like simulators. Space suits worn during these exercises take up five-sixths of a person's body weight, he said.

"I've been a 'science geek' my whole life, and I'm proud of it," said Williams, an Ann Arbor native who earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in science from the University of Michigan. "I think every child has dreams of being an astronaut at some point — watching Top Gun and the Apollo missions. I would volunteer to go up on a space mission any day."

Williams' decision to apply for Honeywell's second annual scholarship was born several months ago, after Petoskey Middle School Principal David Gracy announced the opportunity at a staff meeting.

"When I heard about it, it seemed like an experience I could get a lot out of — both personally and professionally," said Williams, adding that he feels a tinge of anxiety at the thought of leaving his wife, Mary, and children Kinsley, 7, and Kallan, 2, for an entire week.

In a 500-word essay completed by Williams, and required by all scholarship applicants, he encourages the inclusion of "real-life applications" in classroom activities.

"In many cases, classroom education is isolated from the daily reality of the fields we are trying to prepare our students for," he wrote. "The classroom teacher is producing the next generation of scientists and, with the budget cuts to schools, they need all the help they can get."

In a later interview, Williams praised Honeywell's commitment to education, noting a severe deficiency in the number of young professionals entering the fields of science, math and engineering.

"We are not producing the mathematicians, engineers and scientists that we used to," he said. "The leaders in those fields are now coming from India and China."

After 11 years on staff at Petoskey Middle School, Williams understands the school's curriculum doesn't grant a lengthy concentration on space science. He'd prefer to devote an entire year to the subject. At the very least, Williams said, the brief units on space during fifth and seventh grade science courses will be enhanced with the knowledge he acquires in the coming week.

"My hope is to be a resource for the entire district," he said. "I would like to congratulate Honeywell, not just because I won (the scholarship) but that they are doing this for any teacher. I would love to go to their office in Boyne City and buy them donuts."

The cost of tuition, round-trip airfare from Traverse City to Huntsville, Ala. meals, accommodations and program materials are included in the honorable recognition.

Complementing the all-expenses-paid excursion, Williams will earn three academic credits, transferable to Petoskey Middle School from the University of Alabama, which will go toward the six required every five years for a teacher to be re-certified.

More than 500 teachers from around the globe applied for the opportunity to attend the space academy program.

"We are sending approximately 50 more teachers to the program this year than in the inaugural year," said O'Leary, adding that instructors from Romania, the Czech Republic, France and India have been recognized as Honeywell scholarship recipients this year.

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Craig Williams of Charlevoix, pictured above with his daughter, Kinsley, 7, is preparing to leave for Alabama to attend the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

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Electors who wish to vote in the primary election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2005. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In Person;

At the city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

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By Mail:

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Electors who wish to register with the county or city/township clerk are advised to call ahead for location.

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Charlevoix student wins Pace University civic award

Ethan Phillips, a Pace University student from Charlevoix, was presented with the Student Civic Engagement Award from the Department of Political Science.

Phillips received the award at the June 14 New York City commencement ceremony celebrated at Radio City Music Hall.

An English and political science major, Phillips was one of two graduating students asked to address the class at the ceremony.

In spring 2004, Phillips' dedication to service learning and devotion to social change led him to Stellenbosch University, South Africa, where he studied the transformation of South African society, specifically in the areas of desegregation, colonialism and capitalism.

His experience in South Africa and love of politics helped him to develop his senior thesis, "From Racial Contract to Social Contract: A Comparative Study of Post-Jim Crow America and Post-Apartheid South Africa," for which he was awarded a Eugene Lang Faculty-Student Research Grant.

While abroad, Phillips spent part of his free-time tutoring English and creating arts and crafts projects for orphans suffering from HIV/AIDS.

During his student address at commencement, Phillips advised his fellow classmates to "be free my friends, be free," advice given to him from a local Zulu man in South Africa.

At Pace, Phillips participated in a mock presidential convention, which involved working with area high school students.

Phillips visited his class weekly, educating them about the political process in order to prepare them for the convention.

His adviser and organizer of the convention, Christopher Malone, Ph.D., Pace Professor of Political Science, said that Phillips was "one of the most dedicated, motivated, and passionate students I've ever met."

Currently, Phillips is working as a freelance journalist in New York City and is looking for a full-time job in publishing. Eventually, he plans to earn his graduate degree in either law or journalism. Phillips said, "I like doing something new and exciting every day."

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School district educates residents on Proposal A

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Proposal A, a 10-year-old bill ravaged by nearly 80 alterations, was the subject of a community forum June 14.

According to Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, the community forum on public education financing was a good first step toward educating the public on the intricacies and implications of a failed Proposal A.

"One of the things we got out of last night is we signed up people to help make a plan to get other people involved," Sturock said. "It's a grassroots movement and we're going to grow. When people start understanding what the implications are, it will grow."

Proposal A was passed in 1994 as a means of lowering property taxes and equalizing the basic foundation grant per child in each school district. Before Proposal A, there was a deviation of thousands of dollars between the highest and least funded schools, with some school systems receiving $2,500 per child and others getting $10,000 per child.

According to Sturock, the intent of the forum was to inform the community that they play an important part in alerting legislators as to the dire situation surrounding public school finance.

"The biggest thing is, how can we get involved as a community to find a solution" he said.

And though turn out at the forum wasn't what he had hoped, Sturock said getting the word out is always positive.

"It's like everything else," he said. "I guess I'm disappointed in one respect, but I'm happy that 50 people showed up."

Sturock added, "We're not done. We're going to continue to get the we d out."

There was a brief film about Proposal A shown during the forum which indicated that everything is not okay and Detroit and Flint school districts are not the only school systems in trouble.

When it was passed four to one by Michigan voters, Proposal A was thought to be the savior of the public schools, Sturock said. Since then, Proposal A has been changed 77 times rendering it nearly useless.

"If we just restore proposal A to the way it was in 1994 when it was voted in we would be much better off," he said. "If it were in place today we probably wouldn't be in the trouble we are in."

Sturock said Proposal A has proven to be unstable and it changed the way funding was allocated so there are only two ways to get more money, increase enrollment or receive an increase in the basic foundation grant from the state.

"It also made our schools completely dependent on the state," he added.

According to Sturock, the cuts and changes have affected the school aid fund to the point that next year Michigan schools will see cuts of about $550 million adding up to a statewide loss of approximately $1.6 billion over the last 10 years.

"We're paying more locally and we're getting less," Sturock said.

According to the film, even if the proposed $175 per child increase is granted by the state, none of it will reach the classroom.

"If the $175 increase comes, great, I'm not saying were not grateful for it, but is it going to help us in the long run, no," Sturock said. "We've lost over $1.2 million over the last three years."

Sturock said if there are any positives in this school finance issue, it's that Charlevoix schools aren't facing the immediate danger which some schools are and that gives Charlevoix time to try to figure out a solution.

But, he added, if a solution is not found, the storm is coming in the 2007-2008 school year.

"What can we do to make sure it doesn't happen to us?" Sturock said. "The main point is, we need to rally around our community and we need to contact our legislators."

Yesterday, concerned citizens rallied at the capitol building in Lansing, demanding a solution to school funding woes.

The legislators said they wouldn't be there, but Sturock said, if 10,000 people showed up, the legislators will hear about it.

"The main thing is, this is out of our hands. The policy makers in Lansing are the people that can make the change," he said. "They've got to put party politics aside and they've got to get this done for the kids of Michigan."

Sturock said a few parents and educators have formed a planning committee whose purpose is to educate the community on school finance and what citizens can do to help.

"The reason we wanted to raise the flag is we have some time that some other districts don't have," he said. "We want to make sure that the parents are informed and the community is informed."

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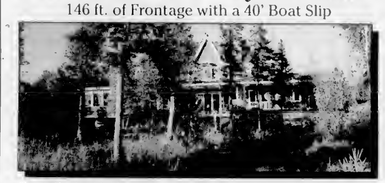
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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS
Wednesday, June 8, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on June 8, 2005. Commissioner Patrick was absent.

- Motion approved the minutes of the May 11, 2005 meeting as corrected.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-037, National Management System.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-038, Recycling Cardboard Compactor.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-039, Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-040, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-041, Equalization Sale of CD and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-042, Victims Rights Grant Application-Budget.
- Motion approved a 90 day moratorium on the Mass Gathering Ordinance.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-043, P.A. 511 Grant Application Approval.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-044, Award Contract for Timber Sale.
- Motion approved the bid of Robert Clark for renovating the living room at the Senior Center in East Jordan.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Five change positions, two retire in school district

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Five teachers and two bus drivers will be making some major changes as they head into the 2005-2006 Charlevoix school year.

Charlevoix elementary and middle schools will see some new faces in the upcoming school year as teachers from the high and middle schools change positions.

Aside from coaching varsity volleyball, junior varsity basketball and varsity softball, Liz Grunch taught physical education, life skills and health at the high school for almost five years.

Liz Grunch

"I'm going to the middle school to teach all physical education in fifth through eighth grade," Grunch said.

Grunch will replace middle school physical education teacher Jim Glynn who retired at the end of this year.

"I'm excited for the new challenge," she said. "And I'm sure the younger ages will be excited to switch things up a little bit."

She added, "It's going to be really fun getting to know the teachers in the middle school and the different kids."

Grunch said she will miss the kids and staff with whom she worked at the high school.

But, she said, she will continue coaching so her teams will still see her.

Math students will also see a change at the middle school as long-time high school math teacher Curt Harwood makes a move.

"I taught 11 years at the high school in various classes from applied math, algebra one, geometry, trigonometry and advanced math," Harwood said. "And I'm going to be going to the Charlevoix Middle School where I will be teaching seventh grade math."

Curt Harwood

Harwood said he just decided to try something different.

"I just wanted to try a new age group and see what it's like to teach at a different age level," he said. "I'm really excited about it. I have several friends at the middle school already and so I'm not coming in as a stranger to them."

Dawn Hovie taught high school special education to students with learning disabilities and has seven years of experience working with elementary level special education students.

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Charlevoix Home Tour set for July

The Kappa Sigma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi presents the 2005 Charlevoix Home Tour.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

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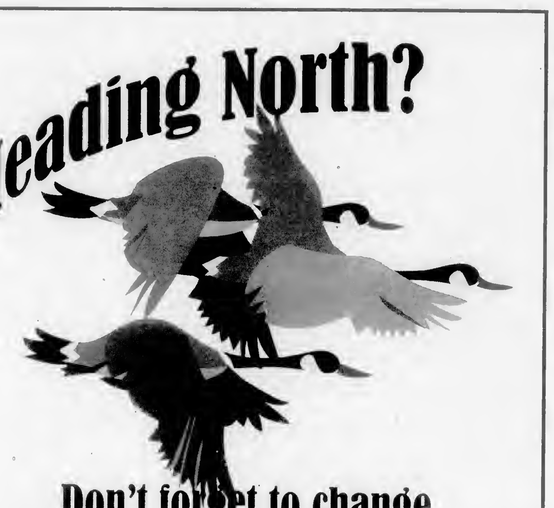

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School district announces staff changes for next year

TEACHERS

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This fall she will teach half day kindergarten and beginning kindergarten.

Dawn Hovie

"I'll be going to the learning center at the elementary school," she said. "It's not that I'm burned out on special education but more or less just looking for a change — I got my masters in early childhood education."

Hovie will be teaching reading, English and math.

"I'm really excited about it. It's going to be a lot of fun," she said.

She added, "I'm just excited to work with young students who are excited about learning, although I'm really going to miss the high school staff and the high school age students."

After 26 years as head junior varsity football coach, Brian Certa made the difficult decision to retire.

"I started coaching the same year I came up and started teaching, that was in the fall of 1979," Certa said. "I coached all those years and really enjoyed coaching football."

Brian Certa

Certa said he was asked over the years to move up as assistant or even head varsity coach, but he enjoyed the junior varsity kids too much to make the move.

"I've always enjoyed that age group," he said. "I didn't really have a desire to move on or change."

Certa said he will miss his ninth and tenth grade football players, but he is looking forward to seeing more of his wife and children.

"It was a hard decision. It took me pretty much the school year to make the decision, but I felt it was just time," he said. "I'm going to miss Thursday nights."

"It will be hard for me to go to a game and see someone else coaching the team," he added.

Certa has and will continue to teach the construction technology program at the high school wherein students build a home.

Certa told his team to continue to play hard and from the heart.

"Be a team, be united and give it your best effort," he said.

Changes in the classroom will be accompanied by changes in bus personnel. Bus drivers Paul Stephan and Jim Stapleton are retiring.

After retiring from 28 years in the United States Post Office, Stephan gave bus driving a try.

Paul Stephan

"I loved it. I hate to give it up, but when you're 70 years old you have to think about doing something else," he said.

Stephan said he decided last fall that this would be his last year.

"I just want to do more volunteer work with the Knights of Columbus, American Legion, St. Mary's Church and the Charlevoix Senior Center and spend more time with family and friends."

Stephan said he will miss the kids and the camaraderie he's had with them.

"I have ones that I've driven 10 to 15 years ago that come up to me and introduce themselves."

Stephan said he will miss the sports trips for which he often drove.

"That was a fun part of the job," he said.

Stapleton also retires this year. He could not be reached for comment.

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Tastes of Charlevoix

The Taste of Charlevoix event in Charlevoix June 18 had something for everyone. (Above from left) Dave Shreeve of Mt. Pleasant, Donna and Jim Sell of Jackson and Sue Tilmann of Mt. Pleasant, enjoy wine and snacks. (Below) Lauren Zielecki, 5, of Plymouth decorates a sweet treat.

Genesis Church hosts Tour de Bay bike event

Genesis Church - A New Beginning, is sponsoring "Tour de Bay" June 25.

The family ride will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Little Traverse Wheelway. Start and end points are at Bay Harbor, Parking Lot three. Registration will be on-site, and there is no charge for the event.

Participants can ride up to 24 miles.

Maps and water stations will be provided, and support will be available until 2 p.m.

The ride will follow the Wheelway between Bay Harbor and Shanahan Field in Charlevoix Township.

Helmets are suggested.

For more information, contact Genesis Church at (231) 487-0081.

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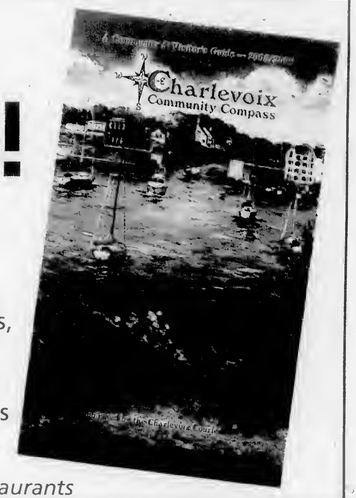

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Union employees file claim against St. Mary's

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

In mid-April, representatives with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, the local D480 union, filed charges with the National Labor Board claiming Charlevoix's St. Mary's Cement Company failed to bargain in good faith.

According to Paul Parrish, a member of the local D480, the union's claim is a reaction to the dismissal of 12 former St. Mary's employees who were let go after St. Mary's purchased the company from Cemex on April 1.

"It's our contract, they were wrongfully dismissed. They should have honored our contract," said Parrish, who has worked at the cement company for the past 35 years and is a current cement loader.

Ron Plocki, the human resources director for St. Mary's Cement Company, said, the company is reviewing the charges. He declined to comment further.

Parrish said when St. Mary's took over, management issued a letter in which they agreed to honor the D480 contract.

"By accepting our contract, they accepted the employees and they should follow the contract they accepted," Parrish said.

He explained that under that contract, St. Mary's management has the flexibility to let workers go, as they opted to do in this case. But, Parrish said the approach they took in letting workers go did not follow the contract's guidelines.

Plocki declined to comment as to why the workers were let go.

Parrish said that under the contract, when the company wants to cut the workforce they have to do so by seniority, with those having been there the longest receiving preferential treatment.

"They went about lowering the manning at the plant wrong," he said.

Instead, Parrish said all employees were on probation for 90 days, were subject to monthly evaluations and were required to apply for their positions. In this end, some were rehired and some were not.

"That's not unusual for a new company. But, it is when you've worked there over 30 years," he said.

This action resulted in the union filing three grievances with the company and one with the National Labor Board.

Today, June 22, St. Mary's representatives met with Mark Kelly, an international representative of the D480, to discuss the employee grievances filed with the company.

The outcome of the meeting was not available by press time.

Kelly said he anticipates the grievances filed with the company going into arbitration. He explained this means the issues will be heard by a representative of the American Arbitration Association.

"It has to go through the steps. It doesn't happen fast, which is hard for the guys who are out of work," Kelly said.

Currently, the charges filed by the union against St. Mary's are being investigated by Thomas Good with the National Labor Relations Board in Grand Rapids.

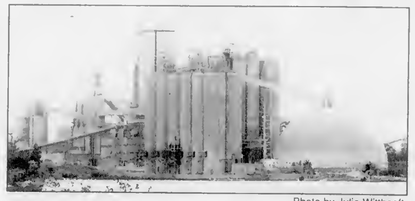
According to Chet Byerly, resident officer for the labor board, this investigation will culminate in a report for review by labor board regional director, Stephen Glasser.

Byerly said from that report, Glasser will determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe the company violated the National Labor Relations Act.

If they do find there is reasonable cause, the labor board will issue a complaint and set a hearing. If the complaint can't be solved at the hearing, it will go before an administrative law judge in Charlevoix who could require the company to pay back wages.

Parrish is hoping that the final outcome includes rehiring of those who were let go and the contract being honored.

"It's not going to be a win-win, no matter what. People are still going to lose their jobs. If those 12 come back, 12 others have to go," he said.



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Union plant employees have filed a claim against St. Mary's cement plant with the National Labor Relations Board.

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Sports cuts won't help school budget crisis

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

Charlevoix Public Schools 2005-2006 budget passed with a little over half a million dollars in cuts.

The largest savings came in the form of not rehiring three-and-a-half of the five retiring teachers which amounted to $390,000, according to Charlevoix Public Schools Business Manager Shawn Biddle.

Shawn Biddle

"We also eliminated a bus purchase that we intended to do, we are eliminating field trip transportation (which) will have to be funded by the parents or the PTO or some source outside of fund dollars and we're also going to a substitute teacher calling system," she said.

The reason for the cuts in teachers was that the school could simply not rehire instead of having to lay off additional staff.

Biddle said, "85 percent of our budget is personnel, so when you have to make cuts it has to come from people."

According to Biddle, Charlevoix schools previously cut central office staff, custodial staff and others.

"We're pretty much to the point where we're running at minimum as far as support staff," she said. "And that's why we're kind of to that point where you can't start making $2 million in cuts and not start feeling it in the classroom."

Some residents are concerned that staff and programs have been cut, but the sports program and coaches salaries were not touched this year.

According to Becky Swayze-Doan, a concerned parent, she has no desire to see sports cut, but she would like to take a look at the salaries of coaches.

"I'd like to see what our sports budget is compared to other school systems," Swayze-Doan said. "If that is true that we are the highest paid, are we gaining any students? Are we gaining any children because of our sports program."

She added, "If we are, then everybody would like to know about it."

Biddle said the sports budget is $170,000. Which is about 1.3 percent of the overall projected budget. She added that the amount of money it would cost the school system if sports were cut could be devastating.

"If you really eliminate sports you would have people leaving right and left," Biddle said. "And you would quickly lose more students than would be worth cutting."

She added, "If you lost 20 students, which is probably not unreasonable if you eliminated sports from Charlevoix schools, then you would already have lost the money."

The $170,000 covers salaries for all coaches, fringe benefits and the federal tax withholding and retirement dollars required by the state.

"Referees and umpires are paid with revenues from gate admissions," Biddle said. "The only thing the general fund covers are coaches salaries."

The schools made some major cuts to the sports programs two years ago when they cut nearly all assistant coaches. Charlevoix Middle School principal Keith Haske took on the responsibilities of middle school athletic director for which he receives no extra compensation.

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BUSINESS

New piano tuner offers services in Charlevoix

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A new business proprietor in Charlevoix reminds piano owners that regular tune-ups are as important for pianos as they are for cars.

Katherine Koucky Ackerman, sister of former Koucky Gallery owner Chuck Koucky, offers piano tuning to Charlevoix residents.

She said owners of new pianos need to tune the instrument four times a year in the first year and twice a year thereafter.

Choosing not to tune a piano can result in string damage and the piano's inability to stay in tune, she added.

"Most of the parts are wood, and so they change with the weather and humidity and the parts can crack, break and move. Pianos along the lake are particularly vulnerable to damage from humidity changes," she said.

Ackerman, an Associate Member of the Piano Technician's Guild, has studied tuning, repairing, regulating and voicing techniques for piano tuning.

"Tuning is another dimension of musical involvement for me, and something I had been interested in learning about for some time," she said.

Her training includes hands-on lessons and an apprenticeship, coupled with a correspondence course and an annual 70-hour seminar she completed in January. Ackerman, 49, plays in a steel drum band at Michigan State University in East Lansing, where she lives most the year. She has visited Charlevoix since 1978 and said she wants to establish a business here as it may be her new year-round home after her 16-year-old twins graduate.

"Many tuners are getting ready to retire, and there seems to be a need for many more. In the directory from the Piano Technicians' Guild, there are only 14 tuners listed in all of northern Michigan," she said.

For more information or to make an appointment contact Ackerman at (517) 927-6415.

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Katherine Koucky Ackerman, sister of former Koucky Gallery owner Chuck Koucky, now offers piano tuning to Charlevoix residents.

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BUSINESS

Ways buy Hoskins Manufacturing site

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

DBS Development, LLC recently purchased the defunct Hoskins Manufacturing site, located at 5339 M-66 North in Charlevoix's Marion Township.

The nearly 10 acres of hilltop property, built in the 1960s, had been on the market since its official closure on Nov. 13, 2001.

According to representatives of the Charlevoix County Equalization Department, the property was sold April 19 to DBS Development, LLC, with offices on M-66, for $875,000.

DBS operates under the ownership of Dawson Way, a local developer; Barney Way, Dawson's son and co-owner of Dry Harbour Motor Sports; and Scott Way, cousin of Barney and co-manager of Way Transportation in Charlevoix.

Preferring not to disclose details about the site's intended use, Barney Way simply stated the Hoskins facility was purchased by DBS "for an investment" from a firm in the Detroit area.

"It is now being used for warehousing and boat storage," he said, adding that operations within the site have not been solidified at this time.

Marion Township Zoning Administrator Bob Drebenstedt, said, "People with money know how to make money. It (the DBS takeover) will create jobs. These people have a track record of hiring community workers. I'm hoping they'll hire some veterans."

Drebenstedt admits that he was mildly surprised to hear DBS had gone through with acquiring the facility, noting that he cautioned Dawson Way about adopting the site because of its history of improper waste disposal.

"There was some concern about environmental issues, but (the site) has a clean bill of health," said Barney Way.

The Hoskins site, which had specialized in the production of wire used in conducting heat, was scoured for abandoned hazardous waste in late 2002 by the Grosse Isle post of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

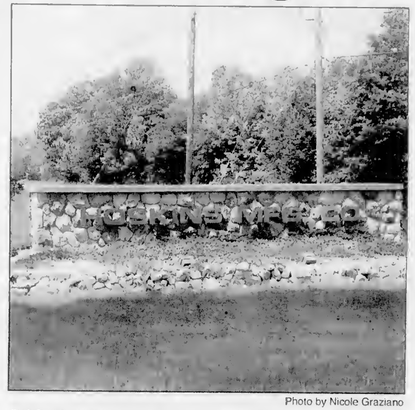
In September 2002, the EPA discovered such abandoned hazardous wastes as acids, caustics, solvents, lubricants and metal wastewater treatment sludge at the Hoskins facility.

In November 2002, the MDEQ was given clearance to access the exterior of the property after groundwater and soil contamination was detected and the waste disposal practices at the hands of former Hoskins employees were made public.

The EPA's removal of hazardous material at the site concluded in March 2003, with the clean-up cost to Hoskins' parent company, Bloomfield Hills-based Armada Corporation, approaching $300,000 at the time.

Currently, the Hoskins site is secure and poses no imminent threat to the community, according to a February 2003 statement made by Jeffrey Kimble, on-scene coordinator with the EPA's Grosse Isle office.

Scott Way chose not to comment on details of the DBS transaction. Dawson Way could not be reached for comment.



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SPORTS

Travel baseball team opens season with losses

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Lake Michigan Mariners, a 16 and under baseball team, comprised of players from Charlevoix and Harbor Springs, opened its travel baseball season last weekend in the Brighton Invitational.

The Mariners lost all three games in the tourney, falling to Ann Arbor Travel, 6-1; to Westland, 11-5; and to Brighton, 15-0.

"It was a tough weekend," Coach Kirk Heckendorn said. "We moved up an age group, playing against 16 year olds when we only had one 16-year-old and a few 15 year olds and the rest 14 year olds. We also went up against Detroit area Class A school district all-star teams which is tough for us, but hopefully in the long run, it will pay off."

Cliff Jones broke up a no-hit bid in the Ann Arbor game by doubling home Nic Williams in the top of the seventh for the Mariners' only run. Williams had earlier spoiled the perfect game by drawing a walk.

Danny Waldron took the loss on the mound, giving up only three earned runs, on six hits and three walks in his seven innings of work.

Against Westland, errors hurt the Lake Michigan squad as six miscues in the first three innings led to seven unearned runs and put the Mariners in a 7-2 hole.

Lake Michigan battled back with three runs in the bottom of the third. J.D. Spiegl reached on an error, Waldron singled and Ethan Towsley reached on catcher's interference to load the bases. Michael Heckendorn then walked to score Spiegl.

Ty Telgenhof grounded to second, scoring Waldron and Sam Balasz followed with a sacrifice fly to plate Towsley.

The Mariners could only muster one more hit — a seventh inning single by Trevor Cole — the rest of the way. Spiegl and Heckendorn had first inning singles, combining with Cliff Jones' base on balls for Lake Michigan's first run.

Telgenhof took the loss, giving up two earned runs and striking out two in his four plus innings of work. Heckendorn threw a solid three innings of relief, yielding only two hits, one walk and striking out one.

In their final game, Lake Michigan was outclassed by a tough hitting Brighton squad. Brighton, who won the pool play, scored seven unearned runs in the third inning to put the game out of reach.

Waldron had the only Mariner hit in the four-inning mercy rule loss.

The Mariners play next weekend in the North Farmington/West Bloomfield tournament.

Courtesy photo

2005 Special Olympics

(Above) Paul Joliffe receives the gold medal for the 25-yard breaststroke at the 2005 Summer Special Olympics. Paul was one of over 3,000 athletes to compete at the event early this month at Central Michigan University. Paul and his brother Matt swim at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool every Wednesday night.

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SPORTS

Yacht Club race results for June 1 and June 8

The following are Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 1 and June 8.

The third race of the spring series was sailed in moderate winds. The race consisted of five legs, of which all 18 boats finished. The corrected times of all seven boats in Spinnaker B fleet were within three minutes, making it a very close race. Gotcha! beat Northern Light by only two seconds corrected time. Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Sail La Vie (Williamson).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Cygnus (Stuart); 3 — Artemis (Bowerman).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 — Stringthing (Thomas); 2 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 3 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 4 — Kamikazee (Funck); 5 — Four Play (Herald); 6 — MJ2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (Dow); 2 — Northern Light (Orlow); 3 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 4 — Moxie (Jensen); 5 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 6 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 7 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Spring series results after three races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (4); 2 — Sail La Vie (5).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (3); 2 — Cygnus (6); 3 — Artemis (10).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 — Stringthing (4); 2 — Paleface Lite (6); 3 — Booma (10); 4 — Four Play (13); 5 — Kamikazee (14); 6 — MJ2 (18).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (7); 2 — Moxie (9); 3 — Tie: Northern Light and Gotcha! (11); 5 — Padawan 2 (14); 6 — Affinity (16); 7 — Windrunner (18).

The following are Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 8.

The fourth race of the spring series was sailed in shifting winds. The race consisted of five windward-leeward legs. All 18 boats that raced finished. With only two more races in the spring series, the series results are still very close. Race results provided by Keith Attee, co-committee chair.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 3 — Apotheeary (Ochs).

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Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 — Northern Light (6); 2 — Tie: Moxie and Hoi Polloi (7); 4 — Gotcha! (8); 5 — Padawan 2 (9); 6 — Affinity (15); 7 — Windrunner (18).

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Spencer Stewart	3				
Jared Cole	3				
Austin Putman	2				

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Adam Michaud	1		1		
Jacy Herriman	4				
Andrew Mitchell	5				
Hailey Arnold	4				
Shane Sutherland	3	1			

JUNE 14 - TIE TIGERS/ANGELS 5-5

ANGELS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Nick Snabes	1	1			
Noah Certa	2				
Hunter Cox	2				

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JUNE 16 - CUBS 9, TIGERS 2

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Adam Michaud	1	1			
Devan Drain	3				
Andrew Mitchell	3				
Justin VanLoo	2				
Jacy Herriman	3				

TIGERS NOT REPORTED

JUNE 16 - REDS 17, ANGELS 15

ANGELS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Certa	4				
Nick Snabes	4				
Will Telgenhof	4				
Kenan Borths	3	1			

REDS

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Sawyer Golovich	4				
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Spencer Bruce	3				
Jared Cole	4				
Devin Largent	3				
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JUNIOR LEAGUE

JUNE 13 -
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Clayton Mitchell	1				
Michael Heckendorn	2				
Nick Williams	1				
Bill Ivan	1				

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Michael Heckendorn	3 1/3	2	5	8
Ty Telgenhof	3 2/3	1	5	5

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JUNE 13 - OAKLAND A'S 11, ST. LOUIS CARDINALS 4

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Myles Kerr	1	1			
Tommy Zipp	1				
Matthew Klooster	1				
Thomas Rich	1				
Wyatt Drost	1				
Corbin Turkelson	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Tommy Zipp	1	2	5	
Joe Rich	1	1	1	3
Myles Kerr	2	1	1	3

ATHLETICS
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JUNE 13 -
BOSTON RED SOX 12, LA DODGERS 4

RED SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
JT Lawrence	1		1		
Nolan Ager	2				
Jonathan Beams	1				
Tanner Gear	1				
Jordan Jelenik	2				
Andrew Rebarge	1				
River Gauthier	1				
Max Swiss	2				
Thomas Sutton	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Thomas Sutton	2		2	
Nolan Ager	1		1	
JT Lawrence	3		4	

L.A. DODGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Charlie Hamilton	1				
Clyde Schoonover	1				
Brandon Darrah	1				
Brett Ludwig	1				
Justin Erskine	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Charlie Hamilton	2	3	4	3
Brandon Darrah	2	0	5	1
Justin Erskine	2	2	3	2

JUNE 15 - ATHLETICS 5, RED SOX 4

RED SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Isaac Klooster	1				
JT Lawrence		1			
Nolan Ager	1	1			
Thomas Sutton	1				
River Gauthier	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Jonathan Beams	1 1/3		1	2
Thomas Sutton	2/3		1	
Nolan Ager	1		1	
JT Lawrence	3		3	3

ATHLETICS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Coby Herriman	1				
Boog Hichman	1				
Andrew Potter	1				
Patrick Scheelk	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Joe Helmbuch	2	4	2	0
Coby Herriman	1	1	2	4
Boog Hichman	2	1	3	0

JUNE 15 -
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS 12, LA DODGERS 2

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Matthew Klooster	1				
Thomas Rich	2				
Wyatt Drost	1	1			
Myles Kerr	1				
Corbin Turkelson	1				
Tommy Zipp	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Corbin Turkelson	2	3	3	4
Wyatt Drost	2	4	2	0

L.A. DODGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Christian Morrison	1				

Pitcher	Innings Pitched	Hits Allowed	Strike Outs	Walks
Justin Erskine	2	2	4	
Brandon Darrah	2	5	3	

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'Sports cuts won't save school budget shortfall'

BUDGET

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While Charlevoix is okay now, there will soon be problems, Biddle said.

"In a couple years we're looking at hitting the wall," she said. "And cutting the sports program for $170,000 doesn't go very far toward cutting $2 million out of your budget," she said.

According to Biddle, the current projected expenditures for the 2005-2006 school year are $13,014,706 with an income of $12,239,145 which forces the school to use $775,561 out of their rainy day fund.

Though the budget goes into effect next month, it will be amended several times throughout the next year due in part because Charlevoix, as school districts all over the state, still do not know how much of an increase, if any, they will receive in the basic foundation grant.

Biddle said, while there is often talk of why the schools don't go to pay to play for their sports programs, the amount of money generated by such a system is so insignificant that even if the school system only lost one child as a result, the school would lose money.

"Typically pay to play will have a cap and they generally don't generate a lot of money. If you got $5,000 or $10,000, that would be significant, if you lose one kid because of that then you haven't gained anything."

Swayze-Doan said by no means does she want to see the sports programs cut.

"I was talking about looking at how much the coaches are being paid. I think sports is very important. I played it, my kids played it," she said. "I would just like to see some comparison to other towns that are in the same class."

She added, "And by no means do I think this would fix the state budget, but as a parent I need to understand our local budget to understand the full realm of where the spending is going on."

East Jordan's most recent sports budget is about $202,000 according to East Jordan High School Athletic Director and Assistant Principal, Steve Hines.

And, while East Jordan schools have a slightly lower enrollment, their sports programs offerings are pretty comparable, Hines said.

Biddle said she understands parents have concerns about their children's education and the school budget.

"I would invite those people to come in and talk to Dr. Sturock or myself so we can help them understand it (budget)," Biddle said. "School finance is very confusing and there a lot of misunderstandings. If anyone has a question they are welcome to call us."

For more information about school finance you can reach Biddle at (231) 547-3200.

In light of the budget crisis Swayze-Doan said she and some other concerned parents are currently in talks with the school board about possibly starting a PTO or similar organization at the Charlevoix Middle School to help the kids.

Sheriff makes major meth bust in Hayes Township

A methamphetamine bust shook down in Charlevoix's Hayes Township last week.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department has sought felony warrants from the Charlevoix Prosecutor's Office to hand down to an individual. They are seeking numerous counts including delivery of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a drug house.

The individual, whose name is being withheld pending arraignment, has prior drug charges and is facing enhanced sentencing as a repeat offender.

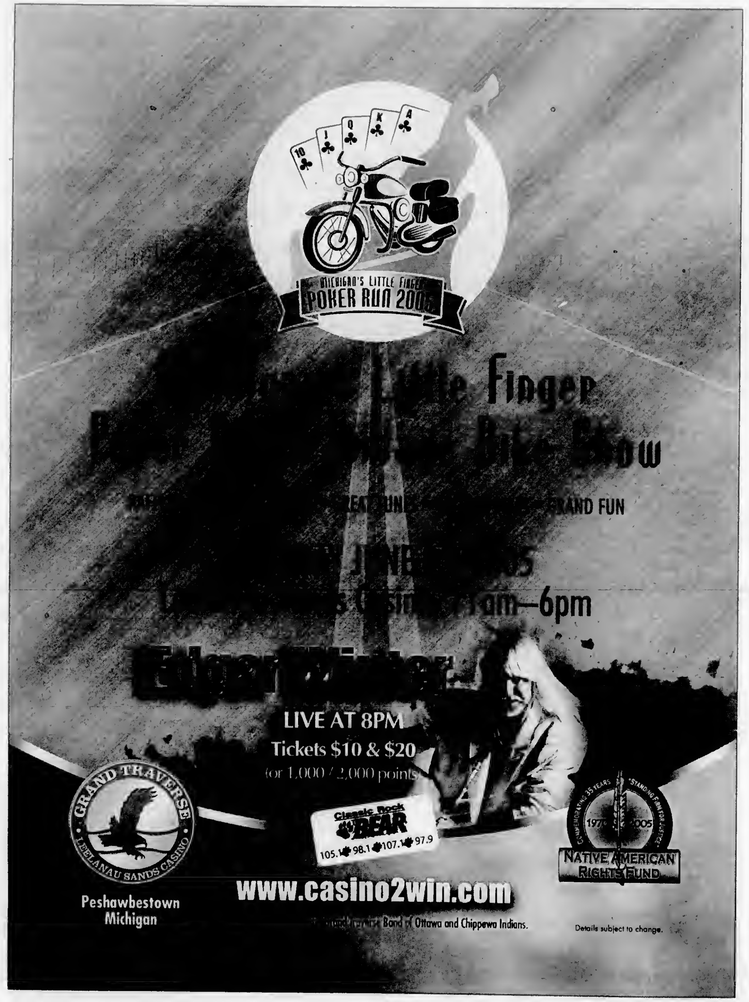
Detective Vondra received information that the individual was residing at a home on Burnett Road and had an outstanding bench warrant out of Grand Traverse County pertaining to methamphetamine charges.

Vondra along with detective Church staked out the residence and apprehended the individual leaving the home and placed him in custody on the outstanding bench warrant.

A search of the vehicle revealed a glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine and a glass beaker.

Vondra secured the vehicle, obtained search warrants for it and the home and contacted the methamphetamine team from the Michigan State Police.

A search of the car revealed a plastic tube containing methamphetamine, a glass beaker, a glass pipe, a blow torch, a can of butane and 11 syringes. A search of the home revealed a digital scale with residue, tin foil with residue, two plastic Gerber baby food containers containing drugs and a marijuana cigarette.



Hankins featured in Michigan book

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some local children captured in oil have recently been blended with prose.

Allison Hankins

Local fifth grader Allison Hankins appears in the pages of "I'm A Michigan Kid" which was written by northern Michigan author Gary Bower and illustrated in oil paintings by his wife Jan.

"They took kids from all over Michigan, but I represented Lansing," Hankins said. "I think it's a really cool opportunity because not all kids get to be in a book and I was chosen to be in it."

She added, "I think it's cool that they have a poem for every page, it puts a little spice in the book."

Hankins was featured on a page all about the state capital, because of her interest in public service.

"I like politics and I like learning about them," she said.

An excerpt from the book "I'm A Michigan Kid" reads, "My name is Allison. I'm a Michigan kid today and someday I might be a Michigan legislator and work in this beautiful building. Who knows? I might even be elected governor."

Hankins said she is glad she lives in Michigan because it is so beautiful.

"I think people should come visit it because there is so much to do and so many places to go."

According to Bower, who has been publishing and writing books for about six years, the people and the land are what gave him the idea to write his most recent book.

"I was inspired to write it by meeting kids and I was inspired by the beauty of Michigan," he said.

As a mother of 12 and an avid oil painter, Bower said his wife's interest in working on this book was just natural.

And, he said, they wanted to do something different, which is how they came up with what he calls an artistic tour of Michigan through oil paintings, facts and poetry.

"Our goal is to be able to put it in any cottage on the coffee table and have it serve as a gentle tour," he added.

Bower said, this book is for kids and adults of all ages.

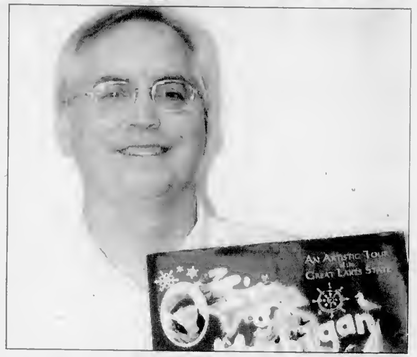
"There is a lot of diversity in it," Bower said. "We feature 22 different kids."

Some highlights in the book are the Soo Locks, Tahquamenon Falls, the Mackinaw Bridge, Pictured Rocks, Sleeping Bear Dunes, Frankenmuth and more.

"What we really wanted to do was instill strong pride in these kids, in their state," Bower said. "It's really easy to live here a long time and not realize what a paradise we have."

"I'm a Michigan Kid" books are available in Charlevoix at the Bridge Street Book Shop, Trademark and on-line at www.bowerbooks.com.

Bower will sign books from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at the Bridge Street Book Shop located at 407 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.



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Author Gary Bower holds up the copy of the book he wrote entitled, "I'm A Michigan Kid," which he sent to Allison Hankins who appears in the book.

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FILE NO. 05-010806-DE

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Retirement open house

Citizens Bank will host an open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 30 to celebrate the retirement of Sandra Allard.

Sandra Allard

The celebration will take place in the lobby of Citizens Bank in Charlevoix.

Allard began her career with Charlevoix County State Bank's branch office in Ellsworth as a part time teller in 1977 working in various capacities to her present position of Branch Manager in the Charlevoix branch of Citizens Bank.

Gymnastics classes

The nonprofit group, Boyne Area Gymnastics, is offering many different classes this summer. They include: martial arts, step aerobics, yoga, dance, cheer-tumbling and gymnastics. Classes are offered for all ages and ability levels. For more information, call Kari Streelman at (231) 582-9787.

Museum Week

The Beaver Island Historical Society will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its Museum Week.

Museum Week will take place July 11-16. The event will include special lectures, plays, performances and presentations about the island's history. Wrapping up the festivities will be the island's First Annual Beaver Island Celtic Games.

Literary Delights

The Charlevoix Zonta Club is sponsoring Literary Delights, an afternoon fundraiser celebration of Michigan's female authors. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 30 in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms located off M-66 in Charlevoix. Tickets for the event are $40. They are available locally at the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street or by calling Zonta member Linda Degrow at (231) 547-4109 or fellow Zontian Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Preservation meeting

The next meeting of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will be at 7 p.m. Monday, June 27 at the Boyne City Historical Museum. The museum is located at 319 N. Lake Street in Boyne City, at the south end of city hall, next to Veteran's Memorial Park.

Dodgeball tournament

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark will be hosting a dodgeball tournament on Saturday, July 16. The first annual "Dodge" in it Classic will be held at the Charlevoix High School off Marion Center Road. Registration will start at 9 a.m. with games beginning at 10:15 a.m. Pre-registration participants will be $15 per player/$90 per team. Teams will consist of 6 players. Tournament Day registration will be $20 per player/ $120 per team. Includes a T-shirt. For more information call Aaron Hagen at (231) 675-0518.

Skatepark moves

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark has moved to it's new location off West Carpenter Avenue, across from the ball fields. It will reopen Monday, June 27.

Explorer ranger event

An explorer ranger will host a camp fire story event at 8 p.m. June 24 at site one at Fisherman's Island State Park. The park is located off Bell's Bay Road in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 582-7523.

Right to Life meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for the new Antrim/Charlevoix County Right to Life affiliate. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23. The location is the Jordan Valley District Library conference room on the East Jordan High School campus. A regional director from the Michigan Right to Life will be present to assist in establishing and answering any questions regarding the new affiliate. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Pepin at (231) 536-7123.

Sleep clinic

A free sleep clinic will be available to sleep apnea patients in the Petoskey area from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, at VitalCare's Petoskey location, 2264 Harbor-Petoskey Road, in the Clock Tower Plaza, Petoskey. The event is available on a walk-in basis and appointments are not necessary.

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Country concert

Country Tonight, a country western show, including performances by Chris and Jessica Dominic, will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 25 at Greensky Hill Indian Mission located at 8484 Greensky Hill Road. A $10 charge will be levied, children under four are free. The event will take place outdoors, so bring a chair or blanket. Tickets are available at Greensky or Cross Fisheries in Charlevoix. Proceeds will benefit the mission.

Garden luncheon

A July 13, gourmet luncheon is planned in conjunction with the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's Garden Walk. The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Depot Heritage Garden. Delightful designs and floral arrangements by the garden club members will be featured. The cost of the luncheon is $25. Tickets are available by calling (231) 547-5301 or (231) 547-1978.

Art and flowers exhibit

In the Edith Gilbert Gallery of the Crooked Tree Arts Center a summer exhibition entitled Art & Flowers, will be on display from June 18 through July 23. It features a variety of Michigan artists and the art of flowers explored in a range of different mediums.

During the run of the Art & Flowers show there will be gallery talks to highlight the work in the gallery. At 10 a.m. June 28 Lee Maldegen, a member of the Petoskey Area Garden Club as well as a National Flower Show Judge and Garden Consultant will present "From Your Flower Garden to Your Table." At 6 p.m. July 21, Denise Lisiecki will talk on her work as a watercolor artist.

Book signing

Steve Amick will be available at 7 p.m. June 23 at the Bridge Street Book Shop, to sign copies of his first novel, "The Lake, the River and the Other Lake." The book shop is located at 407 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

Salamander search

The Little Traverse Conservancy is hosting a program called, "We're Going on a Salamander Hunt." The program will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., June 29, at the Oden Island Nature Preserve for children ages 7-12. There is no charge for the programs but pre-registration is requested by calling (231) 347-0991.

Senior Center sale

The Charlevoix Senior Center Annual Huge Rummage Sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 24 and June 25 at 06906 Norwood Road, five blocks west of Pizza Hut. New and slightly used items will be offered for sale. No clothes, shoes, purses or hats will be sold. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. Donations are welcome for the sale. Proceeds from the sale will benefit operations at the center. Volunteer workers are needed. For more information call (231) 547-5361.

Summer reading at the library

Charlevoix Public Library is offering a summer reading program for ages 0-10. A prize is awarded every week to children who bring in their reading records to show librarians that they have been reading. The program will take place from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

Schedule is as follows:

June 28 - Ultimate craft night

July 5 - Acting Up Theatre Company presents "A Sword for Thy Book".

July 12 - Northern Martial Arts will be demonstrating Tae Kwon Do and Hap Ki Do

July 19 - Bubbles (outdoor activity)

July 26 - Philip and Henry Magicians

The library's summer reading program for ages 10-13 will take place from 2:45 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays.

Schedule is as follows:

June 28 - "That's gross enough for me!"

July 5 - Ultimate craft day.

July 19 - Pizza taste off.

July 26 - Final party. Ice cream, prizes, and fun.

Charity golf event

Three local charity organizations will benefit from a golf event to take place all day June 28 at Boyne Rapids Golf.

The Humane Society, Hospice of Northwest Michigan and Habitat for Humanity will each receive funds derived from gate receipts all day/evening. Twenty percent of a family's greens fees will be donated to the charity of choice by each family.

Boyne Rapids Golf is located on M-75, South on the east side of Boyne City. For more information call (231) 582-3505.

Pool run

Charlevoix Area Community Pool's 11th Annual Spring Pool Run 5K, 1 Mile Run, and 1 Mile Walk with all age divisions awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals with registration at 8 a.m. this Saturday, June 25, at Charlevoix Country Club Grounds, 9600 Clubhouse Drive, US-31 North, Charlevoix. Race at 9 a.m. Award ceremony immediately follows races. Cost $15. All entrants receive an official race T-shirt. Water and food will be available. All proceeds from the race will go to support the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Call (231) 547-0982 for further details and information.

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Opening night strong for new island theater

A summer of theater on Beaver Island kicked off June 17 with a lively, musical aimed at adult audiences.

The last few weeks have seen a group of professional actors arrive on Beaver Island's shores and start rehearsals for the inaugural season of the Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre.

Alison Show of New York, John Keller of New Jersey and Katie Deal of Georgia have joined the theatre company for the summer and stared in the June 17 musical, "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

The east also included veteran actor Brian Porter, who is Artistic Director for the theatre and was directed by Kyle Barnette.

"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," is currently the longest running off-Broadway show. Song and dance routines explore the sometimes poignant, sometimes hilarious world of romance and relationships between the sexes. The show will run through Sept. 28, with all performances in the Parish Hall on Beaver Island. This show contains some adult language and situations.

A special "sneak preview" night was held on June 10 at Stoney Acre Grill. Islanders and visitors got the opportunity to meet members of the Resident Acting Company and were treated to several numbers from the production.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $12 for students. Special group rates are also available. The box office is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, in the Cole Gallery. Call (231) 448-3188 for reservations.

Two other shows are planned for the summer season. Wives of an American King, showing from July 12 through Sept. 2. This will be the debut of an original play about the wives of James Jesse Strang, the Mormon, self-proclaimed king of Beaver Island. Written by Anne-Marie Oomen, a faculty member at Interlochen, the play is being produced in association with the Beaver Island Historical Society.

On August 19, "Steel Magnolias" will debut, with yet another professional actress, Mandy Lane, joining the theatre's Resident Acting Company. The play involves the bonds of friendship between six southern women. "Steel Magnolias" will run through September 18.

For specific show dates and times, visit the theatre's web site at www.cirtheatre.org.

Crooked Tree brings two 'Days of Our Lives' soap stars to stage

Crooked Tree Arts Center, in association with Frank Egan, presents the two-act play, "Love Letters," by A.R. Gurney.

The performances will take place at 8 p.m. July 22 and 23, on the stage at the new Community Building at the Emmet County Fairgrounds.

Veteran performers Bill Hayes and his wife Susan Seaforth-Hayes, of long-running soap opera Days of Our Lives, star in this two-actor play. Soap fans will recognize Hayes, who portrayed Doug Williams, and Seaforth-Hayes, who was Julie.

The story of the bittersweet relationship between lawyer, Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and artist, Melissa Gardner, gradually unfolds.

Tickets are available now at Crooked Tree Arts Center. Cabaret seating, which includes wine and cocktail snacks is $50 per person. Regular seating is $20 for adults for Crooked Tree members, and $25 for non-members. Purchase online at www.crookedtree.org. Love Letters is supported in part by Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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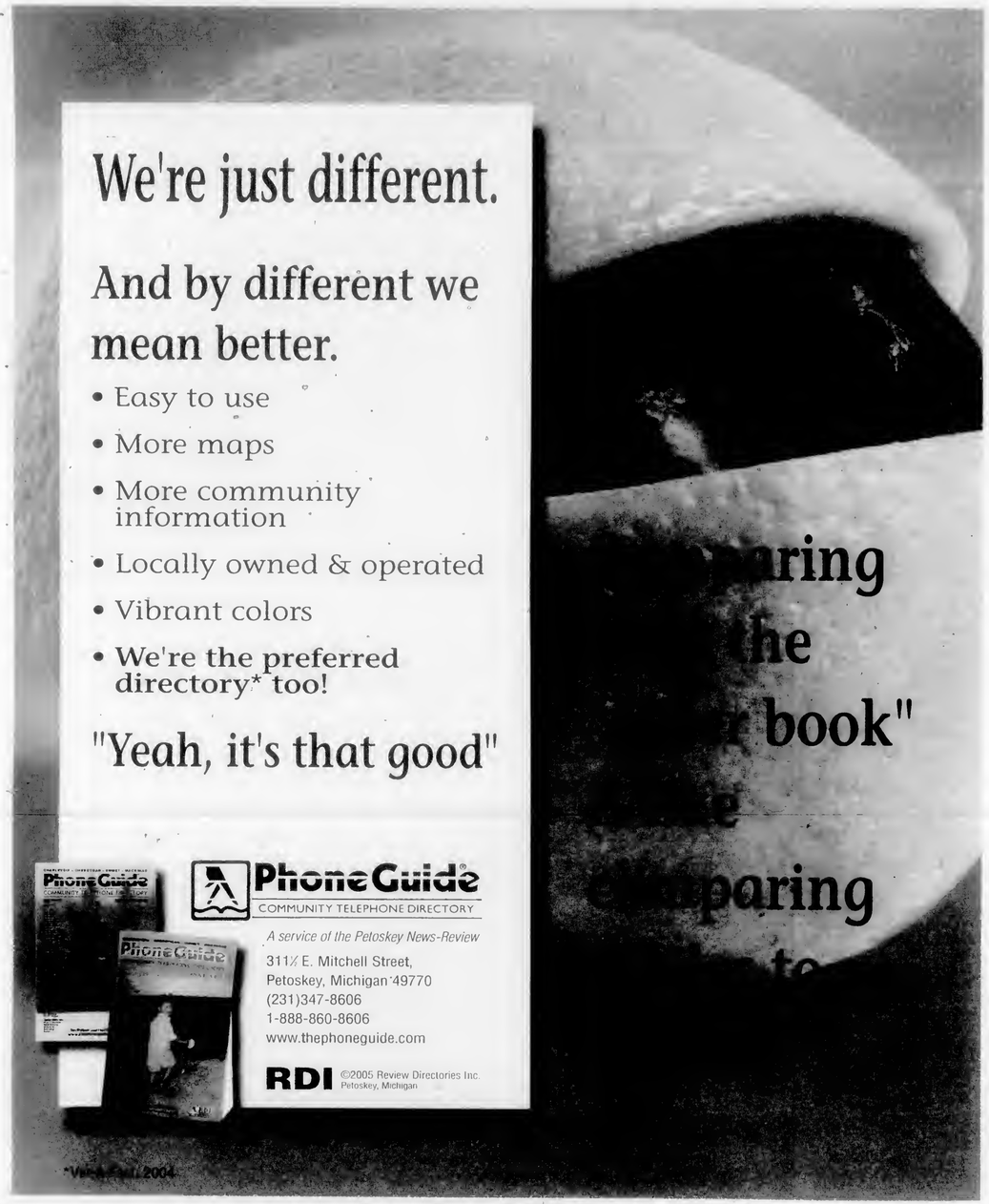

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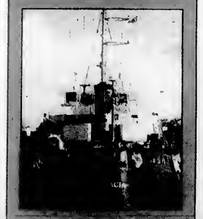

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Lockman charged with embezzlement:
Doors may close at Northern Preferred Title

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Last week, Karla Sue Lockman of Boyne City was charged with two counts of embezzling more than $20,000 from her employer, Northern Preferred Title Company, and was released on bond while she awaits trial.

If convicted of the charges, Lockman, a 34-year-old mother of three, could be handed a prison sentence.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, said, "Lockman is charged with two counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of $20,000 or more, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a $15,000 fine or three times the amount embezzled."

Lockman stood mute at her June 23 arraignment in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court. Therefore, a not guilty plea was entered on her behalf by the court.

According to Jarema, Lockman was released after she paid 10 percent of a $50,000 bond because she has no prior criminal record and has ties to the area.

Jarema said Lockman is prohibited from transferring or selling any property she personally or jointly has an interest in. So, if she is found guilty, there might be some recovery of damages to the injured parties.

According to a press release issued by Assistant Chief of Police, Jeffrey L. Gettel of the Boyne City Police Department, "A lengthy investigation has determined that a minimum of $670,000 was converted into Lockman's personal bank account

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Karla Sue Lockman talks to her attorney Fred L. Gibson during her arraignment before Judge Richard May June 23.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Summer Solstice shopping

Mary McCartney, owner of The Three Jewels shows a necklace to Norine Crimmer from Huntington Woods at the seventh annual meeting of artisans June 25 in East Park.

Fourth of July festivities on tap throughout area

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Beaver Islanders and mainlanders from Horton Bay and Charlevoix will celebrate Independence Day with jets, parades and fireworks.

In the city of Charlevoix, entries in the annual Fourth of July parade will march down Bridge Street at 10 a.m.

The parade, sponsored by the VFW and all veterans, will start at the American Legion Post off East Garfield Street and will end in Charlevoix's East Park where a ceremony will take place. Marchers will include the Marine Corps League, the Women's Auxiliary, Boy and Girl Scouts and the Charlevoix City Band, lead by Gary Stutzman.

The annual Horton Bay Parade, orchestrated under the direction of "parade czar," John Rohe, will make its way down Boyne City-Charlevoix Road at 1 p.m.

This wacky procession of individual and float entries will begin at the intersection of Horton Bay and Boyne City-Charlevoix roads and will proceed toward Boyne City, ending near the town limits.

Rohe was excited to announce that early this week, 18 entries had already officially registered. He is expecting about 30 to make the final count.

"The distinguishing feature of the Horton Bay Parade is there are no commercial entries allowed. It is a tribute to the resourcefulness and ingenuity and good cheer of the people of Horton Bay," he said.

When asked if entrants are required to be Horton Bay residents or if he himself is a resident, Rohe replied, "Horton Bay is more of a state of mind at this time of year than a geographic location. We are all from Horton Bay."

Two big events planned for the parade which will carry the theme "Commencement Ceremony of l'Université de Bay Horton," include a float entry from "The College of Genetic Manipulation"

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Joshua Lee Marvin, 23, East Jordan. Trespassing. Serve two days with credit for two days; $100 in fines and costs.

James Carlton Lamonse, 46, Charlevoix. Two counts of trespassing. $400 in fines and costs.

Christopher Michael Fitzhenry, 19, Gaylord. Minor in possession of alcohol first offense. To serve 60 hours of community service work, attend Catholic social services classes; $180 in fines and costs.

Daniel James Clark, 18, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. $200 in fines and costs.

Timothy Lee McCalum, 18, Charlevoix. Assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit of one, 77 days held in abeyance, 15 days community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, must serve one year on probation, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, not to enter Northwest Academy, not to have contact with victim, no assaultive or threatening behavior, must attain employment within 14 days; $850 in fines and costs.

Karen Anne Rohert, 36, Boyne City. No operator's license. To serve eight days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

Margaret Marie Skop, 42, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail, must serve six months prohation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $760 in fines and costs.

Edward Allan Fritch Jr., 77, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail, must serve six months prohation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Elias Rodriguez, 32, Lansing. Operating while license suspended, first offense. Serve 25 days in jail with a credit for one day, to serve nine days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Andrew Michael Orblych, 33, Boyne City. Check non-sufficient funds under $100. Serve 10 days in jail; $410.60 in fines and costs.

Susan Marie Gibson, 25, Vanderhilt. Check non-sufficient funds under $100. Serve 15 days in jail; $650 in fines and costs.

Carrie Ellen Farkas, 29, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with a credit for one day, 60 days on electronic monitor, 274 days held in abeyance, 30 days community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, serve 18 months on probation, must submit to PBT/Urine, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Gerald Earl Stewart Jr., 21, Fenton. Operating while intoxicated, first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 12 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitor with 70 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, must serve one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Raymond Thomas McManus, 17, Charlevoix. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Serve 180 days with a credit for 76 days, to serve 90 days in jail, must serve 24 months on probation; $1,495 in fines and costs.

Brenda Lee Guarisco, 50, East Jordan. Check, non-sufficient funds of $100 or more, but less than $500. Serve 365 days in jail with a credit for one day, to serve 90 days in jail, must serve 24 months on probation; $7,310.59 in fines and costs.

Courtney Lorrain Cordova, 25, Traverse City. Controlled substance possession of methamphetamine/ecstasy. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, must serve 12 months probation; $650 in fines and costs.

Darren William Kassuba, 21, Ellsworth. Criminal sexual conduct, third degree (force or coercion); controlled substance delivery/manufacturing of narcotic or cocaine, less than 50 grams; and criminal sexual conduct, third degree (person 13-15 years of age). Serve a minimum of 13 years to a maximum of 31 years in prison with credit for 235 days; $360 in fines and costs.

Jerry Michael Steele, 39, address unknown. Two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent. Serve a minimum of 114 months and a maximum of 20 years in prison; $21,499.79 in fines and costs.

Earl Raymond Grams, 56, East Jordan. Criminal sexual conduct, second degree (multiple variables habitual offender), second offense. Serve a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 22 years in prison with a credit for 30 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Douglas Bruce Waha, 45, and Angela Gale Anderson, 26, both of Charlevoix

Keith Joseph Michalkewicz, 32, and Ann Marie L. Jansen, 30, both of Denver Colo.

Christopher Michael Whisler, 20, of East Jordan, and Michelle Lauren Arthur, 19, of Central Lake

William Scott Bloom, 27, and Liudsay Ann Tomkinson, 28, both of Chicago Ill.

Kevin Louis Whisler, 20, and Amanda Rose Danforth, 23, both of East Jordan

Eric James Moore, 35, and Kathryn Suzanne Budd, 38, both of Boyne City

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

NOMI the Troll, 19766 Gennett Road, Charlevoix, by Jeffrey A. Stevenson

Blue Sky Glass, 2833 Railroad Street, Boyne Falls, by Vincent Pernicawo

Solo Roller, 2833 Railroad Street, Boyne Falls, by Vincent Pernicawo

Dave's Building, 02950 Camp Ten Road, Elmira, by David Allen Erber

Soft Touch Grooming, 02950 Camp Ten Road, Elmira, by David Allen Erber

Anna's Cottage, 06141 Old US-31 South, Charlevoix, by Susan Henderson

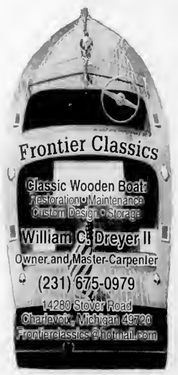
Births

A daughter, Priya Therese, was born to Mike Fels and Marijo Makufka, on June 9, 2005, at Duke Medical Center, in North Carolina. Proud Grandparents are Jack and Barb Fels of Charlevoix and Bob and Rena Makufka, of St. Mary's, Pennsylvania.

A son, Michael James Lucas, weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces, was born to Jared and Ruth Lucas, of Charlevoix, on June 24, 2005, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His grandparent are John Lashmit of Charlevoix, Jim and Maria Lucas of Ellsworth and Chuck and Betty Sinnott of Addison.

Correction

Due to reporter's error, in a story titled, "Five change positions, two retire in school district," that appeared on page 14 of the June 22 edition of the Courier, Theresa Vondra's name was omitted. Vondra will be teaching half day kindergarten and begindergarten at Charlevoix Elementary School when classes begin this fall.



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Boyne City woman faces up to 10 years in prison

LOCKMAN

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and was used to purchase a new home and furnishings, new vehicles, horses, trailers, and other personal possessions or expenses."

Lockman, a closing agent for Northern Preferred Title Company for about a year and a half, allegedly embezzled the money from January of 2005 to May of 2005.

On June 1, John Taylor, co-ower of the title company, and attorney, Ed Engstrom, contacted the Boyne City Police Department regarding a possible embezzlement from their escrow.

Jarema said, "We did a search of her bank records and we believe that it shows that she was writing checks from the escrow account to herself and depositing it into her personal account."

Gettel said Taylor and Paula Barron, owners of Northern Preferred Title Company, became aware of the thefts when their checks began bouncing, and terminated Lockman's employment when it became obvious she had stolen the funds in question.

Gettel went on to explain that Lockman said she received a large inheritance in February from her parents to explain the amount of money she had.

"Lockman's parents have rebutted her claim, telling officers that they did not give their daughter any such money," Gettel wrote in the release.

Jarema said this embezzlement has severe implications for the community since this case deals with such a large sum of money.

According to Taylor, 10 people have been laid off so far from the title company's three locations in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan.

He added, "We're wrapping up existing files. We are no longer taking new orders for title insurance products."

According to Harry Golski, the Charlevoix attorney representing Northern Preferred Title Company, Jarema's investigation is ongoing and therefore he doesn't want to engage in speculation.

But, he said, "There is a civil and criminal litigation pending and we will allow the criminal case to work toward justice."

Lockman, who is being represented by Fred L. Gibson, is scheduled to appear at 2:45 p.m. July 12 in Charlevoix Circuit Court for a preliminary examination.

Band boosters in search of used instruments

The Charlevoix Band Boosters want your used instruments to benefit the Charlevoix High School Marching Band.

If you would like to pass your old instrument on to a student in need, Jayne Bennett and the Charlevoix Band Boosters would he happy to accept it as a donation to the band program.

Instruments of any age may be donated. Older instruments will be repaired or traded for newer instruments.

Monetary donations are also being sought for the purchase of larger instruments including a bassoon, marimba and a concert tuba.

Contact Bennett at (231) 838-8100 for additional information or to arrange for a drop off site for your old instrument.

The Charlevoix High School Marching Band for 2005 will have 84 members and will travel to Lake Superior State University in July for band camp.

"The Rayder band is very appreciative of the community support that they have received, which has enabled the program to grow and expand over the last three years," Bennett said.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 21	86	64	--
June 22	73	55	--
June 23	77	58	--
June 24	89	63	.04
June 25	89	65	--
June 26	73	65	--
June 27	76	68	.09

Parades, fireworks mark Independence Day locally

FOURTH

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which will unveil a race horse crossed with a corn stalk and the official naming of a new "Fat Lady." During the parade a puff of white smoke will be let off to commemorate the official naming of the new "Fat Lady."

At noon, before the parade, local bluegrass band, Horton Creek, will perform on the front poreh at the Horton Bay General Store.

For Horton Bay Parade entry information contact Rohe at (231) 347-7327.

While mainland visitors and residents celebrate the birth of the nation at these two parades, islanders will be celebrating island style — with a parade, sky divers, jets and fireworks.

"Beaver Island is the most patriotic place in the world," said Steve West, executive director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce.

Festivities there will start and end with a boom.

At around 2 p.m., festivities will kickoff when a full-sized civil war canon replica is fired and a pair of F-16s with the Michigan Air National Guard huzz the island.

The mile-long parade will take its cue from the jets, making its way through downtown St. James.

In conjunction with parade activities, Luther Kurtz, owner of Sky Dive Harbor Springs, will perform an exhibition sky dive over the harbor.

A kids carnival, jam packed with activities, will immediately follow the parade.

Island activities will end with a bang — fireworks will begin at dusk, around 10 p.m. over the harbor.

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City needs to demand accountability in funding

EDITORIAL

It's great to see members of Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority taking a proactive approach to muddy situations and looking at ways to promote Charlevoix.

But the time to follow the paper trail and quantify results is now.

At the authority meeting Monday night, members voted unanimously to dole out over $16,000 to cover a one-year shortfall in the city's budget so Christmas lights can be renovated and replaced.

The light project is about a $20,000 annual expense. Charlevoix City Council recently agreed to cover a little over $6,000.

Mayor Norman Carlson has been proactive and discussed possible corporate sponsorship of the lighting with St. Mary's Cement Company.

The authority also discussed bringing a farmer's market to downtown from the end of August through October. Castle Farms currently hosts such a market from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays at their site off M-66 but the city wants to work in cooperation with them to bring people into our beautiful downtown.

These are two examples of what we feel are good, proactive approaches to enhancing the city.

We were happy to see the authority once again being proactive and nipping a squabble in the bud.

Monday night, Mayor Carlson announced the beginning stages in the formation of a three-party committee made up of authority reps and those from the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau.

We hope the new committee will bring long overdue accountability to a friendly financial situation between the chamber and the city.

One of the authority's committee goals is to get a better handle on the role and duties of the downtown coordinator. This individual works out of the chamber office off Bridge Street and contracts with the authority for $13,000 a year.

The authority also recently agreed to give the chamber $5,000 for the Thursday night concert series which kicks off this week.

Charlevoix's City Council gave the chamber $6,700 out of the city's promotional budget this year.

Beyond that, at a March of 2004 joint meeting between the chamber, the authority and city council, the city agreed in concept to lease the former Mason Street post office to the chamber for $1 a year for 10 years with an automatic five year renewal.

This lease has not been finalized.

Before finalizing the lease or releasing any more hefty hand outs, we urge city council and the authority to demand some accountability.

You can imagine our surprise when we learned last month that city staff doesn't even have a copy of the chamber budget.

The chamber is a private body, crying financial distress with their hand out and the city just keeps filling its pockets without aiming a magnifying glass at the situation.

The chamber is not a public body — you are.

We believe in the promotion of the city, but when tax dollars are the cheerleader, we need to know where they are going, when and why.

The chamber needs to report back with specificity as to how that money is being spent.

Don't let another $25,000 a year and free real estate slip away without concrete answers.

Strength of 'hybrids' can be seen in plants and people

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

When selecting seeds for this year's garden I chose a packet of hybrid cucumbers, and when choosing tomato plants, I picked up one group described as hybrids. They were more costly than the non-hybrid alternatives, and while neither of these plants has done anything yet except for showing rapid growth in the early summer heat.

I have every expectation, that as hybrids, they will outperform in some ways non-hybrid tomatoes or cucumbers.

I am old enough to remember when hybrid corn seed was first available to farmers in Western Minnesota. My father and grandfather had previously selected corn seed from each year's crop. They saved seed from the best plants for the next year's planting. This process of selection had been going on for enough years to have produced the very best seed that could be had for our farm. My father's, and every other farmer's first try with hybrid corn seed produced plants and yields that were far superior to the seed carefully selected for generations. Hybrid corn replaced all the home grown varieties in a single year. While it was some years before I completely understood the process of making hybrid corn seed, I understood its superiority at once — everyone did. The very word "hybrid" seemed almost magical.

Hybrid corn seed is produced by crossing several genetically different races or strains of corn. The offspring of such a cross often combines the best of both parental varieties, while leaving behind most of the problems. Hybrid seed of other plants provides may of the same advantages. Animal hybrids, produced by the same process of crossing genetically different races or strains, are most often superior to parental animals by combining the desirable qualities of both parental types. Both plant and animal hybrids commonly demonstrate what is called heterosis or hybrid vigor. They are better than their parents in measurable ways.

Considering how remarkably successful hybrids have been in both the plant and animal communities, the still quite common negative feelings often ascribed to human hybrids is puzzling. While most states have laws prohibiting the marriage of close relatives like cousins, because we generally recognize the deleterious effect on their offspring, we have been much slower to recognize in law or culture, the advantages of hybrids. Words like half-breed or quadroon suggest that such offspring are somehow a fraction of something rather than a superior product. Much language that is less complementary has been and is now directed at people of mixed ethnic or racial heritage.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary defines a hybrid as a plant or animal whose parents belong to different races, breeds or varieties. It also suggests the use of that term for a person whose parents belong to different ethnic groups. Our thinking seems to have a long way to go to catch up with Webster's meanings.

I am the proud grandparent of four hybrid children. Two are the combination of Mexican (probably itself a combination of Spanish and Native American) and blond, blue-eyed Northern European genes. Two are the offspring of Norwegian-English and European-Jewish genetic lines. I, of course, think they are superior grandchildren.

It is unlikely that I will be able to observe the full flowering of their superiority, but I have every genetic and cultural reason to believe they will be taller, healthier, more resistant to disease and more capable of dealing with a complex and rapidly changing world than their non-hybrid peers. Just like the hybrid corn, cucumbers and tomatoes.

A columnist, who will remain nameless, proposed a few months ago that interracial marriage should not be discouraged, but rather should be made mandatory. For the good of humanity, I am inclined to agree with him.

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Letters to the editor

Education funding changes

Editor:

The Michigan House Appropriations Committee proposed a budget that would undermine education for years to come.

The Senate and House have adopted the basic, and severely flawed, principles in that budget and are now working in conference to craft a bill to send to the Governor. In its effort to set budget priorities, the Michigan Legislature has designed a "formula" that would tie roughly one-third of state funding to the "types" of degrees Michigan universities and colleges grant, prioritizing — above all others — health care and engineering degrees. Certainly health care professionals are critically important for the state, but are not teachers?

In the formula proposed, a student who chooses teaching as a career is worth only one-fourth what a student who chooses engineering as a career is worth.

In other words, the Michigan legislature pro-

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poses to put into law a formula that declares engineers are worth four times as much to the state as teachers. Do we really agree with these elected officials that education and teacher training are of such low importance? Is this what we expected from legislators who assured us education was a priority when they were campaigning? Under-funding the state's schools will have a long-term impact on the quality of education all of our children receive — whether they go to public schools or private. Unless, that is, the legislature proposes that we should have our teachers trained in another state, one that will fairly fund its universities and colleges.

Alan Scot Willis
Marquette

Annual WATCH meeting

Editor:

Are you concerned about Charlevoix County's clean air and our other precious resources?

Mark your calendars. Bring your friends, family, neighbors and questions to this special annual meeting of WATCH, Inc. (Water and Air Team for Charlevoix). Our guest speakers include: Dave Thorley, P.E. Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, Gaylord. Dirk Cox, plant manager at St. Mary's Cement Company and Courtney Schmidt, environmental manager at St. Mary's Cement Company.

This is a unique opportunity. The annual meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 6 in the Hayes Township Hall, 9195 Old US-31 North, Charlevoix.

Michelle Biddick
Charlevoix

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responds to motorcycle and boat calls

Deputies with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office recently responded to the scene of two motorcycle accidents and the scene of a sinking boat.

On Friday June 10, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to Charlevoix Area Hospital where a man was being treated for injuries he received in a single vehicle motorcycle accident.

The male rider stated he was traveling westbound on Ferry Road when he attempted to turn south onto Sanderson Road in Eveline Township. The rider lost control of the cycle on the gravel road as the tires lost traction.

The rider had on full protective clothing and only received a rib fracture and several bruises to his thorax.

The man was treated and released.

At around 11 p.m. June 23 Deputy McAuliff with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Charlevoix Area Hospital for a motorcycle personal injury accident.

The accident occurred earlier that afternoon at approximately 6:45 p.m. on private property in Hayes Township in Charlevoix County.

The victim was an 11-year-old male riding a dirt bike on a home-made dirt track. The boy hit a series of bumps which caused him to fall off of his motorcycle. The victim suffered a broken collarbone as a result of the crash and was transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital by his father in a personal vehicle.

The boy was treated and released for his injuries that same evening.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. Monday June 20, 2005, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office received a report of a vessel taking on water on Lake Charlevoix, near Hemingway Point.

Five people and two dogs were aboard the vessel. The U.S. Coast Guard arrived first on scene. A side tow was given to the Ironton Public Access, where the vessel was originally launched.

All passengers were secure on land by 8:30 p.m. No injuries were reported.

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Beetles to the rescue

On May 31, under the guidance of Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, a small group of dedicated folks got together on a local lake and collected nearly 200 Garucella beetles for release to areas infested with the invasive species Purple Loosestrife. The beetles consume the stems and leaves of only Purple Loosestrife, thereby reducing its vigor and capacity to produce flowers and spread.

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Engagement

Twining — Popenhagen

Nicole Kathryn Twining of Charlevoix and Joshua Caleb Popenhagen of Camp Lejeune, N.C. are engaged to be married.

Nicole is the daughter of Dave and Machele Faith of Charlevoix.

Nicole is planning to attend Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, N.C.

Joshua is the son of Jeff and Renee Popenhagen of Valdez, Alaska and formerly of Charlevoix.

Joshua is a Lance Corporal with the Second Tank Battalion, United States Marine Corps, stationed in North Carolina. He recently completed a seven-month tour in Iraq.

A wedding is being planned for July 9, 2005 in Pinconning.

Ragamuffin Theatre to present 'Chocolate Factory' musical

Ragamuffin Theatre and Company of Charlevoix will be presenting an interactive musical theater version of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.

The musical will take place at 2 and 7 p.m. July 2 and at 2 p.m. July 3 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix.

Aside from being entertained by a large cast of Oompa Loompas, audience members will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different "chocolate factory" games, which of course includes eating lots of chocolate.

Ragamuffin Theatre will select volunteers for activities throughout the evening's program.

Willing participants will then search for hidden golden tickets, build their own everlasting gobstoppers, compete for prizes during the fizzy lifting liquid "burp" contest and more.

"Everyone will leave with a prize of some sort", said director Kathleen Whittaker. "This event is about discovering the beauty of pure imagination while celebrating the child within."

The classic story will be told in a creative new way and is not limited to children.

Adults will be invited to join in the fun of creating memories with their children or grandchildren, by experiencing interaction similar to the production's main characters, Charlie and Grampa Joe.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.RagamuffinTheatre.com, or by calling (231) 237-9686.

You may also purchase tickets at the door. However, seating will be limited to 100 participants at each performance.

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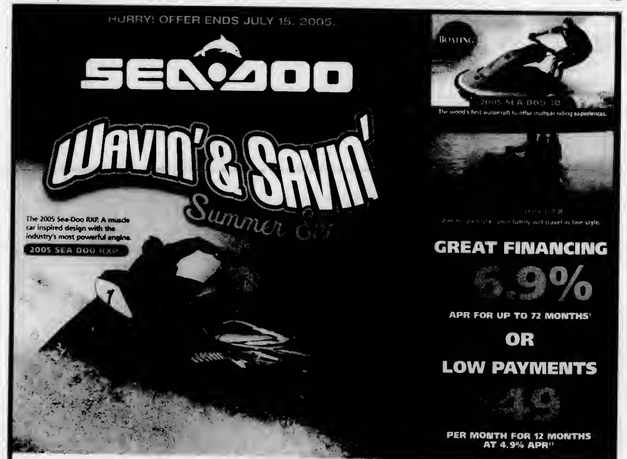

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NCMC Dean's and President's lists

The following Charlevoix students attending North Central Michigan earned places on the 2005 winter semester President's and Dean's lists. Placement on the President's List requires a grade point average of 4.0. Placement on the Dean's list requires a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

Among those named to the President's list were the following from Charlevoix: Raymond Jacob Greensky, Linda Marie Laforge, Laura Nichole Maltese and Elsa Catherine Pierre.

Named to the Dean's list were the following from Charlevoix: Cindi Ann Baird, Alexander Jacob Busman, Elizabeth Danae Drebenstedt, Amanda Christine Filkins, Amber Dawn Greensky, Crystal Dawn Greensky, Jacy Christopher Greensky, Pete Thomas Schwartzfisher, Trisha Watkins and Rachel Dena Wyniawskyj.

Harbor Industries raises over $21,000 for United Way

Each year Harbor Industries of Charlevoix challenges its employees to meet and exceed our internal United Way campaign goal. This year our goal was $12,000 and our employees raised over $21,000 for the Charlevoix United Way.

As a thank you Managers/Supervisors will be doing a car wash in our parking lot for our employees. This car wash will begin at 12:30 p.m. until we are done.

Northern Michigan University graduate

Patrick Kilkenny of Charlevoix graduated from Northern Michigan University in May of 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Planning.

Senior certification recipient

Timothy Bruce

On May 21, Timothy M. Bruce, a certified senior advisor and president of Northern Michigan Benefits in Charlevoix, recently completed a comprehensive course on priority senior issues. This course is conducted by the Society of Certified Senior Advisors, an international organization that has trained over 20,000 professionals in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Successful participants complete a thorough examination as well as an intense educational curriculum to earn the Certified Senior Advisor designation.

Extrication drill helps hone skills of fire department

The City of Charlevoix Fire Department recently conducted an extrication exercise to sharpen department members' rescue skills.

According to Joe Schwartzfisher, shift commander for the department, when people are injured in an automobile accident, survival often depends on the type and quality of care they receive in the first 60 minutes following the accident.

When fire, rescue and emergency medical personnel rendering emergency care are injured themselves, the rescue's success, as well as the very survival of victims can be jeopardized.

Common accident scene hazards include leaking gasoline and other fuels, unstable vehicles, sharp metal, broken glass, emergency restraint systems, air bags, and hazards involving the vehicle's battery or electrical system. Many other hazards are also potentially as deadly to emergency service personnel, who must be completely familiar with all of today's vehicle rescue hazards and are able to quickly identify each one present at an accident.

The City of Charlevoix Fire Department recently simulated a two-vehicle accident "drill" involving a semi trailer and a passenger car.

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In an extrication exercise the City of Charlevoix Fire Department used this car to practice extrication. Way Transportation and Parks Auto donated the vehicles.

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Marvel Maison: Aug. 14, 1930 - June 19, 2005

Marvel Maison, born in Charlevoix on Aug. 14, 1930, died June 19, 2005.

Marvel Maison

Born and raised in Charlevoix to William and Ruth (Whitney) Hair, Marvel Maison grew up on the family farm. After graduating from Charlevoix High School, Marvel moved to Traverse City where she met and married, the love of her life, Cal F. Maison, who survives.

They married on Sept. 16, 1950 at St. Francis Church in Traverse City.

After living in Kalamazoo for seven years, they moved back to Traverse City for good. Marvel enjoyed volunteering at Cherry Knoll Elementary School as a teacher's aid and PTA treasurer while her four children attended school. Also, as a member of East Bay Calvary Church, Marvel volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and with Pioneer Girls. Marvel provided a loving home for all of her family. She grew amazing vegetable and flower gardens and was an expert seamstress, including making a daughter's wedding dress and a keepsake quilt for each of her children.

Marvel enjoyed collecting clown figurines and having good times on annual weekend trips with her mom and sisters. She loved to laugh and would soon have everyone in the room laughing along with her. What may have meant the most to Marvel was spending quality time with her family, especially her husband. They shared a lifelong bond of mutual love and adoration that never wavered. They lived in harmony to the beat of their own drum.

In addition to her husband, Marvel is survived by three daughters, Diane Kirt, Kathleen Johnson (Donn), Dawn Koschara (Dave) and a son, Joseph Maison (Mary), all of Traverse City; three sisters, Marge McGhan of Traverse City, Marilyn Miller (Dave) and Lynn Lamoreaux (Cal) of Charlevoix and a brother, Bill Hair (Clarice) of Byron Center; several grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Lyle, in infancy; her father, William Hair in 1963; a son-in-law, Lee in 1990; a grandson, Tyler in 1992, and her mother, Ruth Hair in 1998.

Funeral services celebrating Marvel's life took place at 2 p.m. June 22 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, in Traverse City. Pastor Kendal Dennis officiated. Burial was in Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to East Bay Calvary Church.

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home is serving the family.

Tony Richards: April 30, 1918 - June 11, 2005

Freborn Wilson "Tony" Richards, 87, of Ironton, died Saturday, June 11, 2005, in Eastport.

He was born April 30, 1918, in Frederic, the son of Ernest and Anna (Blanchard) Richards.

He married Dorothy Staley in 1938. Dorothy died in 1993.

Tony served in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1946 during World War II.

After discharge, he lived in Charlevoix and moved to Florida in 1950. He moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1952, where he worked as a truck driver for Orchard Paper Company delivering wrapping paper. He retired and returned to Charlevoix in 1968.

He was an avid gardener and raised some of the largest and unique vegetables around. He enjoyed shooting pool with his friends. Homemade soups and breads were a specialty at Tony's house.

Surviving are his son, Lynn Richards and his wife, Esther, of Plano, Texas; a daughter-in-law, Gail (Jerry) Barnes, of St. Louis, Mo.; grandsons, Chris Richards and his friend, Chic, of East Jordan, Tad (Diane) Richards of St. Louis, Mo.; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Jenna, of St. Louis, Mo.; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ken and Arlene Staley, of Charlevoix; nieces, Donna (Dave) Heeres of Ellsworth, Marian (Gary) VanKoevering of Fremont, Martha Staley of Charlotte, N.C.; nephew, Dean (Joyce) Sheldon, of Lillian, Ala.; great-nephew, Scott (Kristen) Heeres, of Denver, Colo.; great-niece, Carrie (Dan) Elzinga, of Grand Rapids.

Private services are planned for a later date.

The family suggests memorials to Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice, 220 West Garfield Street, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

Stephen Evanoff: Sept. 3, 1922 - June 19, 2005

Dr. Stephen A. Evanoff, 82, a resident of Flint and Charlevoix, died Sunday, June 19, 2005 in Charlevoix.

Stephen Evanoff

Dr. Evanoff was born in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 3, 1922 the son of Kosta and Lenka (Martinoff) Evanoff. He has been a Flint resident most of his life where he married Phyllis Gorbutt in 1946.

Dr. Evanoff attended Flint Public Schools and graduated from Flint Central High School. He then attended Flint Junior College, later the University of Michigan and then attended and graduated from the DesMoines Still College of Osteopathy and Surgeons.

He started his medical practice in 1953 in the Flint General Hospital and was on the staff of Hurley Medical Center, Mclaren Regional Medical Center, Genesee Memorial Hospital, Genesys Health Park.

Dr. Evanoff was a member of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society, and The International Institute. He was the founder of the College of Rheumatology, a past president of the Osteopathic Society of Genesee County, an active volunteer with the Public Health Department working at the free clinics. He also was active with the United Way of Genesee County and a member of the F.E.A.T. and a member of the Flint Golf Club; he also served his country during World War II with the U.S. Army.

Surviving are three daughters, Stephanie Fohey and husband William of Fenton, Barbara Martinez and husband Andy of Dayton, Ohio and Mary Ann Gisewhite and husband Joe of Flint; son, John Evanoff and wife Pat of Las Vegas, Nev. Also surviving are 5 grandchildren, Leigh Anne Potter of Suttons Bay, Jessica Gidday of Denver, Colo., William Fohey II and Stephen Fohey of Fenton, Zoey Gisewhite of Flint; great-granddaughter Abigail Stroh of Suttons Bay.

Further survivors include a brother, Frank Evanoff of Flint; sister-in-law, Genevieve Evanoff of East Lansing and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dr. Evanoff was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Phyllis in 2004, a daughter, Jo Ann Evanoff and a brother, Michael Evanoff. Services were at 11 a.m. June 24, 2005 at the Sharp Funeral Home & Cremation Center, in Flint with Rev. Raphael Biernacki officiating.

Memorial donations in Dr. Evanoff's name may be made to the Sierra Club or to the International Institute. Dr. Evanoff was loved dearly not only by his family, but also by his many friends and patients. Friends may post on-line condolences or tributes for the family at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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Seven vie for Venetian queen's crown

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Seven, young, Charlevoix women, are competing for the coveted 2005 Venetian Festival queen's crown.

The 2005 Venetian Queen will be crowned at about 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 22, in the East Park band shell.

Diana Phillips, who is in her eleventh year coordinating the queen competition, calls them the "ambassadors of our town."

Phillips emphasizes the annual scholarship competition is not a "beauty contest." Rather, the race for Venetian Queen is one in which presentation, articulation and personality prevail.

"The girls are judged completely on their own merit," she said.

Danielle Kimble, the reigning Venetian Queen, was awarded $2,500 last year. Although the prized dollar amount has not yet been solidified, this year's contestants can expect a similar figure.

Candidates acquired local sponsors and applied to compete in the event individually.

Candidates for Venetian Queen must be 16 to 22 years old, have a primary residence in Charlevoix or have graduated from the Charlevoix School District, be single, never have been married and have no children.

The candidates for the 2005 Venetian Queen crown and their sponsors are; Rachel Bellairs, Cross Fisheries and The MacDougall House Bed & Breakfast; Carolyn Bellairs, Closets 1, 2 & 3 and Edgewater Inn; Jenna Engman, Rick Wertz Builders; Brenna Bergmann, Bergmann Marine; Kari Way, Dry Harbour Motor Sports; Brittany Niswander, Charlevoix Country Club and Northwest Heating & Air; and Amber Milton, Charlevoix Public Schools.

Rachel Bellairs, 20, is a lifelong resident of Charlevoix and the daughter of Bob and Jenny Bellairs. Her twin sister, Carolyn, is running alongside her for this year's crown. Rachel is a graduate of Northwest Academy and is currently beginning her third year at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Mass. She has been awarded the New England Conservatory Merit Award, the MEAP Scholarship and the Discover Card Tribute Award. Additionally, Rachel was valedictorian at Northwest Academy's 2003 commencement ceremony. She plans to pursue a master's degree in opera performance and perhaps audition for a position in an orchestra.

"This town and its people have shaped me and watched me grow," she said. "This is a place I will forever call home and I wish to represent the very best of Charlevoix, wherever my future leads me."

Carolyn Bellairs, 20, is also a lifelong resident of Charlevoix. A graduate of Northwest Academy, Carolyn has attended North Central Michigan College in Petoskey and Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. She has been the recipient of the MEAP Scholarship recipient, the Carrie E. Smith Schuyler Scholarship and has been recognized on the Northwestern Michigan College Dean's List. Carolyn has also been a member of the Blue Lake International Symphony Band and Jazz Ensemble. The music lover plans to transfer to Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant to pursue a degree in elementary education with a minor in music.

"It would be a great honor to represent Charlevoix all over the state, and the scholarship would help a great deal with college," she said.

Jenna Engman, 18, has lived in Charlevoix for six years and is the

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Photo by Nicole Graziano

The 2005 Venetian Queen candidates are (above, from left) Amber Milton, Brittany Niswander, Kari Way, Jenna Engman, Rachel Bellairs, Carolyn Bellairs and Brenna Bergmann.

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daughter of Bryan and Debbie Engman. She is a graduate of Charlevoix High School, where she was continuously named to the honor roll. Engman plans to initialize her college education at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and eventually transfer to Central Michigan University. Her major is currently undecided.

"To be able to win the scholarship and have a sense of accomplishment would be great, as well as becoming part of the history of Charlevoix," she said.

Brenna Bergmann, 19, is a native of Fairbanks, Alaska, and has lived in Charlevoix for 14 years. Daughter of Susan and Daniel Bergmann, Brenna graduated from Charlevoix High School and is currently a sophomore at Albion College. She is working toward multiple degrees in English, art, French and Spanish and intends to put her education to use in the field of foreign relations. Brenna has been awarded the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship, the AQ Women's Cross Country/Track Grant and the Michigan Tuition Grant. She recently traveled to Australia, representing the state in international cross country championships.

"I have a lot of family in Charlevoix," she said. "One of the greatest feelings to me is making my family and friends proud of me."

Kari Way, 18, is a native of Charlevoix and the daughter of Barney and Kris Way. A recent graduate from Charlevoix High School, Way plans to attend Grand Valley State University in Allendale to pursue a major in biomedical science. She one day hopes to become a pediatrician or OB/GYN doctor. During her junior and senior years in high school, Way earned All-region Volleyball recognition and an Honorable Mention award from the Detroit Free Press for basketball during her senior year. Way currently works at the Charlevoix City Marina.

"I want to represent Charlevoix and show others what a great place Charlevoix is," she said.

Brittany Niswander, 19, is a lifelong resident of Charlevoix and the daughter of Joe and Lorraine Niswander. A graduate of Charlevoix High School, where she was named top 25 in her class and was a member of the National Honor Society, Niswander is planning to attend Central Michigan University to pursue a degree in counseling or elementary education. She is the recipient of the MEAP Scholarship and the Board of Trustees of Central Michigan University Scholarship. Niswander enjoys playing softball, tutoring children and donating money to emergency services, bake sales and canned food drives.

"It (Venetian Queen) is such an honor," she said. "I would represent Charlevoix and it would help me with my education at Central."

Amber Milton, 18, is a longtime resident of Charlevoix and the daughter of Mark and Cindy Meier. She has attended Inland Lakes High School and Charlevoix High School, where she graduated with honors and participated as a member of the National Honors Society. Amber has earned the Michigan Merit Award and the Presidential Scholarship from Albion College. She plans to attend Michigan State University in East Lansing and major in psychology or law. Studying abroad is also a temptation at this point in her education, she said. Million devotes her time to the Grand Traverse Band youth activities, volunteering with United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) and assisting the Charlevoix Area Hospital with various functions.

"I think it is an honor to represent my community," she said. "Also, the scholarship is a wonderful opportunity to help fund my many years of schooling."

In the coming weeks, each young woman will present two timed speeches, endure 20-minute personal and panel interviews with three out-of-town judges selected by the Venetian Festival committee, and compose a college-level essay to be evaluated by a University of California, Berkeley professor.

Because the judicial process is closed to the public, community fund-raising is a significant facet of the competition. Last weekend, the women coordinated a car wash and, in the next few weeks, will participate in the 7th Annual Garden Walk. All money earned through local activities contributes to the Venetian Queen's grand prize.

When the women aren't planting petunias for the city or riding floats through downtown parades, they will likely be researching the history of Charlevoix and its annual Venetian Festival. During their timed speeches, judges will expect the women to pinpoint areas of distinction that make the town a unique cubby of northwest Michigan.

"We want you to know this town and share it," Phillips told contestants at a recent luncheon prior to a St. Agnes classic Corvette show parade, in which the women rode a float together.

The scholastic competition not only recognizes a queen, but also honors Miss Congeniality — who is nominated by her fellow running mates — and a Scholastic Achievement award recipient — determined by individual essays.

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City contracts with lobbyist for $18,000

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The City of Charlevoix recently signed an $18,000 contract with a lobbyist hired to push for a replacement ship for the United States Coast Guard cutter ACACIA.

At city council's June 20 meeting, Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner suggested council vote in favor of hiring Bob W. Davis, president of Bob Davis and Associates in Washington D.C. and a former Michigan Congressman (R).

"He has political connections and is familiar with Charlevoix and the situation with the Coast Guard," Wiesner said.

Council voted unanimously in favor of paying Davis $3,000 a month from July 1 to December 31, 2005. The money to cover this expense will come from the city's industrial promotions account.

"We're going to work together to try to get positive results," Davis said.

His top priority is to get a replacement ship allocated to Charlevoix when the ACACIA, which is currently docked in Round Lake, is decommissioned in the summer of 2006.

According to a memo written by Wiesner, to members of city council, Davis' consulting services are also being pursued because the city has not received adequate representation on the matter at the federal level.

Wiesner wrote, "In repeated attempts to contact Congressman (Bart) Stupak and his staff, by the mayor, myself and others, the Congressman and staff have been noncommittal in working with Charlevoix to maintain a Coast Guard presence. Indicating to us that the Congressman may be supporting another port."

Wiesner added, "As a result of the above information, we felt it may be potentially beneficial to enlist the services of Bob Davis who is certainly familiar with the area and the Coast Guard."

At the council meeting, mayor Norman Carlson echoed Wiesner's thoughts about Charlevoix's federal representation in this matter.

"There may be another port he (Stupak) has in mind in his district. I think we would be better off with someone who only has the city in mind," Carlson said.

According to Stupak, he isn't sure where the city got the idea he may be supporting another ship.

"Am I supporting any other port or ship? No. There is none. We checked to see and the Coast Guard has a limited mission in Charlevoix," he said. "The Coast Guard is military and they support missions, that's where I think everyone's losing sight here, it's not the boat, it's not the port, it's the mission."

According to Stupak, it has been general knowledge for the past 12 years that the ACACIA would be leaving.

"The idea behind the buoy tenders was to make them more efficient," he said. "This is no surprise to anyone."

But, he said, "If Charlevoix has a new idea on a new mission I would be happy to advocate it."

Stupak said he wishes the Coast Guard could expand Charlevoix's role as it pertains to homeland security.

"But, unfortunately or fortunately, we are not a homeland security threat. When they look at their map to conduct terrorist activities Charlevoix does not come to the top of their list," he said.

According to Stupak, no one from the city of Charlevoix has contacted him in a long time regarding a replacement ship.

Stupak said he feels it is a disservice to the community to give them false hope that the ACACIA may stay in Charlevoix or that there is a chance of them getting a replacement for it.

"It may not be the answer we want to hear, but it is the honest answer," he said. "Over the past couple years, my staff and I worked hard to keep the ACACIA in Charlevoix. The Coast Guard loves Charlevoix and Charlevoix loves the Coast Guard. Unfortunately, the USCG's decision is a matter of economics and the amount of resources necessary to carry out their mission. Their decision not to replace the USCG ACACIA was based on the premise that they will be able to complete this mission in the Great Lakes with the three new ships."

In light of Stupak's comments on the situation, third ward council member Shirley Gibson isn't sure the city's decision to spend $18,000 is a good one.

"I think $18,000 is a lot to spend for someone (Davis) with just a maybe," she said.

After some prodding from her fellow council members, Gibson ultimately voted in favor of hiring Davis.

"Charlevoix stands to lose a lot if we don't get a replacement," mayor Carlson said.

He explained that the Coast Guard presence means shoppers downtown, more kids in schools and people buying houses.

Carlson said Davis has connections in Washington D.C. which could be of great help when it comes to lobbying for Charlevoix.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The United States Coast Guard cutter ACACIA will be decommissioned in 2006. The city has hired Bob Davis, a lobbyist in Washington D.C. to help secure another ship.

"He is the one who is going to be bending Stupak's ear in Washington and he has contacts in the Coast Guard," Carlson said.

Because there is still time before the ACACIA is decommissioned, Carlson said, he wants to exhaust all options to get a replacement ship.

"I wrote a letter to the rear admiral Papp and he sent me a letter back stating MORRO BAY could be commissioned to the Great Lakes and that was the one I was trying to get," Carlson said.

The cutter, MORRO BAY, which is currently docked on the East Coast has not been released to the Great Lakes.

Charlevoix resident June Cross presented a form letter to council members drafted by Jacqueline Merta, director of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce. Cross requested that all members of council sign it and send it to Michael Chertoff, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Senator Carl Levin and Representative Kevin A. Elsenheimer.

On June 16, Senator Jason Allen and Merta testified before the Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State affairs about resolutions 40 and 24, both of which urge the Coast Guard to maintain a ship in Charlevoix.

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Norwood Township pays $25,000 to settle dispute

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Norwood Township Board voted 3-2 to favor of paying township residents Mark and Marilyn Maynard $25,000 for attorney fees the couple incurred during a lengthy zoning dispute.

"This has been a very long process. It took a lot of understanding and research to get us (the board) to this conclusion," Norwood Township Supervisor, Wayne Wynkoop, said. "The board agreed to settle this issue because there was a possibility of a lawsuit which could have cost the township much more money."

The township's general fund will pay out $15,000 and the township's insurance carrier, Municipal Underwriters, in Houghton Lake, has agreed to pay the remaining $10,000.

"I think the board went out of their way to treat us fairly," Mark Maynard said.

While Wynkoop said the vote was a positive decision, as it ended the dispute between the Maynards and the township, township treasurer Ellen Jenson and trustee Denny Way, the two no votes, said it set a dangerous precedent.

"I personally felt they needed to prove their case in court. I don't think they had a leg to stand on," Jenson said.

Mark Maynard disagrees.

"If we had taken this to court, we would have won," he said. "The only precedent set is that now, local officials know that when they break the law the burden is on the taxpayers."

Wynkoop said this is no way signifies the township taking blame for any responsibility in the matter and he too is concerned with the preecedent the board may have set.

But, he said the decision is still in the township's best interest.

"Based on all the information presented, we tried to solve this as quickly and as inexpensively as possible. Like it or not," Wynkoop said.

In the release and settlement of claim document accepted by the township board, it is stated that, "Said releasees (which includes the township) deny liability therefor and intend merely to avoid litigation and buy their (the Maynards') peace."

The township's general fund which paid out the $15,000, is paid into by tax dollars and pays for road maintenance and upgrades, property purchases and other projects. This is one of three funds the township maintains. The others are the emergency fund and the road fund.

"We will live through it. We were lucky enough to have some surplus," he said of the decision's financial ramifications.

This vote was taken at a special meeting in April. It was a reaction to a request the Maynards entered with the township, over a year ago, for a $30,000 reimbursement of attorney fees they incurred in a zoning dispute with the township.

In the request entered by the Maynards' attorney, Karen Ferguson, of the Traverse City firm Olson, Bzdok and Howard P.C., a deadline of Feb. 21 was established. That meant that if the township didn't reply by that date, a complaint would be filed in court. Negotiations started at the end of February and ended with the board's vote at a special meeting April 21.

The zoning dispute at the heart of this $25,000 pay out started in 2003 between the Maynards and their neighbors, Frank and Barb Hamilton, who own and operate Auntie Barb's Country Kennel on their property.

The dispute started with the Maynards wanting screening on the Hamilton property and less noise. Maynard said when the township didn't respond to his concerns he started digging and found violations of the township's zoning ordinance.

In November of 2003 this dispute resulted in a decision by the Norwood Township Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to overturn permits former zoning administrator Lynn Smolenyak issued the Hamiltons for a fencing modification and a shed addition for their kennel operation.

The board then asked that the Hamiltons reapply for their special use permit under the new zoning ordinance to operate the kennel.

The Hamiltons then filed a lawsuit against the township fighting this requirement. The Maynards were granted an intervention in this case by Emmet County 57th Circuit Court Judge Charles Johnson naming them a defendant in the suit. The Hamiltons dropped the ease.

The three parties sat down in the spring of 2004 and came up with an 18 point consent agreement that the Hamiltons had to adhere to.

Wynkoop, who was elected in 2004, said he hopes this latest decision puts an end to the lengthy dispute.

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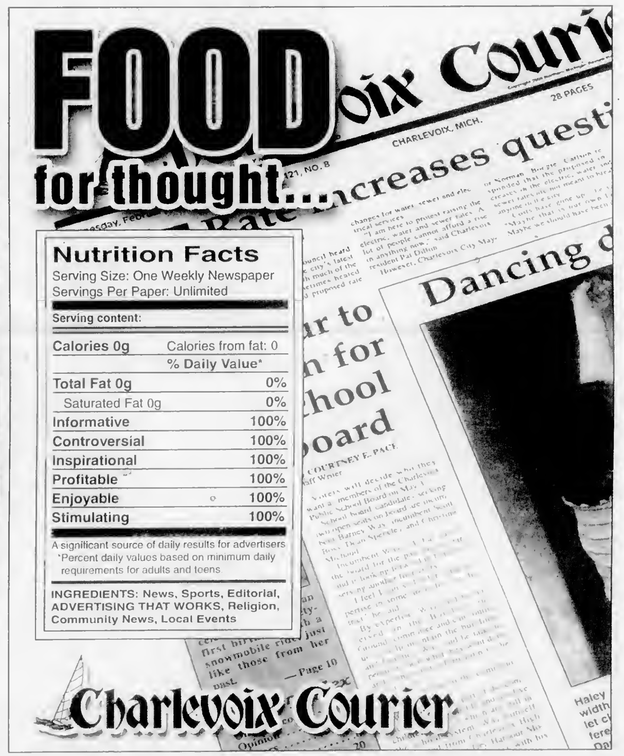

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City, chamber and visitors group to form committee

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor
and
By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Promotion of the city of Charlevoix will take a unified direction.

At the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority's June 27 meeting, Mayor Norman Carlson, representing the authority announced the formation of a new three-party committee. The committee, made up of representatives from the authority, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau will begin meeting bi-monthly in early August.

"If we can have participation between the various groups, mission accomplished," John Yaroch, a member of the authority, said.

Carlson said he hopes this will provide an even playing field for the chamber and visitors bureau, two groups he said have had problems recently finding middle ground.

"No one has to feel like they are being singled out, everyone comes to the table as equals," Carlson told the authority.

He added that the role of the downtown coordinator, who works with the chamber and is funded in part by the authority, will top the city's list of agenda items when the committee meets. The authority has a $13,000 contract with the chamber to fund the coordinator. The authority also gave the chamber $5,000 to fund its Thursday night concert series.

Last month, the three groups were scheduled to meet for a mediation to iron out any differences they have. But, that mediation was canceled.

"It was called off because the chamber chose to have legal representation and the visitors bureau felt that that wasn't in the best interest (or) spirit of mediation," Carlson said. "What we were supposed to do was just discuss if there were problems and air them out."

Vera Mckown, president of the visitors bureau, said, "We felt that this was not a legal issue and we felt there was no reason to participate."

According to Dr. Jane Millar, Executive Director of Northern Community Mediation, mediation is always confidential and it is not uncommon for parties to sometimes bring legal representation.

"In mediation attorney's are more for reference. Mediation is not an adversarial happening, attorneys don't do the talking," Millar said.

She added, "With mediation, both parties decide what they can agree on. If they can come up with agreement it is a legally binding document."

Carlson said he was disappointed that the parties didn't meet and hopes the committee will meet the mark of the mediation.

"I didn't feel that there was anything to hide. It wasn't a court of law," he said. "It wasn't like we're going after the chamber."

According to Carlson, his interest is to get the visitors bureau and the chamber to have a good working relationship.

"The idea is to get everyone to come together and put the past behind them and start working on other goals to help the city," he said.

Since the split between the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) last fall, there has been some speculation that it might not have been an amicable one.

According to Steve Bennet, former president of the visitors bureau, as far as he knows there were no problems when the bureau became independent of the chamber.

"Last fall they filed for incorporation in September or October just to be their own entity. There was no conflict with the chamber at that time," he said.

Bennet said most convention and visitor's bureaus are separate from their local chamber of commerce.

"I would call it a natural progression for us. We felt we needed to become separate, but not independent. We didn't want to break ties with the chamber we wanted to just be our own entity," Bennet said.

Mckown said she doesn't believe the intended mediation had anything to do with the split because, as far as she is concerned, it was a peaceful one.

"We have no hostility toward the chamber whatsoever. We worked together and we've been cooperative," she said. "There's no smoking gun, so-to-speak, the CVB has grown up and basically that's all it's about."

Chamber director Jacqueline Merta did not return calls regarding the mediation.

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Seventh Annual Garden Walk to take place July 13

Jackie Dipert and Judy Corley, ticket chairperson for the Seventh Annual Charlevoix Area Garden Club Garden Walk, "Wild About Blooms and Butterflies," are pictured with the beautiful hand crafted quilt that will be raffled at 5 p.m. the day of the Garden Walk, July 13. Tickets for the quilt raffle are $1 each or six for $5 and are available at The Clothing Company, Don's IGA in both Charlevoix and Harbor Springs, A Touch of Spring in Charlevoix as well as the Boyne Country Books in Boyne City and The Quilt Cottage in East Jordan.

Tickets for the Garden Walk are available for $10 in Charlevoix at the Bridge Street Book Store, or by calling Judy Corley at (231) 547-1945.

On July 13, Garden Walk tickets will be available for $12 at any of the six private gardens or in front of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for the gourmet luncheon to take place at the Depot Heritage Garden from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the day of the Garden Walk are available for $25 by reservation only. To make a reservation call (231) 547-1978.

Courtesy photo

Jackie Dipert (left) and Judy Corley, ticket chairperson for the Seventh Annual Charlevoix Area Garden Club Garden Walk, are pictured with the beautiful hand crafted quilt that will be raffled July 13.

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SYNOPSIS

Monday, June 20, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman Carlson presiding. Council member Haggard was absent; all other members were present.

- Plaques of appreciation were presented to Karen Campbell, June Cross, Liz Gooch and Robert Irving.
- A report was given that sufficient valid signatures were received for the proposed initiative regarding East Park.
- Motion passed to award a contract for the Airport Fuel Management System was awarded to Avfuel Corporation of Ann Arbor in the amount of $10,500 for a sell-serve credit card reader.
- Motion passed to hire Bob Davis in the amount of $18,000 to work towards the retention of a Coast Guard ship.
- Motion passed to hire Mr. Neihart at the rate of $55 per hour, not to exceed $850 to investigate the cause of the CCMS mishap.
- Resolution Number 2005-06-02, DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO APPLY FOR JULY 4, 2005 PARADE PERMIT AND VENETIAN PARADE PERMIT, was approved.

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Local woman sells stones for causes

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Betty Barton, a local woman with a passion for Petoskey stones donated more than $6,000 to the City of Charlevoix last year.

Barton, a Charlevoix summer resident with her husband, Graham, since 1991, earned the sizable sum crafting with and selling Petoskey stones.

"I'm very happy to have people buy the stones and help contribute to the area," said Barton, who is in her 70s. "It's a real pleasure for me to take a raw stone and polish it until the true beauty is exposed. And then, to be able to make some contribution to the needs in the area — that just makes my day."

Barton has been manipulating Michigan's official state stone, indigenous to northern Michigan and abundant in the Little Traverse Bay region, for nearly seven years.

From the fossilized coral, she produces glossy pendants and picture frames for public consumption — gaining nothing more than the satisfaction of contributing to the community that she adores.

About six years ago, Barton expanded her hobby into a charitable community outreach effort when she approached directors at the Charlevoix Public Library. She asked for permission to leave with them a small basket of polished Petoskey stones, secured to bookmarks detailing the mineral's history, to be sold to the public. Today, this basket still sits at the library's front counter.

"It's a nice service we can provide to the public," said library director Valerie Meyerson. "It's not even the money, it's the service. People really enjoy this."

Over the past five years, Barton has sold her stones outside the former Murdick's Ice Cream store off Bridge Street. High volume sales have allowed her to expand her outreach effort.

Because she has tagged her proceeds as donations, the city granted Barton a permit to sell her crafts on its sidewalks. Complementing her street sales are several community establishments that regularly stock her stones, including hair salons, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Charlevoix airport, The Acorn Café and the Inn at Bay Harbor.

Last year, 18 local groups received financial support from Barton's sales.

Among those Barton has donated to are: the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Charlevoix Fire Department's EMT scholarship fund, the Charlevoix Police Department's DARE program, the Charlevoix County Humane Society, Good Samaritan Family Service, the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry and the Charlevoix Historical Society.

"I wish I had more money to give because I keep finding more places with needs," she said.

Although Barton scours Charlevoix's lake shores in the summer months to collect stones, her handiwork is completed during the winter. For years, she has retreated to Sun City, a senior community in Tueson, Ariz., during Michigan's blustery off-season.

Using heavy-duty equipment within a communal lapidary workshop, Barton cuts, sands, polishes and -- in the case of pendants -- drills about 10 stones at a time. Scraps from the carving of hearts, crosses, butterflies and bears are used in the creation of picture frames, she said. Working with multiple stones simultaneously cuts down on production time, but working on 10 stones still takes her about two weeks.

Barton said her parents were "rock hounds," which fed her intrigue and appreciation for Petoskey stones.

But this art of chiseling and huffing antique stones wasn't learned quickly. About eight years ago, Barton sought the assistance of a Petoskey shop owner to gain and hone her skills.

"Just learning how to polish the stone wasn't enough," said Bailey, owner of Bailey's Place Petoskey Stones Stuff, who is known simply by her first name. "She wanted to do more."

Barton put on her "grubbies," as instructed by Bailey, and observed her handiwork for several summers. There, Barton watched the veteran artisan carefully sand

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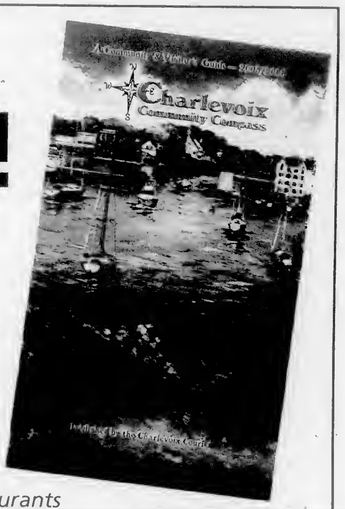

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'No problem' open through July 3 at the Crooked Tree

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's premier performance of the new play, "No Problem," by northern Michigan playwright, Bill Wheadon opened June 23.

The play is directed by Dale Hull, the executive director of the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

"No Problem is a comedy-drama that examines a variety of family issues that come to the surface just after the funeral of Herm Peterson's wife Flo, his life partner of 42 years," explains Hull. "The rather unconventional funerary proceedings, designed by Herm himself, are not at all appreciated by his two adult children, so over the next two days they begin to question Herm's ability to take care of himself. In the process they learn a lot about themselves and the rights of older people to live an independent life, even if that independence includes some risk."

"No Problem," runs at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday evenings and at 2 p.m. Sundays through July 3.

Tickets are available at the door, by calling the Crooked Tree Arts Center box office at (231) 347-4337, or on line at www.crookedtree.org.

A passion for stones benefits community

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and shine the precious stone with lapidary equipment. Barton still calls on Bailey today for procedural tips when experimenting with new ways to refine the raw artifacts.

"She has a love and fascination for Petoskey stones," said Bailey, who has owned the specialty store off US-31 for 12 years. "She's got so much energy. She's like a little firecracker."

According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's web site www.michigan.gov/deq, Petoskey stones are made primarily of calcite and found exclusively in outcroppings of the Alpena Limestone, which makes up most of the northern Lower Peninsula bedrock.

Barton's latest contribution is the donation of a picture frame to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for its sixteenth annual auction, scheduled for Aug. 7 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the facility's operating expenses, maintenance and water safety programs.

Bruce MacArthur, a member of the pool's board of directors, discovered Barton's stonework while seeking out a gift for his wife.

"Petoskey stones are such a mark of Charlevoix," said MacArthur. "She has done so much good. I'm really impressed with her generosity."

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(Left) Linda Jelinek, director of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool's Annual Auction Fundraiser, holds a Petoskey stone frame crafted by Betty Barton and donated to the Aug. 7 event.

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"I am excited about the many, many things on our wish list that we hope to accomplish after a successful auction. From updating the building, to expansion of program offerings, to keeping our fees low so everyone can continue to enjoy this wonderful community asset, this fund-raiser can make those dreams come true," said event director, Linda Jelinek, of Hayes Township.

The theme this year will be, "Charlevoix Community Pool, We take your fun seriously."

Jelinek graduated from Charlevoix High School and has raised her three sons in Charlevoix. She has been a lifeguard for the pool for three years and co-organized the 2004 Annual Pool Run. She is a past director of the March of Dimes Walk America fund-raising event for Charlevoix County.

To volunteer or donate to the pool auction, call (231) 547-2206. For reservations, call (231) 547-0982. Tickets are limited.

Fourth of July safety tips from the state department

The Office of the State Fire Marshal recently issued a reminder to practice fire safety when using fireworks this Fourth of July.

"Fireworks are a fun way to light up a summer night," said Andy Neumann, State Fire Marshal. "However, injuries are all too common, and can often be avoided when you follow basic fire safety tips like lighting only one firework at a time."

If you decide to have your own firework display, make sure that fireworks are legal in Michigan. Do not purchase or use unlabeled fireworks, and never experiment or make your own fireworks. Once purchased, store them in a cool, dry place and check each package for special storage instructions.

Other firework safety tips include:

- Designating a cleared, outdoor area for lighting the fireworks with a minimum distance of 15 feet from houses and flammable materials such as dry grass or mulch.
- Connecting a garden hose to a tap and have it on hand at all times. It is also a good idea to keep a few buckets of water and wet towels handy to extinguish small fires. If you have mulched gardens, consider running the sprinkler system.
- Wearing eye protection when handling them, and never carry them in your pocket.
- Never have any part of your body over the fireworks, set them off in a container, throw or point them at other people or re-light a "dud" firework.

"Fireworks should not be given to small children, and an adult should always be present to supervise children at all times," added Neumann.

Finally, wet down all fireworks debris during and after the celebration. Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water before putting them in a garbage can.

As fireworks season begins it is important to know that if you are using regulated devices you must contact the local unit of government where the proposed display will be conducted and obtain a permit. Call the Office of the State Fire Marshal at (517) 241-8847.

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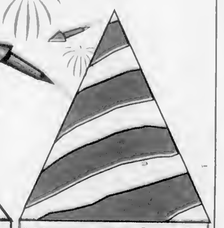

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Former owner returns to Charly's

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

An Australian woman came halfway around the world to do more than just say "G'day" to Charlevoix.

After a five year hiatus, Helen Coon, current owner and originator of Charly's restaurant, is back at the helm of her establishment which overlooks the Pine River Channel.

"I think I've had a rest for five years and I feel rejuvenated and hopefully all the work I put into my food will be appreciated by the people of Charlevoix," said Coon, who is the lead chef at the restaurant.

Opened by Coon in 1997, Charly's restaurant was sold in 2000 to Carl Johnson who ran Charly's until the winter 2005 when Coon regained possession of the restaurant because Johnson defaulted financially.

According to Coon, patrons will see some definite changes.

"They are going to notice a very clean place," she said.

Upon returning to Charlevoix, Helen spent about eight weeks cleaning and repairing the building to get Charly's up to par for the summer.

"You wouldn't believe it, but we used 16 gallons of bleach and 16 gallons of degreaser to get it back to where it was."

And while Charly's will not be serving breakfast and lunch, at least in the beginning, Coon said she will be open six days a week.

She added, "Since I'm going to be doing all the cooking myself I've reduced the number of seats."

Despite Coon's several year respite from the restaurant business, she is no novice.

According to Coon, she has over 30 years in the food business and has owned several restaurants including Ballarat and Raj — Toorak in a Australian suburb.

Coon wants people to know she provides nothing but the best for her customers.

"Everything I do I start from scratch and everything is done the right way," she said.

She added, "I want to be appreciated in this area for my food which is unusual."

With her penchant for the peculiar, there is a big change in the way of décor and menu.

"When Carl Johnson ran it, it was Charly's seafood, but now that I'm taking it back there is a small menu with international flair," she said.

According to Helen, because of the Australian desire for Asian food, there is a lot of fusion of Thai, Malaysian and Australian cooking which she hopes her Charlevoix Customers will love.

"I think they will be pleasantly surprised to find the old Charly's back again. And, with new dishes," she said.

While the menu may look familiar to customers, the faces might too. Coon has hired some of her original staff to help out for the summer.

A new addition to Charly's includes the more than 20 pieces of artwork for sale from all over the world which her husband, Tim Coon, has collected over the years.

"The hope is we would sell art from the restaurant," Tim said.

Tim said customers should also be sure to enjoy one of his wife's edible works of art such as the Malaysian Special Chicken which has a ground pork, water chestnut and scallion stuffing, crumbed and lightly sautéed, then baked and topped with sautéed sweet peppers and Charly's honey-chili sauce.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

After a five year hiatus, Helen Coon, current owner and originator of Charly's restaurant, is back. (Above) Coon sits at a table in the restaurant, which overlooks the Pine River Channel.

Located at 100 Michigan Avenue in Charlevoix, Charly's is currently open Wednesday through Monday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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American — Brazilian connection

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Northwestern Bank promotes Fran Marsh

Northwestern Bank, has announced the promotion of Fran Marsh to assistant manager of its Charlevoix office.

Fran Marsh

Fran brings four years of banking experience to her position, three of which have been with Northwestern. She previously served as senior customer service representative for the bank.

"I'm proud to be part of the Northwestern team and am committed to helping make us northern Michigan's customer service leader," Marsh said. "I look forward to demonstrating our 'I Can Do That!' attitude in my new position."

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SPORTS

Travel baseball loses in southern Michigan tourney

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Lake Michigan Mariners played at the North Farmington/West Bloomfield Summer Classic in Farmington Hills last weekend.

The Mariners lost to Grosse Pointe/St. Clair Shores, 16-0; to Dearborn, 12-7; and, to Livonia, 7-5.

In the opening game, Danny Waldron singled and Ethan Towsley doubled for the Mariners' only hits. Waldron took the pitching loss. Ty Telgenhof threw three innings of relief, yielding only three earned runs and striking out two.

Lake Michigan jumped out to a 3-0 first inning lead against Dearborn but couldn't hold on. Michael Heekendorn walked and stole second and scored on a Waldron single. With two outs, Kyle Jones singled in a run and Nate Golovich's single plated Jones.

Dearborn tied the game in the second inning but the Mariners rallied for two more runs in the top of the third on an error and singles by Towsley and Golovich. Dearborn scored two in the third, one in the fourth and five in the fifth to break the game open.

Golovich was 3 for 3 at the plate in the game. Waldron, Towsley, Jones, Telgenhof, Sam Balasz and Woody Nitchman had hits for Lake Michigan.

Heckendorn was the losing pitcher while Waldron threw two innings of one-hit, one-run relief.

In the tourney finale for the Mariners, they gave up an unearned first inning run but battled back with two runs in the bottom of the third to take the lead. Balasz singled, Nic Williams reached on an error and Golovich's single plated both runs.

Waldron quieted the Livonia bats, giving up only three hits through the first three innings. A Mariner error led to two more unearned runs in the fourth and in the fifth. Waldron tired as Livonia scored four runs to take a 7-2 lead.

Lake Michigan refused to fold, however. In the seventh and final innings, Towsley led off with a single, followed by a Heekendorn double. Wild pitches allowed both runners to score, cutting the Livonia lead to 7-4 with no one out.

Jones singled, stole second and advanced to third on a ground out. Balasz bounced back to the pitcher who trapped Jones in a rundown. Balasz alertly took second while Jones was tagged for the second out of the inning.

Trevor Cole then followed with an RBI single to cut the lead to 7-5. Williams then walked to bring the winning run to the plate. Golovich hit a shot between third and short but the Livonia third-sacker made the play for the final out to thwart the Mariner rally.

Balasz finished with two hits in the game. Telgenhof threw 2 2/3 innings of shutout relief to keep the game close. Waldron pitched 4 1/3 innings, giving up four earned runs and striking out three.

Slow-pitch softball teams play a busy game schedule

Results from last two week's of city recreation department slow pitch softball games are as follows.

On June 13 men's slow pitch leaguers, the Flight Deck beat Art Form Fabricating by a score of 16 – 4. Nick Cole of Flight Deck had two homeruns.

On June 15 D480/St. Mary's Cement beat Art Form Fabricating 10 – 9.

In game one on June 20, the Flight Deck beat D480 / St. Mary's Cement 27 – 3. Roger Pittman of Flight Deck had a homerun.

In game two, June 22, the Flight Deck beat Carlson's Home Improvements 17 – 8. For Flight Deck Nick Cole had a homerun, for Carlson's Brett Erskine had two homeruns and Rick Randle had one.

In game two on June 13 Boss Engineering beat Carlson's Home Improvements in a close game, by a score of 13 – 12. Boss went on to lose later in the week to Lakeshore Tire Game 17 – 1. For Lakeshore, Dave Hahn, Brian Roman and Joe Williams each had a homerun.

In game three, June 20, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Art Form Fabricating 16 – 4. Dave McKenzie of Carlson's had a homerun.

Game three pitted Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting against D480/St. Mary's Cement. Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting won 18 – 4. Don Jess of Swanson's and Ryan Amesbury of D480 each had a homerun. On June 15 Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting fell to Carlson's Home Improvements 12 – 6.

In game one, June 22, Swanson's K&D / J. Arnold Painting beat Boss Engineering 7 – 6. Chuck Pop hit a homerun for Swanson's.

In game two, June 20, Lakeshore Tire beat Swanson's K&D / J. Arnold Painting by a score of 16 – 14 Brian Grulman of Lakeshore had a homerun.

In game three, June 22, Lakeshore Tire beat Art Form Fabricating 20 – 2. Dave Hahn hit two homeruns for Lakeshore.

On June 14 girls' minor A league teams, Forest Area and Charlevoix played. Forest Area won 20 – 10.

That day in a two games of women's slow-pitch Kwikie Duplicating beat Waterfront Salon 11 – 2. In Game two Screenmasters beat Burger King 19 – 9.

On Tuesday, June 21, Charlevoix's girls minor A league team fell to Kalkaska, 17 – 4.

That day in a two games of women's slow-pitch Kwikie Duplicating beat Burger King 17 – 2. In game two, Waterfront Salon beat Screenmasters 10 – 7.

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Summer sports

(Above) Chuck Mason enjoys some sunny weather while he plays Lacrosse with a friend at Shanahan Field. (Below) Keith Warner races his pal Justin Meggison down the hill at Lake Michigan Beach one on a skateboard and the other on a go-ped.

Dominic scores hole in one at golf club

Dennis Dominic of Charlevoix scored a hole in one at the Charlevoix Golf Club on Wednesday, June 22.

The hole in one was witnessed by his son Chris Dominic and another golfer, Jim MacLean.

Dennis carded the ace on the par 3 seventh hole, using a 5 wood from the white tee measuring 193 yards.

Recreation league teams finish hot week of play

SOFTBALL

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On June 23, Waterfront Salon beat Burger King 8 – 3 and Kwikie Duplicating shut-out Charlevoix Screenmasters 13 – 0.

On June 15 the senior girls league brought Kalkaska and Charlevoix together for a doubleheader.

In game one, Kalkaska beat Charlevoix 19 – 8. For Kalkaska Kara Ponsteen and Marissa Taylor each had a double, and Katie Jones had a triple. Leah Kelly of Charlevoix had a double and Lauren Meilke had a triple.

In game two Charlevoix came out on top by a score of 4 – 2. For Charlevoix Kelsey Drenth had a double.

On June 20 the Charlevoix senior girls team beat Bellaire 18-13 and 8-2 in a double header. In those games, Leah Kelly, Katelyn Seaney and Meighen Havens of Charlevoix all hit doubles and Megan Cemben of Bellaire had a double.

On June 22 the Charlevoix senior girls winning streak was quashed by Elk Rapids who won 12 - 6 and 11 - 7. In the first game, Charlevoix's Stephanie Cornett and Emily Foster each had a double.

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Jared Cole
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Sam Eakes
Sawyer Golovich
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Hunter Cox
Noah Jeakle
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Schools receive hike in funds from state

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

After three years with no increase in the State of Michigan's Basic Foundation Grant, Charlevoix Public Schools will receive some much needed relief this fall.

The Michigan House recently approved an amendment to Bill 4887 which increased the current planned $175 per pupil increase by $25 for a total of $200 per child.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Schools, Dr. John Sturock, said, "We're certainly grateful for any increase in revenue we can get."

Sturock said the $200 is a far cry from what this school system needs in order to get out of their financial hole.

But, he added, "We'll take whatever we can get."

If Charlevoix schools receive all of the proposed $200 per child, it will mean approximately $276,000 more for the school system than it received last year.

"It will help offset some of the costs," Sturock said. "In two years we're looking at a $2 million dollar deficit. With a $200 increase for us that's $276,000 dollars of increased revenue."

He added, "It will certainly reduce some of the debt on that $2 million dollars but we'll still have $1.7 million we'll have to cut out of the budget."

Sturock said about 13,000 people showed up at the K-16 Coalition rally in Lansing last week to advocate for increased school funding from the state which may be why the Michigan House decided to approve the increase in per pupil funding.

"It was one of the largest rallies they've ever seen," he said. "That shows there was an impact, they (legislators) noticed all those people."

Sturock said, he understands that the leaders in Lansing have their hands tied in some respects, but that they need to show the citizens of Michigan where their priorities are.

"We're pleased there is an increase for the first time in three years, but it's not going to solve the problem," he said. "We cut over a half million this year and $276,000 is about half that, so even with this piece we are in need."

Sturock said people should continue to contact their legislators and call on them to prorate the money our school system has lost over the last few years.

Sheriff: 'Mind emergency vehicle law'

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, wishes to educate Charlevoix County citizens on Michigan's Emergency Vehicle Law designed to protect the safety of men and women who risk their lives every day to protect the citizens of Michigan.

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Sheriff Lasater reminds motorists to drive with caution and have respect for others on the roadway.

Venetian Games team sports packed line-up

Many team sports are scheduled for the 2005 Venetian Games

In most cases, team captains will need to register their official rosters and secure team rules, schedules and appropriate material from the City Recreation Department Office located in the City Hall at 210 State Street, in Charlevoix or, for more information, call (231) 547-3253 .

Team events begin with a three-on-three basketball tournament scheduled for Sunday, July 17. The move to a new location, Lake Michigan Beach, has proven to be a good one as the event has drawn raves from competitors and spectators alike.

The paved parking lots accommodate all the courts needed and the additional benefit of having the lake to cool off in and the beach to provide more family fun, will provide for an excellent event. Official registration forms are available at the City Recreation Office.

Tuesday, July 19 there will be three-on-three soccer at Shanahan Field. Last year, the tournament had to be extended to two days because of the large number of team entries. Boys and girls under eight years of age will kick off the tournament with brackets designed for all ages, child through adult. Entry forms can be secured at the City Recreation Office. The event is managed by Carol Madison and Tom Conlan.

A tournament for co-ed beach volleyball teams will be the evening of Wednesday, July 20 at Ferry Avenue Beach sand courts. Teams must play three female and three male players. Official registration forms are available at the City Recreation Office. Carol Loper will be the event manager.

Team croquet is a two-person event that has been very popular for both spectators and participants. It is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at East Park. There are several flights, the first of which is a celebrity match between well-known media invited to town to cover the festival. Then, the service club flight matches local groups against each other. One of the hottest competitions finds the two fire departments, City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix Township, squaring off. The winner rides first in the popular street parade. Then there is open flight which has both adults and youth playing for the Venetian Crown. The Charlevoix version of "cottage croquette" has a few rule wrinkles that make the game fun for participants and spectators.

The annual Venetian Cup Sailing Regatta is indeed a team sport. Each of the nearly 100 sailboats making up this popular event train a team of deck hands that provide a spectacular sight Wednesday evening, July 20 on Lake Charlevoix. Fleets featuring several different sizes and makes of boats are handicapped so all racers have an equal chance to become the Venetian Cup winner. Entry forms and more information may be obtained at the City Recreation department.

Whether you appear as a games participant or as a spectator, there are a variety of events and a week jammed with exciting sporting events. Next week we will review the many individual sports that make up the Venetian Games.

Courtesy photo

Zonta names new board members

Charlevoix Area Zonta recently hosted its annual meeting and inducted its new board for 2005-2006. The new board members are (from left): Marilyn Joy, Betsy Granstra, Judith Schneider, Faye Feindt. Continuing board members are Linda Weller, Maura Snabes, Nancy Rajewski and Marty Strawbridge. Helen Emmons is not pictured.

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Area events

Ancient Charlevoix program

The Charlevoix Historical Society is presenting a program titled "Ancient Charlevoix: Life Before The Written Word" at 7:30 p.m. July 5 at the Depot Tuesday. This program will feature Margaret Holman, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology at Michigan State University who will deliver the keynote address for the new Depot exhibit on this area's Native Americans. An exhibit of artifacts on loan from Michigan State University, will be open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. on summer weekends, Fridays and Saturdays. The program is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Call (231) 547-0373 for further information.

Mystery hike

A Mystery Hike is planned at Johnston Nature Preserve in Emmet County from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday July 6 for the Young Naturalist Program participants Of the Little Traverse Conservancy. Contact the conservancy at (231) 347-0991 for details and directions.

Book signing

Outdoor-writer-turned-novelist Chris Zimmerman will sign his book Intentional Acts from 6 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, July 9 at the Bridge Street Book Shop at 407 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

Grief support program

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from July 5 to August 9 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency.

The facilitator for this program is Dr. Andrew Sahara.

Pre-register by calling the hospice office at (231) 536-2842.

Panhellenic luncheon

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will be having a noon luncheon meeting Wednesday, July 7, at the Bay View Country Club.

For reservations sign up at the Bay View Post Office or call (231) 347-7433 by noon Monday, July 5. All Panhellenic Women of the area are invited to attend, so come and learn about the Secrets.

Rummage sale

Churchwide Rummage Sale and strawberry social from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 9, at the United Methodist Church at the corner of State and Clinton streets in Charlevoix.

Bike demo

Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center and Latitude 45 bike shop have teamed up for a bike demo day from 12 noon to 2 p.m. July 8. The bicycle demonstration will be in front of Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center in Charlevoix located in the K-Mart plaza on M-66 north.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15. If you are interested in helping with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Ice cream social

An ice cream social will be sponsored by the Norwood Area Historical Society from 2 to 4:30 p.m. July 9 at the Norwood school house. Sundaes, toppings, cookies and beverages will be $4. Old fashioned crafts will be demonstrated. A wagon tour of the village will also be part of the event. The historical museum will be open in the Township Hall as well as a display of quilts in the Norwood Methodist Church. Anyone with a quilt they would like displayed should call (231) 547-6220. Raffle tickets for a community made schoolhouse quilt will be sold at the event to benefit the Historical Society.

Skatepark concert

A benefit concert will take place at 6 p.m. July 1 in the East Park band pavilion, for the Charlevoix Community Skatepark with donations benefiting the building fund for the skatepark. The bands Two-Faced Heroes, All Odds Against and Tanooki Suit will each play a set. For information call (231) 437-0885.

Ash Borer open house

Officials from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Michigan State University Extension will host an open house at 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 29 at the Boyne City Hall Auditorium, 319 North Lake Street, in Boyne City. At the meeting department representatives to outline their management plan for the Emerald Ash Borer infestation in Charlevoix County.

Summer reading

Charlevoix Public Library is offering a summer reading program for ages 0-10. A prize is awarded every week to children who bring in their reading records to show the librarians that they have been reading. Please join us Tuesday evenings from 6:45 to 8 p.m. for an evening of fun. Schedule is as follows:

July 5 - Acting Up Theatre Company presents "A Sword for thy book".

July 12 - Northern Martial Arts will be demonstrating Tae Kwon Do and Hap Ki Do

July 19 - Bubbles (outdoor activity)

July 26 - Philip and Henry Magicians

Charlevoix Public Library is offering a summer reading program for ages 10-13. Please join us Tuesday afternoons from 2:45-4 p.m. for fun and prizes.

Schedule is as follows:

July 5 - Ultimate craft day. Lots of crafts for boys and girls

July 19 - Pizza taste off! Enjoy (and judge) pizza from Charlevoix's finest pizza places!

July 26 - Final party! Ice cream, prizes, and fun!

Gymnastics classes

The nonprofit group, Boyne Area Gymnastics, is offering many different classes this summer. They include: Martial arts, step aerobics, yoga, danee, cheer-tumbling and gymnastics. Classes are offered for all ages and ability levels. For more information, call Kari Streelman at (231) 582-9787.

Museum Week

The Beaver Island Historical Society will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its Museum Week.

Museum Week will take place July 11-16. The event will include special lectures, plays, performances and presentations about the island's history. Wrapping up the festivities will be the island's First Annual Beaver Island Celtic Games.

Literary Delights

The Charlevoix Zonta Club is sponsoring Literary Delights, an afternoon fundraiser celebration of Michigan's female authors. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 30 in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms located off M-66 in Charlevoix. Tickets for the event are $40. They are available locally at the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street or by calling Zonta member Linda Degrow at (231) 547-4109 or fellow Zontian Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Sleep clinic

A free sleep clinic will be available to sleep apnea patients in the Petoskey area from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, at VitalCare's Petoskey location, 2264 Harbor-Petoskey Road, in the Clock Tower Plaza, Petoskey. The event is available on a walk-in basis and appointments are not necessary.

Garden Walk lunch

A July 13, gourmet luncheon is planned in conjunction with the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's Garden Walk. The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Depot Heritage Garden. Delightful designs and floral arrangements by the garden club members will be featured. The cost of the luncheon is $25. Tickets are available by calling (231) 547-5301 or (231) 547-1978.

Concert planned

Breathe Owl Breathe, a musical duo, Micah Middaugh and Andrea Moreno Beals will be in concert July 3, 2 p.m. at the Jordan River Arts Council, 301 Main St., East Jordan. This very creative duo present all original songs with thought-provoking lyrics sung in harmony.

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SCRAPBOOK

First Charlevoix mayor named June 29, 1905

By DAVID MILES
Special to the Courier

Once the State of Michigan elevated Charlevoix from village to city status on June 1, 1905, a city mayor replaced President of the Village.

Courtesy photo

Harvey Lee Iddings, first mayor of the City of Charlevoix. He served from 1905-1907.

Our first resident to bear that honor was businessman Harvey Lee Iddings, proprietor of a highly reputable hardware and home appliance business. It was located in the first brick structure erected in Charlevoix, the large Morris J. Stockman building that stood across Bridge Street from the Central Drug Store where the Clinton Street corner of East Park is now.

One hundred years ago today, on June 29, a special session of the Village Council was called to report the June 26 vote tally. The minutes of this meeting contain the first reference to Charlevoix as a City. Iddings had defeated incumbent Village President Harry Nicholls, owner of the Charlevoix Lumber Company beside the bridge, in an upset, 315 to 276, total 591 votes.

Henry Cooper (306) defeated Horace S. Harsha (272) for Charlevoix City Clerk, total votes 578.

For City Treasurer, attorney and pioneer settler E. H. Green (305) won over Horace R. Fowler (272), the headlight of whose 1907 Cadillac is on display at the Harsha House Museum, for a vote total of 577. What happened to the other 13 and 14 votes? Were there hanging chads in 1905?

The first session of the Common Counell of the City of Charlevoix met on June 30. The minutes of this meeting contain the first ever officially recorded mention of the "act incorporating the City of Charlevoix." Immediately things heated up. A dispute arose over the tally for Third Ward Alderman. Irate loser, Amos Webster (103), petitioned the council for a recount. Ward winner, Archie Aleox (110), resigned shortly thereafter. No reason was given. Apparently the issue was settled over the summer off the record and Webster gained the seat in September. From then on Iddings and the Council continued their work with relatively smooth sailing.

Harvey Lee Iddings was born in Oxford, Ohio in November of 1856. After graduation from Albion College he came to Charlevoix in 1883 and entered into a 50 percent partnership with pioneer settler Stockman, the firm being known as Stockman & Iddings Iron and Hardware Merchants.

The Charlevoix Sentinel referred to our new arrival as "a gentleman who will prove a valuable accession to our village." And so it proved.

Iddings bought his partner out several years later and renamed the prosperous store the Charlevoix Hardware Company.

Nellie Gale became Harvey Lee's wife in Albion. Their family grew with the arrival of three daughters. Charlevoix resident John Gaskin is Mr. Iddings' grandson.

From the day of his arrival Harvey Lee Iddings gained a reputation as a humorous impromptu speaker in demand for many an occasion. He was also known for accomplished declamations of poetry, literature, and passages from Shakespeare.

The family lived at 300 Park Avenue on the corner of Grant Street, the two-story house in the Earl Young block overlooking Lake Michigan. Harvey Lee knew which schooners were scheduled to bring in what merchandise to the dock below his store. He would stand watch behind the windows of the house to await their arrival. As the vessels appeared and were towed by tug into the channel, he accompanied them in to safe harbor through a long telescope kept on a special stand.

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Iddings headed first Charlevoix city government

MAYOR

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A staunch Republican, Methodist, and Mason, member of the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Knights of the Mystic Maccabees fraternal lodge. Iddings was one of the most civic-minded citizens Charlevoix has ever had. He served as a supervisor of Charlevoix Township, was a member of the Village Board and eventually became President of the Village. Long involved with the schools, he was President of the Board of Education at the time of his death.

After his tenure as mayor from 1905 to 1907, Iddings received a beautifully printed multi-page resolution from the city that thanked him for his contributions. It noted his "signal ability, untiring zeal and persevering faithfulness with which he has conducted the business of the city and discharged the duties of his office."

Much of the paving of and sewer installment under the downtown streets west of Bridge Street was accomplished during his time in office, a vast improvement over the rutted, dusty and muddy streets that had existed since our initial settlement.

Harvey Lee Iddings died in 1910. He had just finished talking with a friend in the Block Bros. grocery store, holding a bag of oranges, when he collapsed as the other man turned to leave. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Charlevoix was saddened by this sudden loss of one of its most prominent and respected citizens. His body was taken back to Albion for burial.

Thus began the long and often distinguished line of Mayors who have presided over and guided Charlevoix's affairs and represented the City for the past 100 years.

The resolution booklet, along with Iddings' formal photo portrait, telescope and Masonic pins are on exhibit at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, 103 State Street next to the Congregational Church. Three reproduced leaves from the book display the ornate calligraphy and printing techniques of the era. Artifacts and photos from Charlevoix's past 100 years are also on exhibit. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 1 to 4 p.m. through Labor Day weekend. Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

David Miles is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted at (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Editor's note: Miles was also the author of the Scrapbook article, "City incorporated with little fanfare" which appeared on page 30 of the June 1, 2005 edition of the Courier.

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A group of Charlevoix students will leave soon for a mission trip to assist Detroit's homeless population.

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Major intersection to close for repair

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Construction on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road scheduled for July may be postponed for reasons including public safety and the local economy.

The section of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road which intersects with US-31 will have improved drainage, new tile and ditch work and it will be wider with dedicated left turn lanes to Charlevoix and a right turn lane toward Petoskey to help the flow of traffic.

"The start date presently is July 25," said Patrick Harmon, manager of the Charlevoix County Road Commission. "It will be a lot better than it currently is."

He added, "We might end up holding this project off until after Labor Day. We haven't decided yet. We're still looking at a lot of options."

Harmon said if the construction date was changed, it would most likely be moved to September.

"Manthei said they wouldn't have a problem backing the project off until Labor Day. So there's a lot of things we have to hammer out before we make a decision," he said.

Friday, June 24 there was a meeting at the Argonne Supper Club in Charlevoix where some business owners and citizens who live near the proposed construction site voiced concerns about lost business and potential emergencies due to the closing of the intersection.

Harmon said, the decision, which could potentially impact the businesses and residents near the intersection, was not taken lightly.

"There was a lot of thought that went behind this. This wasn't something that we decided out of the clear blue," he said. "We sat down with MDOT last January."

Harmon said, while there are some potential downfalls to closing this particular portion of road, there are also some negatives to keeping it open.

"When you start looking at putting flag people in the highway and stopping traffic, then you're looking at people waiting in line somewhere from 15 to 20 minutes," he said.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A view of US-31 from Boyne City Road where proposed construction will take place.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Patriotic graduates

Caroline, Lily and Jack Mundell of Grand Rapids are proud graduates of the University of Horton Bay. They road on the Horton Bay Club float at the Horton Bay Parade July 4.

County-wide smoking ban takes effect July 14

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Several employers in Charlevoix County are preparing for the July 14 official adoption of the Workplace Tobacco Ban, which prohibits smoking in all enclosed areas of workplaces.

The measure, a facet of the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation, was approved in early March by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners and passed April 14 by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. The ban has also been given the green light in Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties.

The regulation zeroes in on public and private work sites that may currently allow smoking in designated areas, such as break rooms. The community health agency, citing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's reports that secondhand smoke is known to cause lung cancer and heart disease, believes the ban will curtail businesses' rising health care costs and encourage greater worker productivity.

"We estimate that there are about 24 people in our four counties who die every year from the effects of secondhand smoke," said Jane Sundmacher, spokeswoman for the community health agency, who predicts the ban will not generate much public controversy. "There's only one reason we're doing this: To save lives."

Some City of Charlevoix officials, challenge Sundmacher's view, arguing the ban's guidelines may be too vague to have a insignificant impact on public health.

"I really don't know how it's going to affect me. It's been years and years since I've worked in an office where you've been allowed to smoke," said City Hall Zoning Administrator Diane Manore, who is one of only two people in the building who smoke. "It (the ban) doesn't surprise me but it seems like overkill. Does this mean we have to stand on the corner or sit in our car?"

According to Sundmacher, about 80 percent of businesses in the four counties implementing the ban are currently smoke-free establishments.

"Those that still allow smoking are generally places like manufacturing plants, a few Laundromats, industrial kinds of work," she said.

One such work site that will be directly affected by the ban's smoke-free policy is Harbor Industries, located on US-31 at M-66. According to Tim Parker, vice president of operations at the manufacturing plant, the building's remodeling plans in 2000 included a break room that was two-thirds nonsmoking and one-third smoking. The staff's smoking area is ventilated and partitioned by a wall, Parker said.

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District Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court of Michigan:

Sean Michael Hubble, 31, Essexville. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. $500 in fines and costs.

Robert Lee King, 39, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property under $200. Serve 15 days in jail, to serve 18 days in jail with a credit for 18 days; $350 in fines and costs.

Adam Scott Yeager, 20, Harbor Springs. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day. 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, must serve nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend IMPACT weekend; $930 in fines and costs.

Cody Lee Belford, 23, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with a credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail, must serve nine months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Herbert Leigh Watkins, 51, Boyne City. Operating unregistered vehicle. Serve 12 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Adam Christopher Stricker, 25, Novi. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail, must serve six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

James Alfred Balousek, 37, Petoskey. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail, must serve six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Jason Howard Dean, 25, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with a credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail, must serve six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Richard Curtis Hoffman, 40, Ellsworth. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail, must serve six months probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Shellie Dawn Bavers, 39, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated second or subsequent offense and violation of restricted license. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 20 days in jail, 60 days on an electronic monitoring device with 314 days held in abeyance, 30 days community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, must serve one year probation, must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, must attend substance abuse classes.

Robert Charles Adams, 40, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied second or subsequent offense. Serve 20 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Renee Lynn Gibson, 25, Charlevoix. Two counts of breaking and entering/illegal entry. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for seven days, to serve 23 days in jail.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 18, Boyne City. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve 89 days in jail; $100 in fines and costs.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Lawrence James Tischler, 64 and Betty Jean Bergman, 54, both of East Jordan

Chad Robert Odlum, 38, and Debora Lynn Towsley, 36, both of Charlevoix

Sean Douglas Pethers, 27, and Lauren Denise Fodrocy, 26, both of Boyne City

Robert William Reiter, 27, and Tiffany Ruth Whitten, 21, both of Charlevoix

Benjamin James Murphy, 27, and Erin Elizabeth Kendall, 26, both of Chicago Ill.

Marc Alan-Lee Bender, 27, and Stephanie Nicole Arender, 21, both of East Jordan

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Sumner Enterprises, 304 Maple Street, East Jordan, by Jonathan K. Sumner

Mike's More to Life Than Lawn Care, 3621 Washington Street, Charlevoix, by Michael Lutz

Disc Guys, P.O. Box 491, Charlevoix, by Kenneth E. Harrison and Karen A. Harrison

Mad Scotty, 6520 Center Street, Ellsworth, by Scotty Bruce

Peninsula Pallet and Sawmill, 8740 Gibson Road, East Jordan, by John D. G. Gibson

Birth

Leo Alixzander Stoops, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces, was born to Robert William Stoops and Lindsey Merle Gilmer of Mancelona on June 27, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sibling is Joseph Michael Stoops. Grandparents are Michael and Tawni Gilmer of Interlochen, Mart and Darren Maxwell of Fenton and Michelle Argue of Moran. His great-grandmother is Lucille Morgan of Bellaire.

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Sun and a squeeze box

Terry Brennan originally of the Upper Peninsula celebrates his first year in Charlevoix by playing a little accordion music on his front porch in Charlevoix.

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Registration for annual Helen Open this weekend

The 2005 Helen Open, the fifth annual golfing event, held in honor of Helen Weislik, is just around the corner.

Captains for last year's teams are invited to register their returning golfers at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 10 at the Townhouse.

First priority is given to those who golfed in last year's tournament. Individual registrations from golfers new to the tournament will be accepted after returning golfers have registered.

These registrations will be used to fill openings on existing teams. Entry fee remains at $50 per golfer and must be paid at registration. Food will be available during the registration for a nominal donation. Everyone is welcome to attend a light dinner.

This year's Helen Open will be Sunday, August 21 at the Charlevoix Municipal Course.

Signs with donor names will be printed and placed on the course, and every donor will be acknowledged in the printed program. Two complimentary drinks at the Townhouse will be provided for each person or business donating at least $50, and food will be available on tournament day for a donation of $10 per person.

An auction will be held and everyone is invited to bid on their favorite items.

Last year's response was nothing short of incredible. The "smallest little tournament" in town raised another $10,000, bringing the total raised and donated to Hospice of Northwest Michigan in memory of Helen Weislik to over $39,000.

For those who may not be familiar with this event, the Weislik family has owned the Townhouse Bar for over 40 years, and this tournament was established as a lasting tribute to Helen Weislik, who dispensed spirited advice as freely as she dispensed spirits.

Several generations of Charlevoix residents have benefited from Helen's caring and commitment to the community. In keeping with her dedication, the proceeds from the 2005 event will again be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

For more information, call Cheri Hoffman (231) 547-4578 or Ron Weislik (231)547-6690.

Pistons and Shock to be in town for Venetian Festival

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival has announced that the renowned Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock will both be a major part of the upcoming festival.

Commissioner of the Venetian Games, Dean Davenport, said, "We are thrilled that one of the most successful National Basketball Association franchises and the 2003 WNBA World Champion Shock have chosen to participate in our 75-year celebration of the Venetian Festival."

On Friday, July 22, the Pistons and Shock "Year-round Hoops Truck," with a display area containing championship trophies and other memorabilia, together with four adjustable height basketball hoops on one side, will be at East Park for fans to view and experience first hand.

In addition, teaching coaches will introduce and teach skills and principles that have brought success to Shock and Pistons players. Plans are to divide into various age groups and meet at the Charlevoix Middle School gymnasium where skills will be polished and souvenirs will be distributed. There will be a charge of $10 for the 75-minute sessions.

On Saturday, immediately following the street parade, the teaching staff will conduct skill contests including free throws and three point shots.

Pistons/Shock coordinator, Aaron Smith stated, "We are excited to be in Charlevoix, one of the premier basketball towns in the state. We know the spirit of the Pistons and Shock will enhance all that goes on during the sensational Venetian Festival."

Boyne City-Charlevoix Road at US-31 to close

ROADS

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Harmon said the potential wait motorists could face was a large factor in the county's original idea of using the Burgess Road detour.

"If you drive at 45 mph you could do it in 11 minutes. So, we thought, 'Well, it would just seem you can drive it in 11 or would you rather sit in line for 15 or 20,'" he said.

The 11 minute time Harmon gave is for travel one-way, while the total detour length there and back is 16 miles, or roughly 22 minutes.

According to Charlevoix County Undersheriff, Don Schneider, the potential cost to lives could be high if a shorter detour than Burgess Road isn't found.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that," he said.

Schneider said if emergency personnel, fire or police must go to the area near the Argonne, Pine Point it would make for a much longer trip than necessary.

"You're talking about some narrow roads, particularly when you get off on Burgess, rough and curvy, same thing when you get off of 31 and it's worse for EMS and fire trucks because of the stability of the vehicles," he said.

Doug Bergmann, owner of Bergmann Marine, said, "If you want to really consider an ambulance has to go to the Argonne, an ambulance is going to have to go and extra 18 miles round trip."

Bergmann said the Argonne will be hardest hit if construction occurs during August.

"It will just cripple their business at the busiest time of the year," he added.

Due to the concerns about the impact on businesses and the effectiveness of emergency vehicles when the intersection is closed, a meeting between the Traverse City Transportation Service Center and MDOT took place. At that meeting, it was decided to allow temporary emergency vehicle access off US-31.

"We're looking at a few alternate locations, all of which will cross Bergmann's property," said Lucas Porath, civil/transportation section manager of Northwest Design Group and the design engineer on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road project.

"And we're reconsidering the timing of the construction. The downside of doing it in the fall was it would impact the school bus traffic," he added.

Harmon added, "We're not going to make everybody happy. But, if we can get that stuff addressed, I think maybe we can make most everybody that had concerns happy."

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Fudgie isn't a four letter word

Benjamin Gohs
Staff writer

They don't wear white hoods or burn torches and you'll never catch them holding rallies, but there is an ever-growing number of anti-fudgites in our local population.

You know who you are, driving around town in summer, grumbling about the traffic, the noise and the seemingly inept pedestrians. The urge to floor tbe gas pedal and play tourist bowling with your car may be a strong one, but before you sideswipe a family of six for stopping in the crosswalk to take pictures of East Park, remember that anti-fudgitism is an ugly, ugly thing.

It's gotten to the point where "fudge" has become a four letter word. I half expect to see ruffians in overcoats selling it in dark alleyways, "Psst. Hey buddy, wanna buy some fudge? I got the good stuff — 100 percent pure Mackinaw."

"Not me," you say to yourself. "I'm no anti-fudgite. Why, some of my best friends are fudgies."

Oh, it usually starts off innocent enough, with a look and muttering something under your breath along the lines of, "Why don't you go back where you came from." The next thing you know you're letting the "F" word fly. And let me tell you my friends, once you start using the word "Fudgie" there is no turning back. So before you take that step down the awful road to placism, stop and think about the people behind the label.

"Fudgie" is a slang term for traveling fudge-loving American, which was originally coined in the early twentieth century by the first anti-fudge movement.

What early anti-fudgites didn't understand was that Fudgies cannot fight the instinct to travel and buy confections. Some tried to blame candy makers for creating a decadent treat so delicious, but for the most part these confectioners were tolerated as long as their sales were kept to the summer months.

Despite the fact that geography, not chemistry, makes one a fudgie, the question remains, what is it that makes fudge so irresistible? The magical powers it possesses to draw normally lucid folks hundreds or even thousands of miles from their homes. Its ability to reduce normally snappy dressers to wear Hawaiian shirts and neon framed sunglasses.

Understandably some beleaguered townspeople will inevitably be distraught by the sudden swarm of disoriented vacationers clad in khaki shorts and brown sandals driving recreational vehicles the size of double-wide trailers and taking pictures of anything that won't flee from their snapping, flashing, finger pointing frenzy.

But all this brings us to the real crux — What's in a name? Would a tourist by any other name be any less desirable?

To my never-ending shame I grew up in a household full of anti-fudgites. When I was a kid I heard the name "Fudgie" scorned as though it carried satanic connotation. It was whispered by my grandparents with the same tone of fearful contempt they used to utter "cancer" and "polio."

As a child I lived in Chehoygan, Indian River and Onaway, so I had always heard the "F" word but I had never actually laid eyes on one until I moved to Charleyoix.

Once I saw a few I realized there was nothing to be frightened of. Convinced there was something positive about these so-called Fudgies, I set out on a quest to follow the migrating and spending patterns of these fascinating creatures.

I learned that the common North American Fudgie (Spendus — Indescriminantus) spends an average of three months a year, generally the warm summer months of June, July and August traveling from town to town patronizing stores, hotels, campgrounds and many other "tourist attractions." Not only are the Fudgies far from harmful, they seem to share a symbiotic relationship with the towns in which they stay.

You may think the only folks benefiting from the annual migration of tourists to Charlevoix are the downtown shop owners, but if trickle down economics teaches anything, it's that money makes its rounds.

And let's face it, the explosion in numbers of the local population may seem like an annoyance with long lines at the Dairy Queen and frequent stops for the bridge. But it is all just a minor inconvenience when I realize one cannot exist without the other — our local economy depends upon those Fudgebucks.

The next time you see an out-of-state license plate, take a deep breath and remember, whether you scoop ice cream for Kilwin's, cook at the Flap Jack or serve drinks at the Townhouse, tourists are here to rest, relax and support your business.

This country has come a long way in improving it's place-relations, but there is always more that can be done. Remember, whenever you leave town, you too become a Fudgie of sorts.

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Letters to the editor

Thank you supporters

Editor:

The weather couldn't have been more perfect. Clear, sunny skies, calm winds and excitement in the air.

It was an incredible day for me and one I wish those who weren't there could have shared with me. I did carry each and every letter that all of you sent with me in the back of my neon running/biking jacket so that you were there in spirit.

I kept thinking how grateful I am to have so many incredibly supportive friends and family. It is because of each and every one of you that I made it through this last year, through the roller coaster of emotions, surgeries, recovery and now fulfilling this dream of mine. I am truly blessed and I thank each one of you from the bottom of my heart. Because of you we were able to raise almost $2,500 for the American Cancer Society and for the Circle of Strength. Next year, I hope many of you will join me, to have fun, raise more money for cancer research, and together we will find a cure, one step, one pedal, and one lap at a time.

Michelle Rick-Biddick
Charlevoix

Drive-in helpful

Editor:

The Charlevoix State Bank drive-in on M-66 makes it much easier for us to do our banking without having to tackle the line-up of traffic waiting for the bridge while we attempt to mancuver downtown.

An added bonus is the replacement of the clock and temperature sign. We have missed it and love having it again. It's even easier to read than the old clock was.

Thank you, Charlevoix State Bank, for this new/old addition to Charlevoix.

Howard and Rosemary Horton
Charlevoix

Bridge Club wraps season

Editor:

The East Jordan Bridge Club wrapped up its 2004-05 year with a lovely luncheon at the Jordan Inn.

The members accepted the projects committee's recommendation of financially supporting the Crossroads Ecumenical Resale Shop and the Piano Fund at the East Jordan Community Auditorium. Winners of this year's tournament were Betty Rison and Linda Snyder with a total of 38,210 points; Second place went to Evelyn Gidley and Barb Worgess and third place to Katie Sowers and Margaret Smith. The tournament starts in September of each year and finishes in May. New players are always welcome. Interested persons can contact Barb Worgess at (231) 536-2092.

If you are interested in learning how to play bridge or brushing up on your skills please call the same number.

Barb Worgess
East Jordan

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Break-in crime spree solved and prosecuted

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Two men are facing hefty prison sentences in connection with a rash of break-ins that plagued the Charlevoix area during the first quarter of 2005.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, Jerry Steele, 39 of Detroit, and Mark Cooper, 50, whose address is unknown, met while serving time in the same prison and began a crime spree in Charlevoix and Emmet counties about eight months ago.

"These guys are what I would call professionals," Jarema said. "They'd stake out the place, smash and grab and then take the cigarettes to the Detroit area and sell them."

According to a press release by Jarema's office, Don's IGA, located off Petoskey Avenue in Charlevoix, was first broken into on Dec. 16, 2004.

In the same time frame, the Boyne City Shell was broken into, as well as the Bay Shore Food Market in Charlevoix County and numerous stores in Emmet County.

Detective Mike Wheat, of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, investigated the Bay Shore store incident which resulted in charges being brought against Cooper.

As a result of those charges Wheat developed the Don's IGA case and the Boyne City Shell gas station case with the assistance of the local city police departments.

As a result of Wheat's investigation, warrants from the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's office were secured for Steele.

Jarema said, Steele plead to two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent.

Steele was ordered to pay over $20,000 for his participation in the Bay Shore Food Market, Shell station and IGA break-ins and sentenced to prison for a minimum of four-and-a -half to a maximum of 10 years in prison.

According to Jarema, Steele is currently facing a parole violation because he was on parole for a prior breaking and entering conviction.

"Steele has 10 prior felony convictions and seven prior prison terms," Jarema said.

His prior convictions, according to Jarema, include breaking and entering, receiving and concealing stolen property and assault with the intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

Cooper has been ordered to pay $9,453.81 for his part in the Bay Shore break-in and sentenced to a minimum of three years to a maximum of 10.

Cooper has involvement in three incidents in Charlevoix County and alleged involvement in two counts in Emmet County, Jarema said.

Cooper's prior convictions include fleeing and eluding a police officer and two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

According to Jarema, the number of felonies occurring in the area seem to be on the rise.

"Unfortunately we're now to the point where we need to make sure our doors are locked and make sure our cars are locked," Jarema said.

In an unrelated event, Raymond McManus was sentenced to six months in the Charlevoix County Jail for his part in a second case of breaking and entering on April 9, 2005 at Don's IGA.

"McManus broke into Don's because he was out of cigarettes. The Charlevoix City Police were dispatched to the scene when a neighbor called 911 after hearing breaking glass and seeing an individual, later identified as McManus, crawling out of the window," Jarema said in a press release.

Charlevoix City Police Officer, Gerard Doan arrived on scene within two minutes and apprehended McManus as he was fleeing.

McManus was charged with and plead guilty to breaking and entering a building with intent.

Marching band alumni needed for street parade

The Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band has invited all Charlevoix Band Alumni to join in marching for the Venetian Parade.

Those interested, should contact Jayne Bennett by July 14 at (231) 547-3234 in the Charlevoix Middle School band room.

Include the following information with your message: name, instrument you play and whether or not you need one provided and your T-shirt size.

The uniform will be khaki pants with white or light colored tennis shoes and the Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band T-shirt. T-shirts will be available on parade day for $10.

The group will meet at 8:30 a.m. July 23 in the band room at the Charlevoix Middle School for social time and rehearsal.

Parade time is 11 a.m. that day and there will be a barbecue at the end.

The song selection is short and the marching band will trade off with drum cadences.

Drum line and Color Guard will rehearse at 6 p.m. July 20 at Charlevoix Middle School.

Sheriff reminds parents to keep watchful eye on kids

Sheriff George T. Lasater is issuing a reminder to all parents to keep a close watch on your young children this summer.

With school out for the summer, many children are outside enjoying summer activities.

In a press release, Sheriff Lasater wrote, "Charlevoix County grows each summer with the influx of many vacationers. This growth not only brings extra traffic, but those type of people who may try to prey on young children. There is nothing more heart breaking than to have a child missing."

Sheriff Lasater encourages each and every parent to keep a close watch on their most precious gift, their children. If playing outside, ensure they are being supervised by a competent adult. Do insist on knowing where your children are and who they are with. If spending time at a friend's house, insist they be supervised at all times. Know who your children are with.

You are encouraged to contact 911 if you see anyone you don't know making contact with any child. Lasater advises, "Please have your neighbor look out for your children and you look out for theirs."

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Jacobson — Smith

Ellen Corinne Jacobson and Ryan Neal Smith of Honolulu, Hawaii are engaged to be married.

Ellen is the daughter of Terry Simms of Boulder, Colo. and Dr. Robert Jacobson of Estes Park, Colo.

Ellen is scheduled to graduate from the University of Hawaii in December of 2005 with a master's degree in oceanography and is currently employed with BAE Systems — North America, in Honolulu.

Ryan is the son of Steven and MaryLou Smith of Charlevoix.

Ryan is working toward his Ph D. in ocean engineering from the University of Hawaii.

A wedding is being planned for May 2006 in Malae Kahana, Hawaii. A reception is being planned for the summer of 2006, in Charlevoix.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Summer concert series kick-off

On June 30, Charlevoix's own, Mojo and the Boogieman kicked off the 2005 Summer Concert Series sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.

The concerts will take place at 8 p.m. in East Park. The following is the line-up for future shows. July 7, Chris Martin; July 28, Jelly Roll Blues; Aug. 4, Petoskey Steel Drum; Aug. 11, Chris Dominic; Aug. 18, Mudbugs; Aug. 25, University of Michigan. The Charlevoix City Band plays at 8 p.m. Tuesday nights from June 21 through Aug. 9 in East Park.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

University of Michigan graduate

Melissa McDonough of Charlevoix graduated from the school of Literature Science and the Arts with a Bachelor of Arts in April of 2005 from the University of Michigan.

University of Michigan honors recipients

Charlevoix students attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor were recognized for University Honors at the annual Honors Convocation March 20.

Jason Haas, an engineering student studying Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences received university honors and made the Dean's List for the winter of 2004. Elizabeth Tebeau, enrolled in the School of Art and Design received university honors. Melissa Jones, Rebecca Kanine, Amy Kurtz, Andrea Ruhlman and Krista Swenor, all enrolled in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts received university honors.

For university honors, students must have 14 credit hours with 12 of those with a grade other than pass-fail and a 3.5 grade point average for one term during the winter or fall of 2004.

Swenor was also named a James B. Angell Scholar. For James B. Angell Scholars, students must have 14 credit hours with 12 of those with a grade other than pass-fail and also have maintained an all-A record for two or more consecutive terms as undergraduates.

Christopher Adam Golski received the Regents Merit Scholarship for "outstanding academic achievement, scholarly promise and potential contribution to the university community." He receive a $1,500 scholarship in the fall of 2005.

Seminar introduces local teens to American politics

Local high school students were among the more than 160 Michigan teenagers from counties across the state who participated June 13-17 in Michigan Farm Bureau's annual Young People's Citizenship Seminar at Alma College which aims to educate young people about the American political system - and inspire them to take an active role in it. Charlevoix participants include Joshua Saur, Kenneth Anderson, Ashley Pett, Theodore Dilworth and Geoffrey Baier.

Western Michigan University Dean's List

Nathan Metiva, the son of Bruce and Dianna Metiva of Charlevoix, was named to the Western Michigan University Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2004-2005 academic year. He is majoring in both psychology and sociology. To be named to the list a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

Charlevoix Art and Craft Show in town this weekend

Enjoy summer in northern Michigan at the 37th Annual Charlevoix Art & Craft Show where the whole family can shop and relax while enjoying the views of scenic Round Lake.

The show will take place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 10 in East Park.

The show has something for everyone, offering an exciting mix of fine arts such as acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture and hand blown glass beadwork.

Also at the show will be a variety of rustic to contemporary lawn and garden accessories, pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing and much more.

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eddi Award nominees sought by Crooked Tree

Each year, Crooked Tree Arts Center hosts The eddi Awards, a celebration of those individuals and organizations that appreciate and participate in the arts in northwest Michigan.

The name, The eddi Awards, honors the late eddi Offield, an accomplished artist in her own right, as well as a generous benefactor and advocate for the arts in our area. A humble woman, Offield always spelled her first name with a lower case "e."

Serving as Co-Chairs of The eddi Awards 2005 are Teresa Crouse of Petoskey and Steve Spencer of Harbor Springs.

Awards are presented in the following categories: Visual Artist, Performing Artist, Arts and Cultural Organization, Arts in Education, Arts and Cultural Leadership, Individual Patron, Benefactor, and Lifetime Achievement.

Nomination forms are now available at Crooked Tree Arts Center, as well as on-line at www.crookedtree.org. It is very important that nominators include a description of why their nominee should receive an eddi Award.

Winners of The eddi Awards are selected by a volunteer committee representing a wide range of artistic & cultural disciplines in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. Each year Crooked Tree assembles a new group to review nominations and select winners.

Nominations are due by July 29. The celebration and presentation of The eddi Awards is Friday, Sept. 16 at Crooked Tree Arts Center.

For more information, contact Mary Wiklanski, at (231) 347-5731 or mary@crookedtree.org.

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Death notice

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Icy cold fund-raiser

(Back from left) Jonathon and Joe Morgan with their brother Joshua (front) set up a lemonade stand June 30 to raise money for a trip to Northwoods Baptist Camp in the Upper Peninsula during the week of Aug. 8.

Hospice golf event raises over $14,000 for House of Care project

The beautiful links at Harbor Point Golf Club was the setting for the 2nd Annual Ladies Golf Outing to benefit Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Over 60 ladies took part in the event held to benefit the House of Comfort, House of Care hospice residence campaign.

The golf event raised over $14,000 for the hospice residence including generous support from area businesses who helped to underwrite the cost of the event.

This year's champs included two teams, on the front it was the foursome of Maureen Nicholson, Gretchen Olsen, Jinny McCoy and Jan Mancinelli and the back nine saw Rachel Swiss, Bonnie Buseh, Phyliss Linck and Ruth Barnes come in with the lowest score. Other prizes were awarded to: Laura Kors, Katie Ogden and Sally Lehmann

"This event was a lot of fun. The caddies really got into it and are already planning on what they are going to do next year," said Maurika Reed, a development associate with Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

Not only did the ladies have a great round of golf but they were able to bid on caddies for their team. Thirteen brave men put themselves up for bid and many brought along treats for their ladies including wine, gourmet snacks and chocolates. One caddy even gave each golfer a carnation before play began.

The caddy bringing in the most tips for the day was Brian Lutz.

Courtesy photo

At the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Second Annual Golf Outing, lady golfers bid on caddies for their team. Thirteen brave men put themselves up for bid and many brought along treats for their ladies.

Over 54 percent of the funding necessary to make House of Comfort, House of Care a reality is already in place. Plans, permits and other documentation are in hand.

"The needs are real, the time is now and, at this point, it all comes down to raising the balance of the funding required to proceed with the project," Reed said.

The goal of the hospice house campaign is to raise $3.5 million needed for construction of the building plus $1 million for an operating endowment to ensure the financial stability of the project into the future. All proceeds from the golf event will be used to help reach that final goal.

For more information about Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, the hospice residence project or hospice services, call (231) 487-4825 or visit www.hospiceltb.org.

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Workplace smoking ban may be difficult to enforce

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"Our staff is quite surprised by this," he said. "They have a lot of questions. We took great pains to design a building with ventilated areas."

Parker noted that one of the company's major clients is Philip Morris USA. Harbor Industries has produced their cigarette merchandising equipment for use in gas stations and convenience stores for years.

"This could have a major impact on future business," he said, adding that Philip Morris may view the countywide initiative negatively. "Smoking is someone's choice. On private property, it's not the government's place to tell us what we can and cannot do."

Parker's disagreement with the upcoming ban is further fueled by what he says are insufficient instructions on the part of the county as to how the ban should be implemented.

Randy Frykberg, vice chair of the county board of commissioners, asserts that the regulation's intent is not to demand smokers quit their habit, but to restrict the presence of secondhand smoke for the sake of fellow staff and patrons.

"When it impacts somebody else in the workplace, when it can give them cancer, when it can seriously affect their life, then we need to step in," he said.

Like a double-edged sword, the initiation of the ban has already been met with piercing response by both sides.

"I think it (the ban) will be complaint-driven, but it will save some lives and improve the health of some people," said Frykberg.

According to the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk, the board's final vote on the regulation was 4-2, favoring its implementation. Dissenting were commissioners Shirley Roloff and Ronald Reinhardt.

"Here we are again telling people what to do," said Roloff, a nonsmoker who dislikes the habit altogether. "I don't think it's right for me to tell somebody who is paying somebody else's wages and health insurance what to do. I don't believe in big government. I think we get ourselves into too much that we shouldn't."

Commissioner Reinhardt agreed with Roloff's emotional stance, adding that after 25 years of smoking, he quit on his own terms.

"My basic complaint is that we should not be telling private businesses what to do or what not to do," he said. "The government has no investment in these businesses. If you don't want to work in a place because of the smoking allowed, then don't work there."

Jim Shull, airport manager at Charlevoix Area Airport, said he doesn't expect the ban to have an impact because the facility's interior is currently nonsmoking.

"It may inconvenience smokers a little more," he said of those smokers who will now need to be mindful of their distance to the facility's entrances when standing outside. "There's a considerable distance where people will not be allowed to smoke and we will have to place signs. The nonsmokers might benefit from that."

The exact distance a smoker must now stand away from a facility is not specified by the community health agency. A press release by the organization simply states, "The regulation prohibits smoking near entrances, windows and ventilation systems of all workplaces affected by the workplace tobacco ban."

The question that seems to beg, according to several local officials, is that of enforcement on the part of the community health agency.

"It's something they can't enforce," said Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon, a smoker. "Where are we supposed to go?"

According to Sundmacher, the community health agency is not expecting to have to issue many citations, if at all, to businesses for noncompliance with the ban.

"We look at enforcement as an educational process," she said, noting that the Charlevoix City Police Department is not directly involved in the ban's implementation. "If we get a complaint, we will go out to the employer and make sure they understand the regulation and what it entails. This is the kind of thing that has very high compliance."

Those employees or patrons who observe someone disregarding the nonsmoking policy are first asked to take the issue up with their immediate supervisor, the ordinance states.

In the event that the community health agency is called to a work site for a complaint, a warning will be issued as the business's first violation. Within one year's time, a second citation will cost the employer $50, the third citation will cost $100, and the fourth and subsequent citations will cost $500. The ordinance states that those who wish to report ban violators may do so, with the reassurance that their identities will be protected.

"I don't begrudge anybody who doesn't want to be around smoke," said Brannon. "Yes, we should quit. It's a terribly expensive, bad habit. It's a good thing (the ban), it truly is. We'll just see if I spend less."

The Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation was initially brought to the attention of Gerald Chase, officer at the community health agency, more than a year ago by the Tobacco Reduction Coalition, said Sundmacher. The coalition presented various physicians, hospitals and spokespersons from the American Heart Association to county commissioners at a recent board meeting when the legislation was being introduced for a vote. Examples of successful clean air initiatives were also identified to county officials, such as those in Chippewa, Wayne, Ingham and Genessee counties, and the City of Marquette — all of which have smoke-free ordinances.

According to Sundmacher, a recent county survey revealed that 70 percent of voters, smokers included, said they would support a ban on smoking in the workplace.

When asked about the fate of smoking in restaurants and bars, Sundmacher noted their exemption in clean air initiatives is due to a restrictive statewide legislation.

"There is a law in Michigan that prohibits anyone from enacting legislation banning smoking in bars," she said. "Restaurants can choose to go smoke-free, but in Michigan, we're prohibited from requiring them to do so."

Those workplaces exempt from the ban are restaurants, bars, bowling alleys, Indian-owned casinos and tobacco specialty stores.

Packages of materials detailing the ban's guidelines, enforcement procedures and resources for persons who are ready to quit smoking were sent to county employers last week by the community health agency. Also included with the paperwork was a sample decal for businesses to place in their windows notifying the public that they are a completely nonsmoking establishment.

The community health agency has identified the following types of workplaces as future nonsmoking sites: restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways and other common-use areas within a facility; buses, taxicabs and boarding and waiting areas of public transit depots; retail stores; areas patronized by the public such as attorneys' offices, banks and laundromats; all areas of galleries, libraries and museums; facilities that are primarily used for exhibiting motion pictures, musical recitals, stage plays, lectures and any other performance, except when smoking is a scripted act; sports arenas; convention halls; every place of meeting or public assembly, including school buildings; waiting rooms, hallways and semi-private rooms in hospitals, clinics, physical therapy facilities, and doctor and dentist offices; lobbies, hallways and common areas in hotels, motels, multiple-tenant office and apartment buildings, malls, nursing homes, retirement facilities and residential facilities used for health services, child care or adult day care; and public places where bingo games are held.

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Local students embark on Detroit mission trip

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The Young Neighbors in Action Team, a division of Charlevoix's St. Mary's Catholic Church, will depart July 10 for Oakman Boulevard in inner-city Detroit to conduct a week-long outreach mission.

Nine local members of the parish's Youth Center, ranging in age from 15 to 19, will convene with six additional youth groups to work in "Focus Hope," a facility that is responsible for packaging and distributing food to various shelters and to the homeless. The annual project is coordinated by the Center for Ministry Development, a Connecticut-based non-profit organization.

"The areas we go into are poverty-ridden," said Patricia Furtaw, pastoral and youth minister at St. Mary's and co-coordinator of the team's excursion. "The students are relatively culture shocked."

According to a report by Detroit Health Care for the Homeless, available online at http://bphc.hrsa.gov, the estimated homeless population in the Motor City is 16,000. Detroit Health Care for the Homeless operates five outreach sites and one stationary clinic in Detroit.

"I'm really excited," said Michael McDonough, 16, of Charlevoix. "I've had two sisters do this. I'm glad we have a new site."

The eight-year-old St. Mary's team includes six students from Charlevoix and three from East Jordan, several of which are embarking on their third or fourth mission to the city.

Previous undertakings have found them working in soup kitchens, day-care centers, shelters for displaced children and the "Freedom House" — a facility assisting refugees who are seeking asylum in the U.S.

"This is my fourth year going down," said Sonya Plude, 18, of Charlevoix. "Every year is a different challenge because we have to work with different scenarios and different kinds of people. It's fun but it's mentally and physically draining."

Students will be working from about 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day next week. Along with duties at the food pantry, the team may also assist in the renovation of a dilapidated school that has been the victim of neglect and insufficient funding.

Although the mission's purpose shifts each year, the group's lodging at Marian Hill Retreat Center in Dearborn Heights is consistent. Students say the monastery's limited accommodations, such as the absence of air conditioning, encourage their immersion into a society that is devoid of such luxuries.

"We live a pretty posh life up here in northern Michigan," said adult chaperone Eric Baldwin, 28, of Charlevoix. "Some of these people live on the streets waiting for the shelters or food pantries to open just to get something that's a week old or past its expiration date."

For teens to witness such an impoverished standard of living and trek such a gritty landscape, Furtaw said, is a crucial life lesson — the rift between privileged and neglected classes is realized.

"They feel blessed when they come back," she said.

Baldwin notes that during these week-long missions, "a six-day-old banana starts to look pretty good."

Other students assert that the tasks they complete in Detroit, are challenging in their temporary nature.

Jaleesa Baier, 17, of East Jordan, recalled an emotional bit of dialogue between herself and a child at last year's trip to Lighthouse Path — a Pontiac home for neglected and displaced children.

"She told me I couldn't leave because I had to stay there forever and be her mom," said Baiier. "I had to tell her the truth about the situation."

A counterbalance to such short-lived support is found in the formation of lasting friendships with fellow missionaries.

"Most of us know the other youth groups," said Plude, who is currently considering missionary work overseas. "You get to meet friends that you'll have for a long time."

As this longtime camaraderie persists, so does students' urges to explore alternative methods of community outreach once they've returned, said Furtaw.

"Each year, I've been really touched by what has happened down there," said Baier. "You come back and you feel like you need to do something to help out."

Additional members of the Young Neighbors in Action Team include: Lauren Bradly, 16, of Charlevoix; Meagan Sell, 16, of Charlevoix; Jamila Baier, 15, of East Jordan; Ellie Strong, 17, of Charlevoix; Jenny Ernst, 15, of East Jordan; and Garrett Troppman, of Charlevoix.

Photo by Nicole Graziano

Detroit-bound missionaries from St. Mary's Young Neighbors in Action Team are pictured at a recent meeting in the Youth Center on State Street. Front row from left: Eric Baldwin, Lauren Bradly, Meagan Sell and Jamila Baier. Back row from left: Jenny Ernst, Ellie Strong, Jaleesa Baier, Sonya Plude and Michael McDonough. Not pictured: Garrett Troppman.

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Council to decide fate of park amendment

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's City Council will likely decide the fate of the East Park renovation project this week.

At the June 20 city council meeting, 462 signatures gathered by a group of six Charlevoix city residents in support of East Park changes were submitted for council's consideration.

The official name of the petition group's effort is an initiative action.

Signature seekers included John Winn, Terry Left, David Novotny, John Yaroch, Mark Greyerbichl and James Berlage.

Changes they are working toward include removal of the current band shell, construction of a new performance venue with amphitheater seating and reconfiguration of the park's topography.

They submitted 462 signatures to city clerk, Carol Ochs, on June 14 — 126 more signatures than were required.

Ochs authenticated each signature to make sure it came from a registered city voter. According to Ochs, 421 of the signatures checked out.

This means council has been forced to reconsider an ordinance amendment, called "Amendment 5" which it already denied.

On June 20, council members tabled the issue to their July 5 meeting. Results from this meeting were not available by press time.

If they approve it, the decision is eligible for a referendum to overturn that approval, which could appear the soonest on a February 2006 ballot.

Mayor Norman Carlson said this would cause major project delays.

If council sticks to its original decision and declines it, the amendment will be eligible for the Nov. 8 general election ballot.

According to Mayor Carlson, council will likely turn down the amendment again so it will go on the Nov. 8 election ballot.

"Most of council is in favor of letting the people decide," Mayor Carlson said.

Charlevoix resident Jill Picha, said if it goes to a vote she will have an army of voters lined up ready to fight.

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority (DDA) unanimously offered its support of "Amendment 5" at its June 27 meeting.

Yaroch, who is also a DDA member, said, "We are the ones holding the purse strings for this project. They (city council) need to know our level of support."

This initiative action is the result of a meeting that took place in March when council voted against initiation of "Amendments 4 and 5," as presented, to the DDA's development plan.

These amendments would have allowed the DDA to pay for 25 percent of the marina, for the total cost of East Park projects and extend the DDA's life.

While marina changes were approved and are expected to start this fall, plans for East Park were nixed.

Council decided to omit plans to build an ice rink in the park from "Amendment 4" and decided against passing "Amendment 5" in its entirety.

"Amendment 5" includes demolition of the current music pavilion in the fall of 2006 and construction of a new facility on the south end of the park. This part of the project would cost the DDA just under $1.5 million.

Council approved extension of the DDA from its expected expiration date of 2013, to 2026, in order to finish the marina project. And approved payment of 25 percent of the total cost of the $10.6 million marina project, including construction of a new harbormaster's office. The authority's portion is $3.8 million, the Michigan Waterways Commission has committed to fund 75 percent, or $6.8 million, of the marina project.

The project will be done in phases with construction of the 67-slip dock system and sea wall coming first.

Debt from the marina renovation will cost between $242,000 and $310,000 a year for 15 to 20 years. City manager Mike Wiesner anticipates $100,000 a year being paid for from marina revenue and the rest coming from the DDA.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix City Council is expected to review plans for East Park renovations at its meeting July 5. Results from the meeting were not available by press time. (Above) A photo of East Park.

Consumers reports record energy usage due to heat

On June 27, Michigan residents cranked up the air conditioners to escape the heat and humidity, pushing customer demand for electricity on Consumers Energy's system to a second record high for June.

According to preliminary data, the total load on the utility's system hit a record monthly peak of 8,327 megawatts between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday. That eclipsed the previous monthly record of 7,802 megawatts, which was set on June 9.

Before June 9, the peak record for customer demand in June was 7,777 megawatts, which came on June 25, 2002.

The record peak came close to the all-time peak for customer demand on the Consumers Energy system, 8,347 megawatts, set on Aug. 7, 2001.

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Beaver Island hosts numerous Museum Week events

The Beaver Island Historical Society will celebrate its 25th Annual Museum Week with extended activities.

From July 11-23, island activities will commemorate its rich history.

"We are dedicated to providing interesting and entertaining material in a wide variety of areas," William Cashman, director of the historical society, said.

Events will kick off at 2 p.m. Monday, July 11 with totem pole carving. At 8 p.m. that night "Music on the Porch" amateur night featuring 12-14 local performers including a choral group, will take place.

From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12 and Saturday, July 16 the Protar Home Open on Sloptown Road hosted by Antje Price. At 2 p.m. that day the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association will show what has been done so far with the restoration of the Whiskey Point Light.

At 8 p.m. on July, 12, 14, 16, 19 and 21 the play "Wives of an American King" will occur at the Parish Hall $15 for adults and $9 for children, refreshments available.

At 9 a.m. on Wednesday, July 13 there will be a nature walk for adults at CMU for $10 per person. At 2 p.m. there will be a work party at the Whiskey Point Lighthouse so bring your gloves. And, at 8 p.m. there will be a bonfire at the lighthouse. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 13 and 14 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 16 is the art exhibit and sale at the Christian Church.

At 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 14 and Friday, July 15 there will be a nature walk for kids at CMU for $5 per child, adults welcome.

At 2 p.m. at the Parish Hall, Jim Gillingham and his Amazing Reptiles and Amphibians will be on display, $3 for Adults $1 for children.

Starting at 8 p.m. on July, 15 at the Parish Hall there will be three dueling barbershop quartets. Admission is $5 per person. There will be a beer and wine cash bar.

Beginning at noon on Saturday, July 16 is the "Pet Show on the Porch."

Celtic Games will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 22 athletes demonstrate and discuss their techniques at the Bud McDonough Ball Field near Whiskey Point.

On Saturday, July 23 at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the first annual Beaver Island Celtic Games will be held at the Bud McDonough Ball Field. At 5:30 p.m. is the Beaver Island Stone of Strength followed by open competition of Celtic Games.

Other Events:

• July 22-23 at the Burton Farm off West Side Drive is Danny and Carol Burton's annual Beaver Island Music Festival.

• 8 p.m. July, 23 at the Parish Hall is the Gatliff family reunion.

• 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 11—15 the Beaver Head Lighthouse Tours. Transportation is available each day from the Print Shop Museum at 11:30 a.m.

• Gaelic Lessons will be given by Matthew Hall of Arran More. For more information on this or any of the other events call (231) 448-2254.

Island to host Celtic Games during week-long festivities

Kilted strongmen from across Michigan will converge on Beaver Island July 23 for the first Beaver Island Celtic Games.

The games will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 23 at the Bud McDonough Ball Diamond near the Whiskey Point lighthouse. The games will run until around 5 p.m.

These powerful men will be competing on the island in seven traditional Irish and Scottish strength events designed to test their skills. In addition to trying to throw large, heavy objects farther than each other, they will entertain the crowd with their on-the-field antics, and provide valuable history lessons in Celtic culture.

"It is a lot of fun to watch the athletes of the Celtic Games compete, not just to see their skill at throwing weights and large trees that look like telephone poles, but because of the history you can learn in the process," said athlete and Scottish bagpiper Jeremy McBain of Charlevoix, an organizer of this event.

McBain will be one of the 13 athletes taking part in the Celtic games.

The athletes will be competing in seven traditional Celtic strength events. For distance they throw 28 pound and 56 pound weights with one arm, 22 pound hammers and large rocks. For height, they throw another 56 pound weight straight up in the air with one arm, as well as use a three-pronged pitchfork to toss a 20-25 pound burlap bag filled with twine in the air.

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Strong-man competition to headline Museum Week

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These Celtic strongmen will also be tossing the caber — one of the best known Celtic heavy events. The caber is an 18 to 20 foot, 150 pound tree that has had all of its branches removed, making it look like a long telephone pole.

The athletes hoist the caber straight up in the air and balance it on their shoulder. After a brief run, they throw it straight up in an attempt to get the pole to flip end-over-end.

The goal is to get the end that was in their hands to land directly away from them. The closer they get to this goal, the more points they receive.

Throughout the games, the athletes and judge will provide commentary about the events and their history. The lessons are filled with Celtic pride and humor.

Each athlete will be wearing the traditional Scottish kilt of their individual clans. National rules for Celtic Games dictate that athletes must wear kilts in competition.

The results of the games will be used in the athletes' national rankings with the North American Scottish Games Athletics Association.

In addition to watching the action on the field, the audience will have a chance to show off their strength along with the athletes in the Beaver Island Stone of Strength.

The Stone of Strength is a 90-plus pound boulder that must be picked up, lifted into the air, and, after short run for momentum, thrown for distance. The winner of this event will have his name written on the stone for all to see.

Plans are also in the works for a traditional keg toss for athletes and audience members. In this event, a competitor takes an empty beer keg and throws it in the air for height, using only one arm.

The Beaver Island Celtic Games are being hosted by the Beaver Island Historical Society in connection with its Museum Week.

While there is no fee to watch the games, T-shirts commemorating the event will be sold and donations are being accepted.

Proceeds from this will go toward paying for the games and to raise funds for the Beaver Island Historical Society.

McBain said, "We are hoping to expand these games in the future to be more of a weekend event in the fall and include more competitors and more Celtic-type events, such as music, food, and dancing."

In addition to the games, visitors to the Island the weekend of July 23 can also enjoy the annual Beaver Island Music Festival, presented by Danny and Carol Burton, or the traditional music at the Gatliff Reunion. The festival features many different performers of various musical styles.

For more information on the Beaver Island Celtic Games, call Beaver Island Historical Society Director Bill Cashman at (231) 448-2254 or McBain at (231) 237-9543. For more information on the music festival, call (231) 620-3304.

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Kilted strongmen from across Michigan will converge on Beaver Island July 23 for the first Beaver Island Celtic Games.

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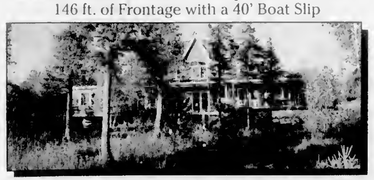

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Charlevoix Public Schools make the grade

By BENJAMIN COHS
Staff writer

Officials in the Charlevoix Public School District are pleased with the marks they received on their report cards from the State of Michigan.

Dr. John Sturock

Education Yes!, Michigan's accreditation system, gave Charlevoix Elementary School and Charlevoix High School a B, while Charlevoix Middle School received an A. In addition, all three schools met their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) indicating the schools are not in the category of those in need of improvement as outlined by the state.

"We feel good about making AYP again," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock. "We're on track. Obviously we did a decent job and we're working to get better at that."

He added, "It's important to make progress in all places, it's a continuous process."

In 1990, officials with the State of Michigan passed a law mandating an accounting of all its schools and every year since there has been an annual report card given to each school. The report card details the grade received from the Education Yes! program and the AYP status under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Grades for the elementary and middle school remained constant from the 2003-2004 school year to the present while the high school fell from an A to a B.

According to Charlevoix High School Principal, Gary Grundman, Michigan schools must exceed the previous year's performance in order to maintain the higher grade.

"The design of this program makes it difficult to maintain the grade of A, even though our test scores and our student performance is better than most school districts," Grundman said. "The grade of B is not a true reflection on how well our kids did."

Grundman said in about two years students in Michigan schools will be taking the ACT or the SAT instead of the MEAP which is a good thing because the ACT and SAT are both standardized tests which are used to prepare students for college. Whereas the MEAP was designed solely as a way for schools to determine whether they were keeping in line with the state's curriculum requirements.

Grundman added that even though much of a school's grade is determined by the MEAP test, the state doesn't mandate students to take the MEAP.

"It's a voluntary test," Grundman said.

He added that, so far, they haven't had trouble getting students to take the test.

According to the Michigan Department of Education Web site, under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, adequate yearly progress is a way of measuring the skill level and accomplishments of schools and their students as it pertains to math and language arts in accordance with the results of state assessments.

Schools must also at the very least meet any other academic guidelines laid down by the state which may include graduation rate and participation in the MEAP test at the high school level.

According to the adequate yearly progress guidelines, if a school fails to attain adequate yearly progress two years in a row in English or math, the school will be identified as needing improvement and will not be removed from that status until it makes the mark for two years.

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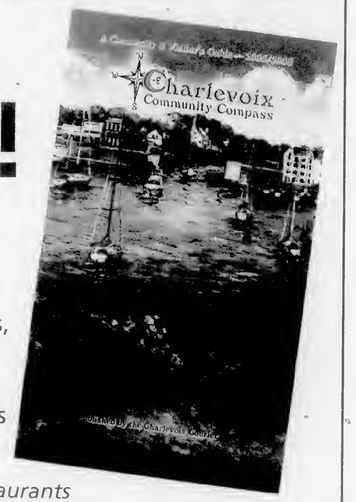

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Lifeguards pictured above are (from left) Dan Sanchez, Tina Clark, Stephanie DeKorte, Alicia Klooster, Christina Whitley, Jessica Nagel and Libby Campbell. Not pictured are Michelle Rowe and Bethany Pearson. For more information, contact the city recreation department at (231) 547-3253.

Sun safety tips from the Skin Cancer Foundation

Seventy percent of surveyed Americans are planning to go to the beach this summer.

With the incidence of skin cancer continuing to rise and more than 90 percent of all skin cancers being caused by the sun, beach goers need take sun protection more seriously than ever.

"The intensity of sun exposure for beach or pool goers is certainly elevated. Water, sand and concrete reflect as much as 90 percent of the suns rays," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "However, these activities can be enjoyed safely as long as people take some extra precautions."

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends the following beach sun safety tips:

• Apply sunscreen first. Use a generous amount (about a golf ball size) of water resistant sunscreen with a minimum SPF 15 all over before putting on your bathing suit. Not only will it protect the skin under the bathing suit, but you are less likely to miss spots and end up with a line of sunburn along the edges of your bathing suit. Don't forget the tops of your feet. The sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before heading outside and reapplied every 90 minutes or after swimming or sweating excessively.

• Cover up with clothing. If you are not swimming, then keep your head and skin covered with a tightly woven wide brimmed hat, UV protective sunglasses and a beach cover-up. A tightly woven linen or cotton cover-up with long sleeves and pants are best. Many beach shops carry options that will keep you protected and stylish. Brightly colored long sarongs are another good option for women.

• Sit under an umbrella. A beach umbrella will provide necessary shade. However, not all umbrellas are created equal. The most effective ones are made with a sun-protective fabric and will provide a minimum SPF 35. Look for brands, such as Rio, that carry The Skin Cancer Foundation Seal of Recommendation.

• Watch the time. We all know the sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Early birds should head to the beach by 8 or 9 a.m. and plan to leave by noon. Later risers should arrive after 3 p.m. and can stay as long as they like. If you do spend the entire day at the beach, then be sure to take period "shade breaks" when eating lunch or snacks.

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Health agency approves new unified sanitary code

On June 10, the local board of health approved a unified sanitary code that reflects community concerns expressed during county-level public hearings held by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

Before it becomes effective, county boards of commissioners from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties must approve the revised code.

Gerald Chase, Health Officer, and Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health, will be presenting the revised sanitary code for vote at upcoming commissioners' meetings.

"We had a great turnout at the public hearings we held in all four counties," said Chase. "There were people who testified in support of the sanitary code revisions and others who expressed concerns. We've listened carefully to concerns and made changes to the revised sanitary code that addresses just about all of them. This is an example of the approval process working," Chase added that this new sanitary code is important because it will better protect safe drinking water supplies and reduce pollution from septic systems to groundwater, lakes, and streams.

The purpose of the public hearings was to solicit testimony regarding three proposed revisions to the existing code: point-of-sale septic system inspections, requirements for advanced waste treatment systems, and requirements for off-site treatment systems.

A committee of health department staff, county commissioners, members of environmental groups, septage waste haulers, and consultants developed these revisions over a year of study and discussion.

Point-of-sale septic system inspections:

Many Realtors expressed concerns about the proposed point-of-sale septic system inspection when it was presented at public hearings. "After hearing Realtor's concerns at the first hearing in Emmet County, we presented a different approach at subsequent county hearings," Chase said.

Instead of requiring a septic system inspection at the time properties are sold, as initially proposed, the revision provides for a computerized database maintained by the health department that monitors when septic systems are pumped and inspected. A point-of-sale inspection will not be required if the septic system has been inspected within the past three years.

"Most people don't think too much about what happens in their septic systems once they flush the toilet," Kendzierski said, "but septic system failure is expensive and adversely impacts the environment — and it's preventable by taking some precautions like regular purping every three to five years."

Advanced treatment system requirements:

The advanced waste management treatment revision establishes performance and operating standards for alternative and off-site systems. A provision now addresses whether property is defined as wetland before approval for this type of septic system.

"With the new alternative treatment system provision, we will be able to approve septic systems in previously non-buildable sites, but they will require careful monitoring," Chase said.

This revision requires discharge performance criteria for the effluent, or the product of a septic system, as well as an operational permit from the health department, a maintenance contract with a firm that specializes in on-site wastewater management, and includes frequent evaluation of all system components and its operational status.

Off-site waste management:

There were no concerns regarding the off-site waste management revisions to the Sanitary Code. It is used for properties that are unsuitable for a septic system, allowing sewage to be conveyed for final disposal away from the parcel where waste is generated.

The revised Sanitary Code is available for review at www.nwhealth.org.

For more information about the septic system revision, call Kendzierski at (231) 547-7651.

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City promotes Scott Hankins to deputy chief

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

After nearly 30 years serving the City of Charlevoix Police Department, Sergeant Dale Meredith will spend his last Venetian Festival on patrol.

Meredith officially retires Nov. 9, but his last day is Venetian Saturday, July 23.

According to Charlevoix City Police Chief, Dennis Halverson, Meredith has been an asset to both the community and the police department.

"He's been invaluable. Besides being a good police officer, his ability to manipulate technology for our benefit has been huge," Halverson said.

"He's excellent with computers. He's been our IT (technology) guy in the department since they invented computers," Halverson said. "Our computer capabilities for a department of this size are unmatched."

Some of the technological advancements Halverson credited Meredith with include changes in the department's overall computer network and computerization of the evidence room.

Halverson said Meredith's contributions to the local police force will be missed.

Including Halverson, the city police department includes seven, full-time and two, part-time officers. Halverson said he is currently interviewing candidates from across the country to fill Meredith's position.

According to Halverson, there have been a little over 30 applications filed for the slot.

The retirement of Meredith isn't the only major change around the police department.

Officer Scott Hankins, 15-year veteran of the Charlevoix Police Department will be taking on the newly created position of Deputy Chief of Police.

Hankins spent eight years in the Army as a Military Police Officer and a Military Investigator as well as a year on the East Jordan Police Department before working for Charlevoix.

Hankins, who grew up just north of Petoskey, has been married to Dawn for 17 years and has two children, Allison and Zachary.

Hankins is eager to begin his new position.

"I feel good about it. I'm looking forward to the challenges of administration in addition to patrolling," Hankins said.

Hankins will be supervising other officers, working in the evidence room and taking responsibility for the department in the chief's absence among other duties.

"This is a good opportunity for me to advance my career and learn other aspects of police work," he said.

He added, "I look forward to the opportunity to work with community members and to continue to provide the best level of police service we can."

According to Hankins, the police department will begin looking at applications to hire a new patrolman in the upcoming weeks.

"We don't have a person on board as of today but we are still conducting interviews," Halverson said. "We hope to have somebody hired for this position relatively soon."

Meredith, a shy person, declined to comment on his retirement.

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Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson (right) announced July 5 that Scott Hankins (left) will be promoted to Deputy Police Chief. The City of Charlevoix Police Department will now hire a patrolman to replace Hankins.

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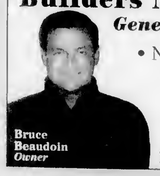

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BUSINESS

Charlevoix resident invents sewage treatment system

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A Charlevoix man has developed a new process for treating sewage that will be tested in town.

According to John Campbell, operator of Big Fish Environmental L.L.C., Big Fish is a new method he helped create to deal with septage which produces something cloudy water instead of thick, smelly sludge.

John Campbell

"We're just really excited about it because it's going to meet all state guidelines and be a year-round facility," he said. "The reason to put it at our front door is that it will be odor free and environmentally safe."

Campbell said, the Big Fish process is a biological way of treating septage, which is a combination of waste from garbage disposals, bath and sink drains and toilets, without using chemicals.

Big Fish uses both oxygen and naturally occurring bacteria to treat the waste.

"Because of that, we do not generate Hydrogen-sulfide or methane," Campbell said.

The Big Fish pilot program will begin July 8 and Campbell hopes it will run for a little over three months, after which time Big Fish should be ready for commercial use.

"The pilot project is a test phase and our desire is to have all the bugs worked out by Oct. 1, 2005," Campbell said.

But, he added, "We'll always be tweaking it to make the system better."

The bacteria used will all be very similar from application to application, but outside temperature and the consistency of the septage itself are factors which influence the system.

According to Campbell, two of the most positive features of the Big Fish system are it's environmental and financial benefits not only to those who must deal with septage, but for everyone concerned with the health of the environment.

"It's a very low use of energy," he said. "It will be less costly than traditional methods."

Campbell said applying the septage or sludge to the ground has pretty much been the primary route of dealing with it in the past, but, because Big Fish is an enclosed system it is a much more attractive alternative than dumping foul smelling human waste directly on the topsoil.

When ready, Big Fish Environmental L.L.C. will serve Southern Emmet, Northern Antrim and Charlevoix counties.

As one of three parties involved with Big Fish, Site Planning Development is the operator. The other two parties involved in Big Fish's development are Interlakes Microtech L.L.C. and Biotech L.L.C. who act as both engineer and consultant on the project.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Scrub a dub, dub

Not afraid of a little hard work, Harbor Industries Vice President of Operations, Tim Parker, washes assembly worker Vicki Calbfleisch's silver Jeep Thursday afternoon. As a reward for reaching their goal of raising $21,000 for the United Way, supervisors and office workers spent the afternoon braving the heat and humidity to wash employee cars.

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BUSINESS

Maynards offer new home theater options

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Residents and second home owners in and around Charlevoix are getting connected.

In January of 2004, Norwood Township residents Mark and Marilyn Maynard started Get Connected, LLC, a solutions company for home electronic systems.

"We've always wanted to own our own home automation business," Mark Maynard said.

Get Connected offers solutions for home theater, distributed audio systems (whole house music), structured wiring, automation, networking, central vacuum, acoustical room treatments and systems integration.

The company is a Dish Network retailer and offers a multitude of quality brands, including, Bose, Marantz, Jamo and Leviton.

Maynard said unlike some low voltage specialists, he and his staff, which includes two installers, CJ Winnell of Charlevoix and Jim Nowka of East Jordan, are also computer savvy.

In 1995, the Maynard family moved to Charlevoix from Washington Township, near Detroit. The couple has five children, one of which is still school aged, Emma, 14, is a student at Charlevoix's Northwest Academy.

Prior to starting the new business, Mark Maynard was plant manager at CPI for seven years. He said CPI is a Charlevoix machine shop for aluminum and aluminum castings.

After losing the plant manager's position, the Maynard family's soul search found them wanting to stay in Charlevoix but needing to make money. Hence the pursuit of their business ownership dream.

Now, after six months in business, the couple has brought consumer electronics possibilities to a host of commercial and residential outfits.

"I've learned a million things (since opening). From marketing to finance and customer relationships," Mark Maynard said.

The couple plans to expand services to include a showroom theater featuring hidden speakers.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Mark and Marilyn Maynard of Charlevoix have started Get Connected, a home theater installation and design business. Above, Maynard (center) is pictured with installers, C.J. Winnell (left), of Charlevoix, and Jim Nowka (right), of East Jordan.

The Get Connected office is located at 5951 Loeb Road, Suite 130 in the Secretary of State building. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment.

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Pool run draws participants of all ages

On Saturday, June 25 the Charlevoix Area Community Pool held the 11th Annual Pool Run at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Eighty-five runners and walkers crossed the finish line. The run raised $2,500 toward operation of the pool. Runners choose from either a 5k Run or a 1-mile fun run/walk.

Assisting with the finish of the 5K race were Charlevoix High School track coaches Mary and Ken Plude.

The 12th Annual Pool Run will take place Saturday, June 24, 2006.

One mile results are as follows: Overall winners were Nicholas Plude with a time of 6 minutes 47 seconds and Elizabeth Hansen in the women's division with a time of 7 minutes 48 seconds.

For men 11-14, first place went to Alex Gooch, second to Jeffery Hansen.

Women 11-14, first place went to Whitney Hudy, and second place went to Kristen Gooch.

For men 25-29, Danny Kozan took first place and Bjorn Kirkland took second.

For men 30-34, Matt Jolliffe took first place.

For women 30-34, Brenda Spires took first place and Allie Maldonado took second.

For men 35-39, Paul Jolliffe took first place and Tom McCullough took second.

For men 40-44, Hugh Hansen took first place.

For women 40-44, Kim Hudy took first place.

For women 50-54, Jeanine Bottrell took first place.

For women 55-59, Karla Sherman took first place.

For men 60-69, Gerald Bocci took first place and for men 70 and up, Roger Tyrell secured first place while William Sherman and Bob Jolliffe tied for second.

5K results through 5 places are as follows: Overall winners were Scott Plude, with a time of 18 minutes 26 seconds and Sammy Hunt in the women's division with a time of 20 minutes 34 seconds.

For men 11-14, Calvin Schemanski took first, Traver Koehler took second, Andrew Plude came in third, Erik Trecha came in fourth and David Taylor was fifth.

For women 11-14, Jackie McEnhill ended the race first, Alexandra Trecha came in second, Shelby Goss came in third, Molly Jeakle was fourth, Emily Pienkusch was fifth, Abbey Barnes was sixth, Chrystal Schemanski was seventh, Melissa Morley was eighth and Amanda Morley was ninth.

For men 15-19, Adam Gasior finished in first place, Zach Scharenbroch finished in second place, Dustin Arp was third, DaKota Nicholas was fourth and Matthew Trecha finished fifth.

For women 15-19, Maggie Pillusch took first place, Alice Neer took second and Heidi Nicholas came in third.

For men 20-24, Mitchell Early took first place and Tom McCullough took second.

For men 25-29, Michael Kenney took first place.

For women 25-29, Megan Cole took first place and Elizabeth Grunch took second.

For men 30-34, Bill Burns took first.

For women 30-34, Lisa Taylor took first place.

For men 35-39, Mike Black took first place and Thomas Johnson took second.

For women 35-39, Cheryl Kishigo took first place, Jenny Black took second and Dawn Hovie finished third.

For men 40-44, Brian Howes took first place, Drew Craven took second, Tom Barnes finished third, Jim Jeakle came in fourth and Henry Morley was fifth.

For women 40-44, Laura Taylor came in first, Cindi Baird was second, Mikkie Schemanski was third, Nancy Dwan was fourth and Val Meyerson was fifth.

For men 45-49, Tom Hart was first, Norb Scharenbroch was second, Jerry Keie was third and Doug Zernow was fourth.

For women 45-49, Mary Neer was first, Valerie Pedersen was second.

For men 50-54, Tim Hudy was first, Fred Koehler was second, Ed Bottrell was third and Tom Nagurka was fourth.

For women 50-54, Nancy Nagurka finished in first place.

For women 55-59, Jan McKay finished first.

For men 60-69, Ellis Boal finished in first place.

For women 60-69, Jeanne Bocci ended in first place and Teri Craine finished second.

For men 70 and up, Paul Jackson finished first and Bob Esford finished second.

For women 70 and up Susan Mabee finished first.

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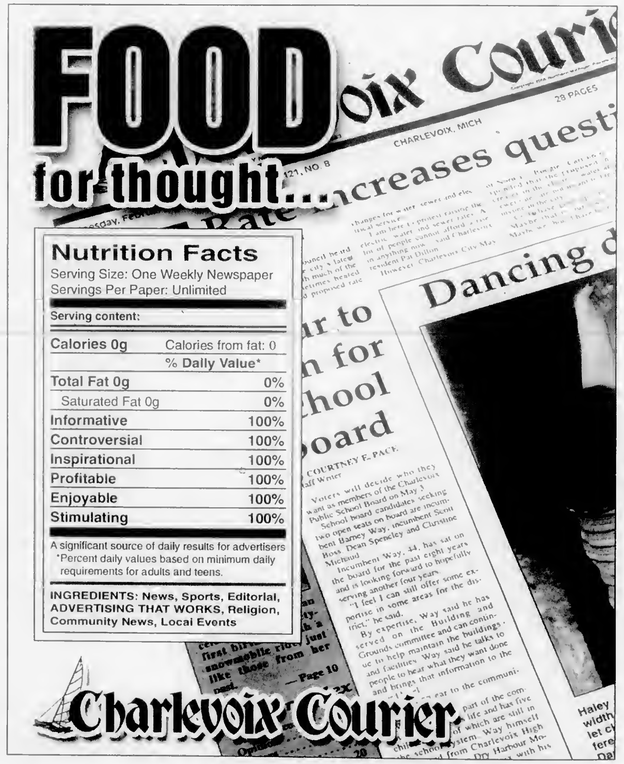
On Saturday, June 25 the Charlevoix Area Community Pool held the 11th Annual Pool Run at the Charlevoix Country Club. 85 people crossed the finish line.



SPORTS

Yacht club racers start season with light winds

The following are Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 15.

The fifth race of the spring series was sailed in dying winds. Storms brought rain and medium winds at the start of the race, which went to light winds by the finish. Participating in Wednesday night's race were 17 boats, which all finished the race. The course consisted of a triangle and three windward-leeward legs. Race results provided by Keith Attee, co-committee chair.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 2 — Fairret (Seymour); 3 — Apothecary (Ochs).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Cygnus (Stuart); 3 — Artemis (Bowerman).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 2 — Stringthing (Thomas); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 — Kamikazee (Funck); 5 — Four Play (Herald).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 2 — Northern Light (Orlow); 3 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 4 — Moxie (Jensen); 5 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 6 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Spring series results after five races with one drop:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (5); 2 — Sail La Vie (6); 3 — Apothecary (16).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (4); 2 — Cygnus (8); 3 — Artemis (12).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 — Stringthing (6); 2 — Paleface Lite (7); 3 — Booma (12); 4 — Kamikazee (16); 5 — Four Play (18); 6 — MJ2 (19).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 — Northern Light (8); 2 — Hoi Polloi (10); 3 — Moxie (11); 4 — Padawan 2 (14); 5 — Gotcha! (15); 6 — Affinity (16); 7 — Windrunner (24).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club Pine Lake Regatta results for June 18 are:

1 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 — Northern Light (Orlow); 3 — Kamikaze (Funck); 4 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 5 — Artemis (Bowerman); 6 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 22 are:

The sixth and final race of the spring series was disappointing for all but one fleet. Dying winds left boats stranded in the lake, unable to cross the finish line in the required three-hour time limit. Only the Spinnaker B fleet had a boat finish within this time frame, and was therefore the only fleet that was scored. The course consisted of seven windward-leeward legs, of which five boats finished. There was one tie for the series results, broken by the number of first places.

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 — Northern Light (Orlow); 2 — Windrunner (Pirie); 3 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 4 — Moxie (Jensen); 5 — Hoi Polloi (Attee).

Final spring series results after six races with one drop:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (5); 2 — Sail La Vie (6).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (4); 2 — Cygnus (8); 3 — Artemis (12).

Spinnaker A (small boat) fleet: 1 — Stringthing (6); 2 — Paleface Lite (7); 3 — Booma (12); 4 — Kamikaze (16); 5 — Four Play (18); 6 — MJ2 (19).

Spinnaker B (big boat) fleet: 1 — Northern Light (9); 2 — Moxie (15); 3 — Hoi Polloi (15); 4 — Padawan 2 (17); 5 — Affinity (22); 6 — Gotcha! (23); 7 — Windrunner (26).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 29 are:

The first race of the summer series was sailed in light winds. The course was shortened as a result of the dying winds and consisted of four windward-leeward legs. The race was started and finished by 28 boats. There are now three spinnaker fleets, with Spinnaker C being the fastest boats.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (Gordon); 2 — Blasen IV (Jurries); 3 — Apothecary (Ochs); 4 — Exitus (Pung).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Artemis (Bowerman); 4 — Cygnus (Stuart).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 2 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 3 — Stringthing (Thomas); 4 — Four Play (Herald); 5 — Scurry (Curry); 6 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 7 — What's Her Name (Robinson); 8 — M3 (Carey); 9 — Fairret (Seymour); 10 — Suzie Q (Kelly).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 4 — Kamikaze (Funck); 5 — MJ2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Moxie (Jensen); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 — Windrunner (Pirie); 4 — Northern Light (Orlow); 5 — Padawan 2 (Lamb).

Recreation league softball teams tally wins and losses

Softball players with the City of Charlevoix's Recreation League enjoyed the hot sun while playing a busy schedule.

On June 27, Charlevoix's senior girls players faced Mancelona in a double header, losing both games. The score in game one was 8 – 3 and in game two was 14 – 11. Charlevoix's Sarah Potter had a triple

That day, in game one of men's slow-pitch play, Carlson's Home Improvements beat D480 / St. Mary's Cement 14 – 10. Rick Randle of Carlson's had a home run and Ryan Amesbury of D480 had a home run

In game two, Boss Engineering won over Art Form Fabricating / MTP Racing by a score of 20 – 7.

In game three, Lakeshore Tire took Flight Deck 15 – 3. For Lakeshore, Mike Miller had a home run and Bob Williams had 3 home runs

On June 28, Charlevoix's girls minor A leaguers manhandled Bellaire, winning 13 – 8. For Charlevoix, Meghan Klooster and Nikki Speigl each had a double.

That day, women's slow-pitch team, Screenmasters celebrated a 8 – 4 victory over Burger King. For Burger King, Lori Reedes had an in-park home run

In game two, Kwikie Duplicating beat Waterfront Salon 9 – 8.

On June 29, the Charlevoix girls ponytail league Blue Jays, won one and lost one. In game one, the Blue Jays beat the Red Pirates 13 – 10. Then, in game two, the Green Giants beat the Blue Jays 16 – 8.

That day, men's slow-pitch played three games.

In game one, Swanson's K&D / J. Arnold Painting beat Art Form Fabricating / MTP Racing 19 – 4.

In game two, Lakeshore Tire tallied a shut-out, beating D480 / St. Mary's Cement 22 – 0. For Lakeshore, Mike Miller. Brian Roman and Dave Hahn each had a home run.

In game three, the Flight Deck won against Boss Engineering by a score of 11 – 8. For Boss, Neil Friske had a home run.

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Avoiding and treating swimmers' itch tips

While water quality is generally very good in northern Michigan lakes, the local health department wants to remind beach-goers to protect themselves against contracting swimmers' itch.

Swimmers' itch is caused by a naturally occurring parasite that is carried from lake to lake by droppings from ducks, geese, or other waterfowl. The organisms then move into snails where they mature, eventually coming out to re-infect more waterfowl.

When human swimmers leave the water, any parasites on their skin may burrow into the skin in an effort to survive.

The parasites die quickly, but they can trigger an irritating rash, said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

"Your body reacts to the parasite by forming itchy, red bumps. Swimmers' itch isn't contagious, but it is very annoying," Meyerson said.

Meyerson offers the following tips to reduce the chances of developing swimmers' itch: briskly dry off with a towel as soon as you come out of the water, including the area under swimsuits, and shower immediately after swimming if facilities are available.

Not everyone who is exposed to the parasite will necessarily develop swimmers' itch.

"Repeated exposure increases sensitivity to the parasite and increases the likelihood of swimmers' itch," Meyerson said.

He said children are often infected with swimmers' itch since they typically wade in and out of the water and play on the beach as water evaporates on their skin.

Within minutes of swimming or wading in contaminated water, people may experience tingling, burning or itchy skin. Or, symptoms may take up to a week to appear. A small, reddened bump will develop at the entrance site of each parasite, causing periods of itching that can last for several days.

Using calamine lotion, an antihistamine such as Benadryl or corticosteroid cream, cool compresses, baths with baking soda or colloidal oatmeal, such as Aveeno, may control itching.

"The most important thing to do if you do contract swimmers' itch is to try not to scratch. Scratching may cause the rash to become infected. If itching is severe, your health care provider may prescribe lotion or creams to lessen your symptoms," Meyerson said.

Most cases of swimmers' itch do not require medical attention. Contact your health care provider when the diagnosis is unclear, complications such as infection are present, or the reaction is intolerable.

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'Wild About Blooms' Garden Walk to take place July 13

Chairperson Mary Watson-Chavez invites you to the 2005 Charlevoix Area Garden Club's Seventh Annual Garden Walk, Wild About Blooms and Butterflies.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 13.

Watson-Chavez said, "We are very excited to present six fabulous private gardens for your pleasure and to share 11 "civic" gardens the Charlevoix Area Garden Club has developed and currently maintains. Our civic gardens are scattered about the community."

This year's gardens are a mix of three waterfront landscapes, two "city" gardens and a serene, golf course haven.

The Gennett Garden is a lovely example of how to dress a classic, in-town, Victorian home.

The Golden Garden is full of surprises, including rare views of Round Lake.

The Parker Garden on Lake Charlevoix is an outstanding example of an inland waterfront landscape with the environment in mind.

The Reznick Garden meanders through wetlands and soft dunes revealing fantastic views of Lake Michigan.

The Thomas Garden is rich with dappled shade and features an elegant, granite-surrounded, Lake Charlevoix cabana.

The Wingate Garden is sited in a lovely, secluded part of the Charlevoix Country Club and offers attractive treatments for shade and sun.

In conjunction with the Garden Walk, the Garden Club members are offering Lunch Amid Blooms & Butterflies at the Depot Heritage Garden from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seating for this gourmet luncheon is by reservation only for $25 by calling Margaret Heath at (231) 547-1978.

Ticket booklets for the Garden Walk are available for $10 (advance sales) at the Bridge Street Book Shop and the Appletree in Charlevoix, or by calling Judy Corley at (231) 547-1945. On July 13, the day of the walk, tickets will be $12 at the entrance to any of the six gardens or at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, located off Bridge Street.

Courtesy photo

Mary Watson-Chavez, chairperson for the Seventh Annual Garden Walk, and homeowner, Joyce Reznick, prepare the Reznick garden for the July 13 walk.

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Truck donation

On Friday, June 17 former City of Charlevoix-Firefighter Gene Bridge, and his wife Ginny, of Belton, Texas, donated their model firetruck collection to the local fire department. Bridge lived in Charlevoix with his parents from 1929 until 1944. He became a firefighter with the city when he was 14 years old. One of the models donated, a replica of the fire department's 1940 Chevrolet fire pumper, was new when Bridge became a member of the department. Bridge moved out of Charlevoix when he was 18, and retired as a Captain with the U.S. Merchant Marines. The donation was facilitated by Don Brown, Bridge's long time-friend and a Charlevoix Resident. The models will be on display in the fire training room at the fire station, attached to city hall, once the renovation project is complete.

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Book signing

Outdoor-writer-turned-novelist Chris Zimmerman will sign his book "Intentional Acts," from 6 to 9 p.m., on Saturday, July 9 at the Bridge Street Book Shop at 407 Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

Comedy at the Castle

Comedy at the Castle will take place at 7 p.m. July 7 at Castle Farms, in the King's Great Hall, in Charlevoix. The event, "A Comedy Celebration with Jay Laffoon," is a fund-raiser for the students at St. Mary School. For more information or to purchase tickets call (231) 237-0884.

Parker Ebert fund-raiser

There will be a benefit car wash from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 9, at Charlevoix Motors, located off US-31 South, to benefit Parker Ebert in his fight against childhood cancer.

Babysitting training

Red Cross babysitting training will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan. This course prepares youth ages 11-15 with the training every parent wants in a babysitter, including safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency skills. The cost is $20 for the class and includes a babysitter's kit. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Scholarship money is available for eligible students.

For more information or to receive a registration brochure, contact the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office at (231) 582-6232

Grief management

Losing a spouse, parent or child due to death is sometimes more than we can bear. Also emotionally taxing is getting divorced, losing your job, moving, dealing with a chronic illness, or even losing a pet. Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designed to help people cope.

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from July 5 to August 9 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. To pre-register call the hospice office at (231) 536-2842.

Rummage sale

Churchwide Rummage Sale and Strawberry Social from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, July 9, at the United Methodist Church at the corner of State and Clinton streets in Charlevoix.

Bike demo

To help riders get "geared" up for summer Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center and Latitude 45 bike shop have teamed up for a bike demo day from noon to 2 p.m. July 8 in front of Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center in Charlevoix located in the K-Mart plaza on M-66 north.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15. If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Ice cream social

An ice cream social will be sponsored by the Norwood Area Historical Society from 2 to 4:30 p.m. July 9 at the Norwood school house. Sundaes, toppings, cookies and beverages will be $4. Old fashioned crafts will be demonstrated. A wagon tour of the village will also be part of the event. The historical museum will be open in the Township Hall as well as a display of quilts in the Norwood Methodist Church. Anyone with a quilt they would like display should call (231) 547-6220. Raffle tickets for a community made schoolhouse quilt will be sold at the event to benefit the Historical Society.

Library reading program

Charlevoix Public Library is offering a summer reading program for ages 0-10. A prize is awarded every week to children who bring in their reading records to show the librarians that they have been reading. The program is from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings. Schedule is as follows:

July 12 - Northern Martial Arts will be demonstrating Tae Kwon Do and Hap Ki Do

July 19 - Bubbles (outdoor activity)

July 26 - Philip and Henry Magicians

Charlevoix Public Library is offering a summer reading program for ages 10-13. The program is from 2:45 to 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoons.

Schedule is as follows:

July 19 - Pizza taste off. Enjoy (and judge) pizza from Charlevoix's finest pizza places!

July 26 - Final party. Ice cream, prizes, and fun!

Literary Delights

The Charlevoix Zonta Club is sponsoring Literary Delights, an afternoon fundraiser celebration of Michigan's female authors. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 30 in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms located off M-66 in Charlevoix. Tickets for the event are $40. They are available locally at the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street or by calling Zonta member Linda Degrow at (231) 547-4109 or fellow Zontian Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Sleep clinic

A free sleep clinic will be available to sleep apnea patients in the Petoskey area from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, at VitalCare's Petoskey location, 2264 Harbor-Petoskey Road, in the Clock Tower Plaza, Petoskey. The event is available on a walk-in basis and appointments are not necessary.

Freedom from smoking

Charlevoix Area Hospital, in cooperation with the American Lung Association, will host a Freedom from Smoking program. The new, eight-week series of classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2 at the hospital. There is no charge for this clinic. To register, call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

Quartet concert

The Master's Touch Quartet will perform a concert at 10:15 a.m. July 10 at First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. The church is located off M-66 across the street from the post office. A free offering will be received.

Church service

Christ Episcopal Church will have only one workship service and Children's Sunday School to take place at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 10. Immediatey following the services, there will be a farewell retirement reception for Rev. E. James Gunn and his wife Jan. Beginning Sunday, July 17 and through the summer, the church will have a 9 a.m. service with visiting priests.

Photo contest

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Inc. are sponsoring a Jordan River Watershed photo competition open to all photographers.

Photos must be taken within the watershed and may depict any aspect of the environment including plants, animals, scenery, activities and any season. Photos may be film or digital prints size 8 x 10 taken by the entrant. A $5 entry fee and entry form must accompany each entry. There is no entry limit. Entries must be received by Aug. 27, 2005.

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Library honors Clayton Smith with book award

The 2005 Margaret Duerr Book Award was presented to Clayton A. Smith by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library.

Honored for his interest in the preservation of the history of Northern Michigan, Smith is the author of "75 years with a Country Boy," "The Rest of the Stories" and Tales by the Fireside."

His books which are in the library's Michigan Room describe his recollections of growing up in the Charlevoix area.

Monte Nagler's Michigan has been added to the collection in the Michigan Room with Smith's name inscribed in the hookplate. In addition to his writing talents, he has been a caddy as a young boy at the Belvedere Club, an avid traveler, a chain saw artist, a museum curator at Smith's Little Acres, and a well-known area farmer.

Smith is the third recipient of the annual Margaret Duerr Book Award. The award honors Margaret Duerr for her many years of service to the library and for her special interest in the library's Michigan Room.

Courtesy photo

Clayton Smith receives the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library Margaret Duerr Book Award from Cynthia Postmus, Michigan Room Chairperson.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Operation petunia weeding

Kim Molter, a member of the Charlevoix Band Boosters was weeding petunias last week along Bridge Street. The boosters weed the petunias for the city to raise money for band causes. The organization makes $20 an hour per person for the service. They raise about $3,000 in two days of weeding. To volunteer in the weeding effort contact Sue Barta at (231) 547-4988.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
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BOARD OF REVIEW
Tuesday, July 19, 2005 • 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, in the Conference Room on the Main Floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, Homestead affidavits, mutual mistakes of fact, or mathematical computations.

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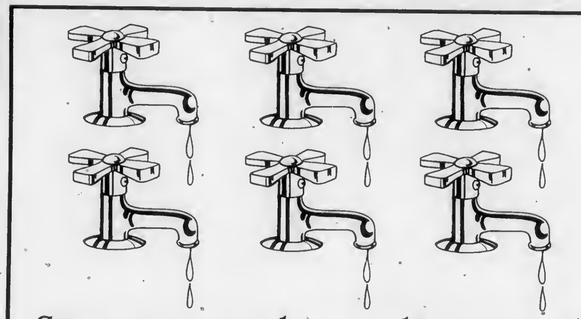

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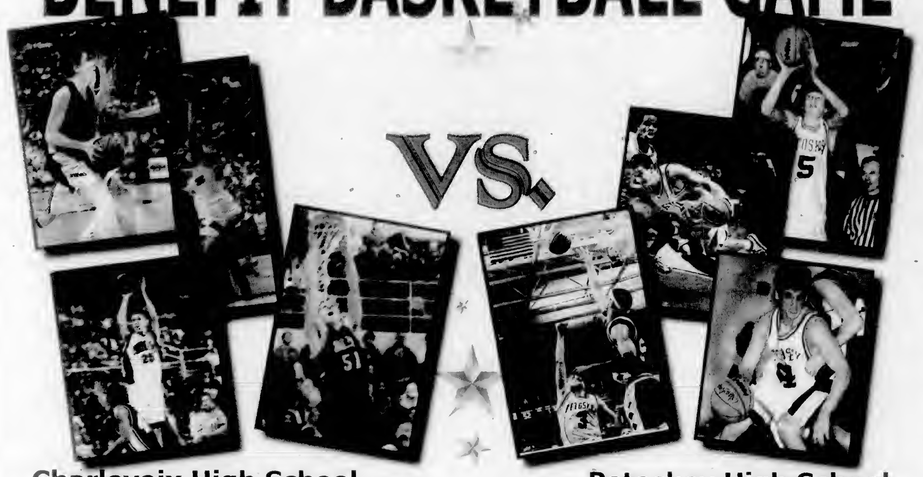

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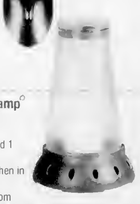

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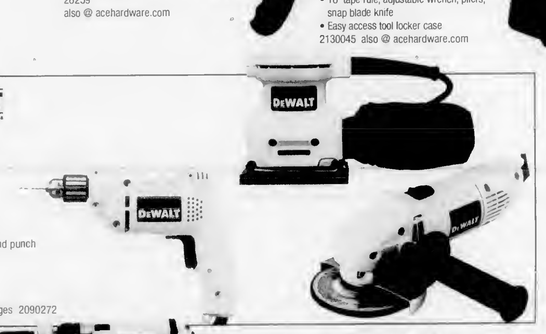

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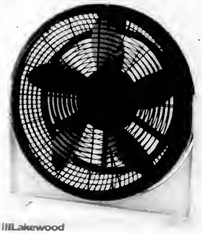

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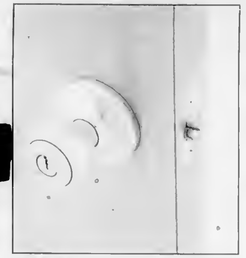

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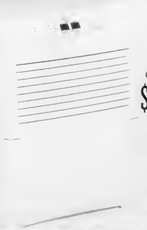

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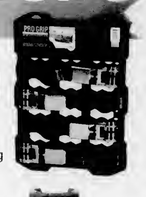

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City hall renovation faces setbacks

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Renovations at Charlevoix's City Hall have been marked by a few snafus and a completion date that has been missed by over a year.

"It's been interesting," city hall project liaison, Jim Shull, said.

The $2.067 million renovation project which started in April of 2004 has included work by 26 subcontractors under the direction of general contractor, Petric Construction, of East Jordan.

It was slated for completion in June of 2004.

According to Shull, now, a year past its due date, the city hall project is about a month-and-a-half from completion.

Shull said the major setbacks have been installing stairways, a change order in the corridor project at the city fire hall and scheduling with Petric Construction.

He said Al Petric, the project foreman and co-owner of Petric Construction, walked off the job last summer.

Since then, the project has been lead by two other men. The current foreman is president of Petric Construction, Pat Weisler.

Shull said the time has cost the city his annual salary and the rest of the added expense has fallen on the shoulders of the contractors.

"I can't see how you can make money this far out," he said.

Current work is focused on putting the finishing touches on the police department office space, storage and garage and on the fire department's offices, living quarters and storage area.

The overall upgrade for the departments has included the addition of shower facilities, a fire department training room and a workout room.

The city police and fire departments were relocated to the old post office off Mason Street in October of 2004 to make way for renovations.

According to Charlevoix City Police Chief, Dennis Halverson, who worked in an office that was under construction before making the move, the post office isn't an inconvenience.

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A summer symphony

(Above) The Seventh Annual Symphony on the Green, featuring the Midland Symphony Orchestra took place Friday, July 8 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Proceeds from the event will benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital's physical therapy department as well as the hospital foundation's community outreach programs. Over 100 people attended. (Left) Sally Parsons and Barbara Hogan, of Charlevoix kick back on the lawn at the club and enjoy the orchestra.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

Officials discuss local Coast Guard presence

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

An admiral and a congressman both recently spoke in Charlevoix on topics including the ACACIA.

On Friday, July 8, while in the area to look at a water contamination issue at Bay Harbor, United States Congressman, Bart Stupak, stopped into Charlevoix for a town hall meeting. He touched on several topics including the United States Coast Guard Cutter ACACIA which is currently docked in Charlevoix and is scheduled to be decommissioned next year.

Bart Stupak

"I think he just wanted to hear from the residents, particularly on the ACACIA, but he also wanted to make sure he heard about any other local issues. I think this was a great opportunity for him to communicate with the people in Charlevoix on a local level," said Adrianne Marsh, Stupak's press secretary. "It's important for his constituents to let him know about the issues that concern them."

Charlevoix city mayor Norman Carlson

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Glenn Allen Mueller, 20, Long Beach Miss. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow; $260 in fines and costs.

Joe Ross Breidenstein, 36, Walloon Lake. Operating while license suspended first offense. Serve 20 days in jail, to serve 10 days in jail with a credit of 10; $500 in fines and costs.

Rebecca Sue Koteskey, 22, Traverse City. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with a credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

John Christopher Vilcek, 22, Grand Blanc. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $960 in fines and costs.

Timothy Leonard Simon, 43, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated first offense, failure to report accident to fixtures. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve 20 days in jail, to serve 30 days on electronic monitor device with 58 days held in abeyance, 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,685 in fines and costs.

Gregory Michael Wehh, 36, Boyne City. Retail fraud third degree. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit for 17 days, to serve 43 days in jail with 33 days held in abeyance; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $518.04 in fines and costs.

Ricky Allan Byard, 42, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with a credit for three days, to serve 20 days in jail with 50 days held in abeyance, 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,015 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

John Paul Vandenbrook Sr., 39, East Jordan. Attempted police officer assault/resist/obstruct, weapons/firearms possession under the influence. Serve 273 days in jail with a credit of 213 days, to serve 273 days in jail; $135 in fines and costs.

Myron Randall McIntire, 19, Charlevoix. Probation violation breaking and entering a building with intent, attempted sex offender failure to register. Serve 270 days in jail with a credit of 180 days, to serve 270 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Robert Deever Hall, 24, Boyne City. Attempted larceny in a building. Serve 180 days in jail with a credit of 102, to serve 180 days in jail, must serve three years on probation; $10,810 in fines and costs.

Archie William Graham, 25, East Jordan. Attempted unlawful driving away a motor vehicle. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 90 days in jail; must serve two years probation; $1,320 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Inland Seas School of Kayaking, 25860 Main Street, Beaver Island, by Ken Bruland

Engler's Creations, 04105 Sequanta Road, Charlevoix, by Yvonne Engler

Chrysler Construction Services, 811 Thompson Street, Boyne City, by Gary Micheal Chrysler Jr.

Bartlett Construction, 4274 M-66, East Jordan, by Jeremy Bartlett

Wright Way Professional Services, 307 West Lincoln Street, Charlevoix, by Brandon Wright

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Neil Alan Flower, 38, and Eva Jean Batteese, 48, both of Charlevoix

Scott Ross McKian, 40, and Vicki Lou Fuller, 31, both of Charlevoix

Thomas Allen Karlskin, 20, and Samantha Louise Daniels, 17, both of Boyne Falls

Jeffrey Lee Johnston, 38, and Heather Ann Gomez, 33, both of Boyne Falls

Terry Brent Donaldson, 60, of Central Lake and Nancy Sue Waring, 47, of Boyne City

Richard W. Lord, 25, and Bobbie Sue Goines, 22, both of East Jordan

Robert William Reiter, 27, and Tiffany Ruth Whitten, 21, both of Charlevoix

Christopher Dale Morse, 22, and Sarah Iris Rommel, 20, both of East Jordan

Jody C. Clapper, 35, and Sherri E. Slay, 36, both of Boyne City

Dirk Everett Martin, 51, and Jill Ann Harris-Beebe, 37, both of Boyne Falls

Brian Patrick Mullaney, 26 of Denver and Carissa Leigh Fershee, 30 of Charlevoix

Ryan Ward Hunter, 23, and Randi J. Delameter, 22, both of Charlevoix

Tracy Lee Roberts, 42, and Wendy Sue Evans, 28, both of East Jordan

Nickolas Le Moes, 20, of East Jordan and Rebekah Grace Redmer, 19, of Boyne City

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Michael P. Notorangelo vs. Chery L. Notorangelo

Randi Delameter vs. Richard Roberts

Joell A. Hosmer vs. Jeffrey Hosmer

Births

Julia Ann Drury, weighing 4 pounds 13 ounces was born to Jeff Drury and Dr. Jody Jones of Northville on July 6, 2005 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Her maternal grandparent is Joan Jones and the late Kenneth Jones of Indianapolis, Ind. Paternal grandparents are Condit and Elaine Drury of Charlevoix.

Alivia Ranee Rusiloski, weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces was born to Jodi Marie Rusilowski and Timothy Joseph Gasco of Boyne City on July 4, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Bingo and sailing offered in Venetian Games line-up

Over a dozen activities, all part of the Venetian Games calendar of events, have been scheduled throughout the week of Venetian Festival.

Some are competitive and some are more for vicarious participation but all offer a choice for "festival goers." Spectators will enjoy observing golf, swimming, basketball, tennis, soccer, volleyball and softball. Participants will have the opportunity to compete in these same events — you can dance, sail and even play bingo.

Charlevoix Senior Citizens will host Bingo in the Park, which will take place from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 in a huge tent in East Park overlooking Round Lake. Everyone is invited to attend, there will be a small charge for the bingo cards. The event is primarily designed for adults. Cash prizes and some merchant certificates will be awarded.

The committee is looking for a short list of "celebrity callers." Interested parties should contact the committee members Earl Mumm and Liz Meadows at (231) 547-5361.

The traditional Venetian Cup Sailing Regatta is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 and can be viewed along Lake Charlevoix. Those interested in entering should contact the Charlevoix Yacht Club at commodor e@charlevoixyachtclub.org for more details.

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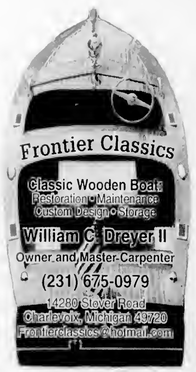

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Stupak, Papp offer little reassurance to residents

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told Stupak that when city council voted to hire a lobbyist to help work toward securing a Coast Guard vessel here, the members didn't mean to diminish Stupak's efforts.

"By hiring Bob Davis we weren't trying to go around you, we were just trying every possible avenue," Carlson said.

Stupak acknowledged that Davis is knowledgeable when it comes to lobbying for military assets. And, he reiterated his desire to help Charlevoix in any way he can.

Carlson said he thought Stupak sounded genuine in his pledge to work with Charlevoix to help get a replacement ship for the ACACIA.

"If we get it to the Great Lakes I think Charlevoix has a very good case to make for having her come here for a port," Carlson said.

Stupak also spoke about his work to stop sewage blending as well as drilling for oil and natural gas in the Great Lakes.

Later that afternoon, Rear Admiral R.J. Papp Jr., Ninth District Commander of the United States Coast Guard, spoke in Charlevoix about the possibility of a replacement ship for the ACACIA.

Papp said the name MORRO BAY has been used by some as an example of a ship which may at some point be reassigned, but there has been no indication it will be released to the Great Lakes.

"I'd like to steer clear of saying MORRO BAY," he said. "I'm just saying a presence is needed."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

R. J. Papp, Jr. District Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District of the United States Coast Guard in Cleveland, Ohio, speaks to a group Friday about local concerns surrounding the possible replacement of the Cutter ACACIA.

Papp said, there is no timeline for a ship to be released to this region.

"It would be unfair for me to characterize any optimism on my part that we will get a ship on the Great Lakes," he said. "Even if I got another ship, there is no guarantee the ship would come to Charlevoix."

"My primary job as District Commander is to allocate assets on the Great Lakes," Papp said. "When I look at available assets I am confident we can carry out our missions."

Carlson said the meeting with Papp was meant to clarify the situation and make sure everyone is on the same page.

"I know he (Papp) requested that a cutter be sent to the Great Lakes and that decision is made by his boss," Carlson said. "If a cutter is secured to the Great Lakes then it will be his decision on where it goes."

He added, "Nothing has changed. We're going to use all the avenues we can."

City hall renovation over a year behind schedule

RENOVATION

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"Even though we look forward to our new facility, it's an improvement from where we were," he said.

Changes in leadership have not been limited to Petrie Construction. At city council's meeting July 5, council voted to reassign a $45,000 sound and audio contract to Blue Water Technologies, of Southfield.

Sound Media of Whitmore Lake, who held the contract before, went bankrupt.

This change cost the city almost $6,000.

While time is of the essence with the project, the city is also beginning to run into some problems with the side of the project that has been completed.

Last month, water poured from the ceilings in the second level new City Council Chambers. City Manager Mike Wiesner's office and the surrounding area and in the planning and zoning office.

Shull said water problems stemmed from two problems.

One, was the air handler on the roof of the building was not water tight and rain blew up under it.

The other issue was the pumps in the heating and air conditioning units had been installed backward because the flow diagram given to the installer, Ballard's Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration of Petoskey, was wrong. Because of improper installation, condensation filled up in the pan and overflowed.

Shull said stained ceiling tiles were the major damage from the water issue.

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Enough talk about conflict of interest, it's time to act

EDITORIAL

We've heard enough talk about conflict of interest policy in the city of Charlevoix and want to see city council enact a policy after the July 18 public hearing.

In the interest of fairness, the fact that Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner handed out multiple contracts for up to $10,000 each to city council members in the past should be seen for what it is, an honest mistake — especially when you understand that he was acting in accordance with the city code.

However, now that it has been determined that doing so is in violation of state law, Charlevoix City Council needs to make things right.

In the 1960s, Michigan's Attorney General said local government purchases and contracts may not be shared with city officials without prior approval by city council.

This opinion was written after Charlevoix adopted it's code as it pertains to this matter, but it is still the law.

However, according to state guidelines, cities with populations less than 25,000 may make exceptions to the rule.

Therein lies the quandary — not all city council members seem to agree on what that exception should be, if any. Some have said placing a restriction as low as $150 while others feel as much as $1,500 may be needed.

Far be it for us to say what that cap is.

City council, above all others, should know what will best serve this community.

What we are saying is end the wishy-washy handwringing. The reason city council is the city council is to avoid this kind of indecisive tug-of-war politicking which typically bogs larger political bodies down.

Have some self-confidence, the taxpayers voted you in for a reason.

The amount upon which you decide, no matter how large or small will neither fix every problem nor open the floodgates of impropriety.

Resolve this matter immediately by initiating an ordinance with a reasonable cap on the dollar amount of contracts to be awarded and move on with other, more pressing business.

Remember, you're not going to make everyone happy, trust us on this one.

The longer they debate the issue, the more it will cost the city, not only in attorney's fees, but in possible fines if the State of Michigan were to realize what has occurred.

So far the city has spent $2,898 so city attorney Jim Young can mull over the details.

Before the city spends another substantial chunk of public funds hemming and hawing over this issue remember, $3,000 could pay for a fine community picnic to celebrate Charlevoix's 100th year as a city or it could even cover some of the minor repairs of which this debate is about.

Charlevoix's past as a tourist destination explored at exhibit

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Ahhh, summer in Charlevoix. The food is abundant and good, the weather is fine, there is a lot of water all around, and in general, the living is easy.

None of that is a surprise to any visitor. What may be less known is that this beautiful spot has been a summer haven for more than 4,000 years. An exhibit sponsored by the Charlevoix Historical Society at the Depot Museum, located at 307 Chicago Ave., tells some of the story of the prehistoric fair weather visitors to these shores. The exhibit is open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays through July and August.

In 1971 and 1972, after the Beach Hotel was razed and before LaCroft condominiums were constructed, a team of archeologists from Michigan State University, led by Dr. Charles E. Cleland, excavated a portion of an ancient village site at that location. Although less than 10 percent of the village site was completely excavated, more than 20,000 artifacts were retrieved and are now catalogued and stored at the Michigan State Museum. The study of those artifacts by Dr. Margaret Holman revealed a good bit about the summer activities of our earliest visitors.

We know this site was not occupied year-round, because we find food residues (bones, feathers, plant parts, etc.) that point to spring and summer. The site was occupied by families, because we find evidence of children, men and women. The site was occupied for enough years to leave layers of discarded stone chips from the making of spear and arrow points, hide scrapers, knives and other tools, along with hundreds of pottery shards. At various times from 4,000 to about 500 years ago, there may have been as many as 200 people occupying this summer village. On most weekends, there are probably not that many people in the condominiums at the same location.

The exhibit is titled "Ancient Charlevoix: Life Before the Written Word." And consists of actual artifacts on loan from the Michigan State University Museum, some fine art work by Jan Glass, the curatorial expertise of Karen Lewis and the Direction of Dr. Cleland who is currently an area resident.

The evidence of thousands of years of human habitation right beneath our feet provides a fine balance for our usual primary concern with the here and now.

The excavation was sponsored in large part by the donations of the present people of Charlevoix, which should be a particular point of pride, since such local sponsorship is rare.

While enjoying your time in Charlevoix, don't miss the opportunity to see what summer was like here hundreds or thousands of years ago.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted at (231) 547-6558, or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

English as official language

Editor:

There are times in a nation's history when the people must speak out against injustices or injuries to their nation and demand that their elected officials act for the good of the country.

This is one of those times. I ask you, "Should we amend the Constitution to establish English as our nation's official language?"

Government-mandated multilingualism is destroying our way of life in America by encouraging immigrants not to learn our language or assimilate into our society. There are 322 languages spoken in America today. And according to the 2000 U.S. Census, 21.3 million Americans speak limited English, an alarming 52 percent increase since 1990.

Former President Clinton's Executive Order 13166 is a massive multilingualism mandate requiring the use of Spanish and other foreign languages on election ballots, citizenship tests, Social Security and tax forms, and other programs and services.

For years, immigrants gladly learned English in order to assimilate into our society. This was the American "Melting Pot," which has held our nation together since our founding. But for over a decade, our government has caved in to powerful multilingual interests who believe we must cater to immigrants in their native language. And with immigration at record levels and no end in sight, the politicians appear to be more concerned about losing the so-called "politically correct" and "immigrant" votes than they are about preserving our national unity and American identity. The government is spending $3.2 billion annually in taxpayer money for official multilingualism programs and services that discourage immigrants from learning English.

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As a result, we see more isolated foreign-language communities that are not part of the "American family" or fully participating in the democratic process. And as history clearly shows, beginning with the Tower of Babel, that without a common language, our communities and our nation will be torn apart. As you may know, 82 percent of Americans believe English should be our nation's official language.

But all too many people are sitting on the sidelines. We as citizens have a stake in America's future — an obligation to leave a better America behind for our children. That is why I firmly believe, as do most Americans, that we need the "muscle," the "reach," and the "might" of a constitutional amendment to preserve English as the single, official language of America forevermore.

So I encourage you to write, call, fax, or e-mail your representative in Washington and let your voice be heard. You and I can only make a difference if we speak out. May God Bless America.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

Craft show traffic terror

Editor:

Craft show, great, traffic control, terrible.

Trying to make a left had turn from Clinton to Bridge Street is like the biggest obstacle course ever to encounter. People walking slowly against the light, drivers blocking the intersection because they drive through the yellow light creates havoc of which one ever witnessed.

This humble person was fourth in line to make a left hand turn, but had to wait for three light changes before the feat was accomplished.

It surely would have helped the traffic flow move more swiftly if there had been one of our town's finest policemen directing traffic.

Enough said.

Rita Orlowski
Charlevoix

Performing arts benefit at Ferry Beach on July 16

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 16, at the Ferry Beach basketball court pavilion, there will be a garage sale with all proceeds benefiting the Charlevoix High School 2005-2006 theater and forensic competition season.

Items for sale include games, toys, home decor and sports equipment. Donations for the sale are being accepted between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., no clothing please.

Items not sold or picked up by 6 p.m. will be donated to Goodwill. Monetary donations will also be accepted.

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Sheriff's office responds to break-in and accidents

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office had a busy three-day stretch responding to incidents that include a breaking and entering on Beaver Island and two accidents on the mainland, one of which involved children.

On Saturday, July 2 there was a one vehicle personal injury accident on Maple Grove and Church roads in Hayes Township.

A 1997 Ford F-250 was being driven by Valerie Mae Reiter, 22, of Charlevoix, her passengers were Jessica Lynn Skop, 21, of Charlevoix, and James Hill, 25.

Reiter lost control after going through a stop sign striking a large tree. The vehicle was damaged severely with Reiter and Skope being transported by personal vehicle to Charlevoix Area Hospital. Hill left the area and did not seek treatment.

The driver was issued citations for careless driving and driving while her drivers license had expired.

The Sheriff's office is also investigating a crash between two all terrain vehicles near a residence on Mountain Road in Eveline Township.

The crash took place at approximately 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 3.

Thomas G. McKenna, 8, of Howell was operating a 70cc Eaton all terrain vehicle when he collided with a 80cc Suzuki all terrain vehicle driven by Zach Dufty, 12, of Caseville. McKenna was transported by private vehicle to Charlevoix Area Hospital for treatment of his injuries, which included a fractured femur. He was subsequently transferred to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Michigan law prohibits a person less than 10 years of age from operating a 4-wheel all terrain vehicle.

On July 5, Frederick Alexander Wiser Jr. was found in the kitchen of the Shamrock Bar on Beaver Island.

Wiser was caught by bartenders John Matela and Jeremy Morgan.

Wiser was held by Matela, Morgan and bar owner Eric Hodgson until the arrival of Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Deputy Campbell.

The incident occurred at approximately 3:15 a.m. and Wiser was taken into custody at 3:28 a.m.

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CHAIR-ity auction will feature doll house

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

A recent undertaking of a Charlevoix summer resident validates the importance of an artist's attention to detail.

Anne Roby, 47, donated her Four Seasons Fairy Cottage — a handmade, two-story doll house nearly 4 feet high, — to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix's 3rd Annual Take A Seat CHAIR-ity Auction.

Three Toadstool Lane, which took about two years to complete, features the kind of intricate detail only achieved with patience and creative energy: beds are made of twigs and fashioned with hand-sewn comforters; armoires, tabletops, and chairs are carefully painted; hand-drawn pictures are fastened in frames; dishes are stored in cupboards; books with delicately printed titles are shelved; shell fixtures accentuate the bathroom; clothing hangs on pin-sized hangers; tiny letters are stacked in the mailbox; floorboards are laid with stir straws; and an Earl Young-inspired chimney has even been erected.

Roby trawled for the doll house's decorations in flea markets, craft and antique stores, and consignment shops. Many accessories, however, were at Roby's immediate disposal — leftover scraps from previous creations, including squares of cloth, served multiple purposes.

"I just enjoy doing it, especially if it's for a good cause," said Roby, who earned a bachelor's degree in art history from the University of Madrid in Spain. "I have patience for these little details."

The four seasons are expressed on the doll house's three exterior walls with subtle landscapes painted by Roby. Inside the intricate structure sits a mother fairy and her young daughter, wings fastened to the backs of both.

"My brother-in-law found it (the doll-house) at a garage sale," said Roby, whose primary residence is in Bloomfield Hills with her husband, Steven, an immigration lawyer. "It was in pretty bad shape. I was so happy when he gave it to me."

Roby's original intention was to donate the finished piece to charity. Her Auld Street neighbor, Joyce Herbert, publicity chairwoman for the CHAIR-ity Auction, made that goal easily attainable.

"I would like to prepare people that this (doll house) will be available," said Herbert, adding that the church's event has never featured an item quite so distinct.

Roby is the mother of three artists — Natalie, Christopher and Anthony. She was born in Manila, Philippines, and moved to Spain with her family at age 11. She and her husband, who have been married for almost 24-years, met in The Netherlands while he was studying law abroad and she was traveling.

When Roby isn't working as a legal assistant with her husband's firm, Roby Law Associates, she may be found working on watercolor or oil paintings, or collecting artifacts for use in her third doll house endeavor — a beachfront property

Photo by Nicole Graziano

The CHAIR-ity Auction will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. For more information call (231) 547-9122. The doll house pictured above was made by Anne Roby of Charlevoix and will be part of the auction.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Ferris State University Honors List

Officials from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, announced the receipt of Academic Honors by Charlevoix students for the winter 2005 semester, which ended in May. To be eligible for Academic Honors, a student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average or better. Charlevoix recipients are Nicholas L. Martinchek, Vanessa E. Payne and Jennifer L. Scharenbroch.

Ferris State University graduates

The following Charlevoix students graduated from Ferris State University in Big Rapids during the winter semester that ended in May. Michael-Patrick graduated Cum Laude earning a Certificate in Sport, Spa and Entertainment Services. His grade point average was between 3.5 and 3.74. Jennifer L. Scharenbroch earned her Associate in Applied Science for Dental Hygiene.

Catholic Scholarship Award

Sonya May Plude, the daughter of Ken and Mary Plude, of Charlevoix recently received a $1,000 scholarship and award from the Catholic Diocese of Gaylord. She will attend Michigan State University in East Lansing, this fall.

Alma College graduate

Alma College announced the April 23, 2005 graduation of Charlevoix student Shannon Nystrom. Nystrom, the daughter of Jim and Diane Nystrom of Charlevoix, earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and theater and dance.

Northwood University graduate

Michelle E. Martin, the daughter of Taylor and Frances Martin, of Charlevoix, recently received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Northwood University in Midland.

Boating scholarship

The Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation, administered by the Michigan Boating Industries Association, announced Kelly Ward, of Charlevoix, will receive a $1,500 scholarship.

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Anniversary

Doug and Lorrie Way

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Way of Charlevoix will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 30, at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church. The party will be hosted by their children.

Doug Way and Lorrie Essenberg were married July 30, 1955, at the bride's home in Atwood by the Rev. Robert Way.

After they were first married, Doug worked with Pemberton Sales and Service then for the bottle gas business before going on to be a Standard Oil distributor. He now works at Way Transportation with his three sons. He also serves on the Great Lakes Energy board and the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

Prior to her retirement, Lorrie worked as a nurse's aide and unit clerk for Charlevoix Area Hospital for 45 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Way have four children; Denny (Jeanne) Way of Charlevoix, Juli (Gary) Fryczynski of Petoskey, Scott (Angie) Way of Charlevoix, and DJ (Kris) Way of Charlevoix. The Ways also have 18 grandchildren.

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Obituraries

Lori Henderson: April 19, 1939 - July 4, 2005

Lori Lee Henderson, 66, of Charlevoix, died Monday, July 4, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A memorial service took place at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 9, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Chip Sauer and the Rev. Larry Grooters officiated.

Lori was born April 19, 1939, in Detroit. She moved to Charlevoix in 1979, where she owned and operated the Fireside Restaurant until 1984. Lori was a court transcriber and probation officer for Charlevoix County, retiring in 2000. She was an active member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, where she played piano and sang in the choir.

She is survived by her sons, Howard (Gayle) Henderson of Kansas, Kevin (Amy) Henderson of Fife Lake, and Michael Henderson of Greenfield, Ind.; grandchildren, Jamie and Nichole; sister, Brenda Henau of Londell, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her son Jamie in 1979, and her parents, Milton E. and Lucile G (Nott) Sutter. Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Kevin Swadling: July 18, 1967 - July 4, 2005

Kevin R. Swadling, 37, of Charlevoix, passed away on July 4, 2005.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 8, at the Greensky Hill Indian Mission United Methodist Church in Charlevoix, with the Rev Timothy B. Wright officiating.

Kevin was born July 18, 1967, the son of Frank and Betty (Clark) Swadling in Petoskey. He graduated from Petoskey High School in 1985 and served in the U.S. Army from 1985–1987 and then attended North Central Michigan College for two years.

In 2000, he married Renee L. Bodá, in Charlevoix.

Kevin was self-employed and owned Complete Services Maintenance and Construction. He loved horses, animals, fishing, and hunting with his children.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Renee L. Swadling, of Charlevoix; three children, Jayme R. Bixby of Bellaire, Casey J. Swadling of Charlevoix, and Nicole Swadling of Charlevoix; dad, Franklin "Joe" Swadling, of Boyne City; mother, Betty J. Myers, of Petoskey; one sister, Brenda J. and husband, Richard Lightfoot of Harbor Springs; three brothers, Scott and wife, Shonny, of Charlevoix, Tim Myers of Petoskey, and Brad Myers of Petoskey; step-grandmother, Marian Swadling, of Petoskey; and two stepsisters, Melinda Watros of Petoskey and Mechelle Watros of Port Huron; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Kevin was preceded in death by brother, Daniel Swadling; grandparents, Joe and wife, Peggy Petrowski, Homer Swadling, and Hersel and Marguerite Clark.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family.

A benefit dinner will be held for the family on Friday, Aug. 5, at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center. Tickets for this will be available at the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce.

The family is being cared for by Charles G. Parks Funeral Home in Petoskey.

Rev. James Gunn set to move to Massachusetts

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The Rev. E. James Gunn presided over his final Sunday service at Charlevoix's Christ Episcopal Church on July 10.

Rev. James Gunn

Gunn, 62, and his wife of 41 years, Jan, have decided to move to Fitchburg, Mass. — located 50 miles west of Boston and about 15 miles south of New Hampshire — where their son, Joel, currently lives.

"The area puts us much closer to family than we are here," said Gunn, a resident of Bay Shore. "The closest child to us is 700 miles away."

Gunn is the father of four children — Lori, Randy, Joel and Jon — and eight grandchildren.

His long-term replacement has yet to be decided by the church, said Gunn, who celebrated the twenty-sixth anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood last December.

An official at Christ Episcopal Church since November 1999, Gunn negated any rumor that he is officially retiring. Rather, his age has allowed him the privilege to begin drawing on a pension. Secondly, he and his wife plan to initiate a healing ministry in Fitchburg — which is one of their main focal points in Charlevoix.

"August 1999 was the first time we set foot in Michigan," he said. "It was beautiful. Then we learned the meaning of lake-effect snow."

During Gunn's time at Christ Episcopal Church, an association was formed between the parish and the Tree of Life Healing Prayer Ministry in Traverse City. He also conducted Praise and Prayer services on infrequent Sunday afternoons at the church for the past seven months.

"An important part of Gunn's ministry was the development and growth in the healing ministry," said Dorothy Miller, senior warden of the vestry at Christ Episcopal Church. "The two ministries — healing and prayer — are living legends. We will continue to be a vital part of them."

In the Charlevoix area, Gunn served as a member of the Charlevoix Ministerial Association; leader of community worship services; chaplain of the local American Legion chapter; member of the PA226 Committee, which oversees sex education curriculum for the Charlevoix School District; and facilitator of weekly communion services at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Also in the parish, Gunn conducted annual "bible challenges" — a public invitation to read the entire sacred text with him in one year's time.

"He preached a heightened emphasis on the importance of the holy scripture," said Miller, who has been a member of the parish for 35 years. She added that Gunn originated the Order of St. Luke — a healing group.

Gunn spent two years on the board of directors for Charlevoix and Emmet counties' Habitat for Humanity, during which time he assisted in the construction of homes in East Jordan and Petoskey.

A native of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Gunn earned a Bachelor of Science from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a Master of Divinity from the Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, British Columbia.

He will lead his final weekday service at Christ Episcopal Church today at 12:15 p.m. He and his wife have planned to begin their journey east on July 15.

"It's a new adventure," Gunn said of his decision to leave Charlevoix. "I will miss the many faces of Lake Michigan."

Miller said that while the church seeks a replacement for Gunn, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated by visiting priests. During the summer, the church will conduct one service at 9 a.m. Sundays at Christ Episcopal Church located at the corner of Clinton and State streets.

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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11906 US-31 North
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
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Pastor:
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Church Office 547-6322

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Helen Coon first opened Charly's Restaurant, at the bridge in Charlevoix, in 1997. Helen and Tim sold Charly's in 2000 for a variety of reasons.....but are back, and Charly's is looking (and tasting) better than ever. For reservations call 547-1700.

Cherry Jubilee at Friske's July 15 & 16

Come join in the fun for the whole family. There will be cherry sampling, lunch specials, u-pick cherries, cherry demonstrations, prizes and a drawing. Located ten miles south on U.S. 31 Call 231-599-2604 for more information.

Raven Hill having an Ancient Cultures Fundraiser July 16

This year Ancient Cultures will focus on families. Guests can sample foods, view ancient artifacts, participate in sports and games of the times, make and take ancient arts and crafts, even visit a pyramid in the Center's new outdoor exhibit "Discovering the Ancient World". Tickets are $30 per adult and $15 per child under 12. Family day tickets are available at a special cost of $80. Call 231/536-3369 for more information.

Cycling Salamander Demonstrations on Aug. 13

Gallery artists will be demonstrating printmaking on August 13 from 1pm to 4pm at Cycling Salamander, 02217 US 31 South. Call 547-2333 for further details.

Orchard Art, Craft, & Antique Show at Friske Orchard August 5 & 6

Vendors are coming from throughout Michigan. See the latest in trendy clothing, floral arrangements, candles, jewelry, baked goods, home & garden décor, collectibles, and much more. Lunch served in the Orchard Café. Event hours are 10:00 am – 6:00 pm Friday and Saturday.

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Jul	14	11th Annuol Golf Tournament Lions Club 547-5117
Jul	15-16	Cherry Jubilee at Friske's 599-2604
Jul	16	Charlevoix Home Tour 675-3925
Jul	16	Street Legends Classic Car Show Downtown 547-9013
Jul	17	Street Legends Classic Car Show at Castle Forms 237-0884
Jul	17-23	75th Annuol Venetian Festival 547-3872
Jul	19	Country Kick-off at the Castle 237-0884
Jul	22	Historical Society Potluck at Depot Beach 547-0373
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Jul	23-24	Antique Show Castle Farms 237-0884
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Jul	27	Chairity Auction First Congregational Church 547-9122
Jul	28	Annuol Sunset Cruise – Historical Society 547-0373
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Aug	5-6	Craft Show Friske's 599-2604
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City council approves two fireworks permits for Venetian

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Hope is still alive for two nights of Venetian Festival fireworks.

At the City Council meeting July 5, council approved a permit for two fireworks displays. One for Friday night, July 22 over Lake Charlevoix, and stadium fireworks for July 23, over Round Lake.

After reviewing the permit request and display details, City of Charlevoix Fire Chief, Paul Ivan, told council, "Ours are about as safe as I've ever seen."

He said the state mandated setback for the displays is exceeded during both shows.

At the Friday night show over Lake Charlevoix, master pyrotechnicians Frank Loffredo, Jr. and Ron Greco, along with their assistant, Larry Trott, may fire off 875 different fireworks ranging in size from 4 inches to a foot.

The next night, the three will put on a stadium show over Round Lake. At this show, onlookers will enjoy just over 500 different fireworks.

This permit request perked the ears of citizens who thought all hope was lost for the renowned Friday night show.

In the fall, Dan Barron, President of Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc., announced that the Friday night show was off due to a lack of funding.

The show generally costs about $80,000. But the Festival board is $20,000 in debt to Colonial Fireworks Co. so the grand total this year is $100,000

Since the announeement, the board has aggressively pursued ways to reinstate the show including planning fund-raisers like the upcoming Rayder Rumble II and the Country Kick-off at Castle Farms.

Barron said business and community donors have also come out of the woodwork to show their support for the big fireworks show.

"At this point it's encouraging, many are doubling the amount they've donated in the past," he said. "But the show is still contingent upon having sufficient revenue."

The board will make its decision about the show by July 14.

Official Notice

City of Charlevoix
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 5, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman Carlson presiding. All Council members were present with the exceptions of Council-member Haggard.

The following proceedings took place:

- A Public Hearing was held on the site condominium amendment to Sections 5.171 and 5.172 of Article V, Chapter 51, of the City Code. No action was taken.
- Motion adopted to approve the agreement with Charlevoix Area Community Pool.
- Motion adopted to approve the support St. Mary School in their request for a 2% match grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion adopted to approve the dispersal of funds budgeted for the Venetian Festival.
- Motion adopted to approve the application for fireworks permit for Venetian Festival Inc.
- Motion adopted to authorize execution of a hold harmless agreement for the fireworks displays.
- Motion adopted to set a Public Hearing for July 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. on DDA Amendment #5.
- Motion adopted to approve the assignment of the original audio visual contract for City Hall to Bluewater Technologies. The original contractor has filed for bankruptcy.
- Motion adopted to set a Public Hearing for July 18, 2005 at 7.00 p.m. on an ordinance changing section 1.57 of Title 1, Chapter 1 of the Charlevoix City Code (conflict of interest ordinance).
- Motion adopted to set a Public Hearing August 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. on an ordinance amending sections 5.5, 5.7, 5.65, 5.82, 5.103, and 5.214 of Chapter 51, Title V of the Charlevoix City Code (assisted living ordinance).
- Resolution 2005-07-01 adopted, franchise agreement with Chapter Communications.

Council adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Boyne City-Charlevoix Road work pushed back to mid-September

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

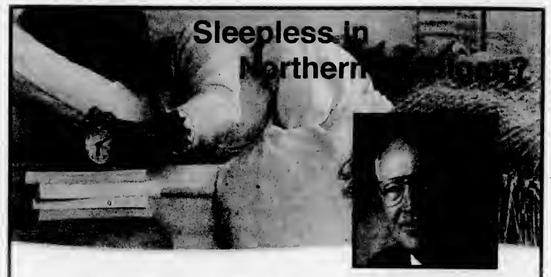
Proposed construction on Boyne City Road in Charlevoix Township scheduled for July was postponed recently for considerations of public safety and the local economy.

A letter written by Charlevoix Township Board Supervisor, H. Dale Glass, presented at the July 11 Charlevoix Township Board meeting, revealed the change in the roadwork schedule.

Construction will not begin on the portion of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road near U.S. 31 until the second week in September, Glass said in the letter.

He added, there has been no resolution on the proposed emergency access through the Bergmann property as of yet.

The section of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road which intersects with U.S. 31 will have improved drainage, new tile and ditch work and it will be wider with dedicated left turn lanes to Charlevoix and a right turn lane toward Petoskey to help the flow of traffic.



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Street Legends car show at Castle this weekend

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The number 13 may carry a negative reputation, but for owners and lovers of classic cars, the 13th Annual Street Legends Cruise Night and Car Show, it means another year of cars, cruising and fun.

"The draw will be the old cars, the Castle, good food, probably oldies playing over the PA, games, raffles — this is for all ages," said Tom Eggers, president of the Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix.

At 4:30 p.m. on July, 16 in the Kmart parking lot, hundreds of cars will line up for the annual car cruise around Lake Charlevoix.

"For 13 years we've been putting on a car show and each year it seems to get a little better and a little bigger," Tom Eggers said. "Anybody can cruise on cruise night," he said. "If they want to get into their daily driver and drive around the lake they are welcome."

Many different makes and models of cars will end their cruise around the lake by parking in East Park to enjoy the music of Dominic and The Breakers from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Eggers said, aside from the music in East Park, there will be various raffles and a trophy will be given for the best car of cruise night.

Following Saturday night's car cruise is the annual car show held on Sunday.

According to Eggers, the club used to host the car show at Shanahan field, but will use the facilities and show grounds for the second year in a row at Castle Farms.

"I just can't say enough good things about the folks at the Castle," he said.

Eggers added, "The best part about being at the castle is the facilities and the whole atmosphere."

According to Eggers, the Castle and the car show are a perfect match because they are both about restoring things back to their original beauty.

The car show lasts from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with registration for participants from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preregistration can be completed anytime before Sunday by filling out the form on the flyer or calling Eggers at (231) 547-1327.

Entry fee is $12 for pre-registration and $15 at the door.

Eggers said the grand prize drawing will be held after the awards are given out.

"We are offering up a $1,000 grand prize, which is double last year," Eggers said. "All proceeds go to charities picked by our car club."

Some of the charities benefiting from the car show are the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Charlevoix High School Scholarship Fund, Benevolence Fund, Hospice of Northwest Michigan and the Humane Society.

Also on Sunday there will be several raffles including the Woodies Car Race 50/50 raffle and the Camp Quality Auction with proceeds to benefit Camp Quality.

The car club has donated $46,000 to the community over the last 12 years.

He added, "We do have a model car contest where kids bring a model that they built and want to show and we have three different age groups that a person could win a trophy in."

At approximately 3 p.m. on Sunday the trophies will be given for the best cars in the show. And since he expects even more cars than last year, it may make for a difficult decision.

"We had 165 cars last year and we are shooting for 250 this year," Eggers said. "And if it's more than that, that's fine, the more the merrier."

The first 200 cars through the gate will receive a goodie bag, he said.

Despite the fact that some car shows around the state are dropping in attendance, the Street Legends car show continues to grow.

According to Eggers, Castle Farms installed blacktop on their parking areas which will nullify the problems with dust from the year before.

"We all love to goof around fixing up and driving cars. There is a camaraderie with the people we hang out with."

As one of the show's founders, Eggers owns a 1963 Chevy Shortbox Pickup truck, which will be in the show.

Anyone may enter the car show so there will be cars, trucks and even motorcycles competing in 36 classifications for high honors.

In addition to the festivities, Oldies 107.5, 107.9 will be broadcasting from the location.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(From left) Tim, Kayla and Treasure Eggers; Judith and Don Schneider; Judy and Ron Zedwick, all members of Street Legends Classic Car Club hang out near a 1932 Ford Roadster which will appear in the Car Cruise as well as the car show this weekend.

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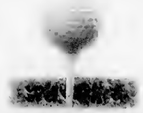
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Military award

Newly appointed Fourth Zone Commander of the American Legion, Bob Drebenstedt, presents an award from the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) to Sergeant E5 R. Troy Drebenstedt II who is the Department of Michigan Advisor for the SAL. Troy received the award for promoting the principles of the SAL. Troy recently returned to Charlevoix following a tour of duty in Iraq.

The Beaver Island theater group presents play about King Strang

To some, Jesse James Strang was a tyrant, to others a saint.

Whatever history might say about the self-proclaimed "King" Strang, who ruled during the Mormon era on Beaver Island, the man himself is a fascinating character — as were his five Mormon wives.

July 12 is the debut of an original play about Strang and his wives, written by Anne-Marie Oomen, Interlochen's Creative Writing Chair, and produced by Beaver Island's professional acting company, Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre, in association with the Island's Historical Society.

Director Brian Porter describes the play, "Wives of an American King," as, "less a historical drama and more a dynamic journey into the manipulation, blind faith, and sexual proclivities these women endured as they one by one succumbed to the many charms and betrayals of their beloved husband."

Tickets for the show are $15 for adults and $9 with a student ID from July 12-July 20. After that prices are $20 for adults and $12 for students. "Wives" is being performed at Holy Cross Hall, with an 8 p.m. curtain.

The show will run through Sept. 2. Call (231) 448-3188 for reservations.

Two other shows are also being performed by the theater group during their inaugural season. "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," is currently the longest running off-Broadway show. Song and dance routines explore the sometimes poignant, sometimes hilarious world of romance and relationships between the sexes. The show is on now and will run through Sept. 28. This show contains some adult language and situations.

On Aug. 19, "Steel Magnolias" will debut, with yet another professional actress, Mandy Lane, joining the resident acting company. The play, which involves the bonds of friendship between six southern women, will run through Sept. 18.

For specific show dates and times, visit the theater group's Web site at www.eirtheatre.org.

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Charlevoix man killed in car accident

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

On Friday afternoon Kevin Swadling's signature charcoal gray pick-up truck was parked in front of the grounds at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church.

Kevin Swadling

Written on the truck windows were the words of his children and wife, "I love you Kevin," and, "We miss you dad."

Swadling, 37, who lived off Burgess Road in Charlevoix's Hayes Township, was killed in a single motor vehicle traffic crash at 12:42 a.m. July 4, just two weeks before his birthday.

He was driving a 1995 Dodge Viper convertible. The crash occurred on Resort Pike Road near Sterzik Road in Petoskey's Resort Township.

According to Emmet County Sheriff, Pete Wallin, the cause of the accident is unknown and an investigation is underway.

His front seat passenger, Ronald Earl Cansky, Jr., 36, of Petoskey, was injured and transported to Northern Michigan Hospital where he was treated and released.

Both men were wearing seat belts.

According to his brother in-law, Rick Boda, who spoke at the July 8 memorial service for Swadling at Greensky Hill, Swadling's ultimate fate was his greatest fear — dying before having an opportunity to watch his children grow up.

Swadling was the proud father of Nicole, 7, Casey, 9, and Jayme, 16.

His wife, Renee Swadling, who he married June 10, 2000, described him as a loving father, a devoted husband and a steadfast friend.

His neighbor, Sue Chapman said, "I keep thinking I need to call Kevin. He was a good neighbor — he always made himself available to help out."

When Kevin wasn't working or lending a friend a hand, you could find him outside hunting everything from mushrooms to fish to deer.

According to Boda, it wasn't the thrill of the hunt he was after, it was the rush he got in connecting with nature.

His connection with wildlife was evidenced by his relationship with his herd of 10 horses. He could often be seen in a long, weathered leather trench coat and matching cowboy hat in a rolling field near his home, training and working with adult horses as well as colts.

At the memorial service last week Rev. Timothy B. Wright said Renee thought of him as a horse whisperer.

Renee said the strength of his spirit has helped her in his death.

"I can feel him with me," she said.

A group of over 100 people gathered at the memorial service to commemorate his strength of character and to say good-bye to him. A trumpeter played taps to close the ceremony in the exact same spot at Greensky where Kevin and Renee spoke their marriage vows five years ago.

A benefit dinner for the Swadling family will take place Friday, Aug. 5, at the Emmet County Fairgrounds-Community Center. Tickets for this will be available at the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident Kevin Swadling was killed in a car accident July 4. Above, he is pictured with one of his 10 horses. A benefit dinner for the Swadling family will take place Friday, Aug. 5, at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center.

Official Notice

City of Charlevoix
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman Carlson presiding. Council member Haggard was absent; all other members were present.

- Plaques of appreciation were presented to Karen Campbell, June Cross, Liz Gooch and Robert Irving.
- A report was given that sufficient valid signatures were received for the proposed initiative regarding East Park.
- Motion passed to award a contract for the Airport Fuel Management System was awarded to Avfuel Corporation of Ann Arbor in the amount of $10,500 for a self-serve credit card reader.
- Motion passed to hire Bob Davis in the amount of $18,000 to work towards the retention of a Coast Guard ship.
- Motion passed to hire Mr. Neihart at the rate of $55 per hour, not to exceed $850 to investigate the cause of the CCMS mishap.
- Resolution Number 2005-06-02, DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO APPLY FOR JULY 4, 2005 PARADE PERMIT AND VENETIAN PARADE PERMIT, was approved.

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Written comment will be received by email to heidl@nmsas.net or by mail through August 24, 2005 at:

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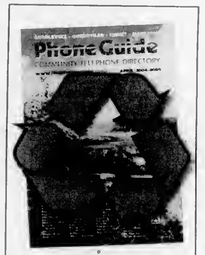
In addition, Public Hearings will be held on August 3, 2005 in the conference room of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street, Harrisville, Michigan from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and August 10, 2005 in the Rotary Room of the Mason County Library, 217 E. Ludington Avenue, Ludington, Michigan from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Individuals interested in attending the above meetings and require special services are asked to contact Heidi Serven at 989-732-1791 ext. 18, three days prior to the scheduled meetings. Driving directions are available upon request.

Federal and State funding has been provided to support the project costs.



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Interlochen to expand radio service to Charlevoix

There will soon be more music in the air of northern Michigan, when Interlochen Center for the Arts expands its popular classical music radio service to counties including Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Otsego and Mackinac.

Interlochen Public Radio's classical music station expects to begin broadcasting on 88.5 FM in Mackinaw City by mid-July.

The frequency, formerly WDQV, will become WIAB, adding a third IPR Music Radio frequency for listeners in northern Michigan. IPR Music Radio also broadcasts at 88.7 and 100.9 FM.

"At a time when other classical music stations are cutting back or closing, we are thrilled to offer this excellent music to more listeners than ever before," said Tom Paulson, Interlochen's vice president for media.

The Federal Communications Commission recently approved the transfer of the license to Interlochen. Service will begin as soon as technical modifications are complete, with a target of mid-July.

IPR Music Radio's addition of 88.5 FM in Mackinaw City strengthens the reach of this popular service to the region including Charlevoix, Petoskey, Gaylord, Cheboygan, and St. Ignace — areas that before were only marginally reached by Interlochen Public Radio.

IPR Music Radio is one of two radio services provided by Interlochen Public Radio, connecting northern Michigan with arts, news and culture on a global scale.

IPR also gives significant focus to local and regional news, information and artists, providing a trusted context for community discussion and showcasing the vitality and diversity of northern Michigan.

Among the programs that soon will be available to more listeners in Northern Michigan are opera, jazz piano, orchestra concerts and symphonies.

A complete program schedule can be found online at www.interlochen.org/ipr.

IPR Music Radio features local hosts for classical music from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, with newscasts from National Public Radio each half hour from 6 to 8:30 a.m. and 4 to 5:30 p.m., as well as every two hours throughout the day and evening.

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Charlevoix meter officer discovers stolen car

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A Charlevoix meter officer found a stolen vehicle worth about $20,000.

On Thursday, June 16, summer meter officer Jessica Halverson, 23, of Charlevoix, stumbled on a Ford pickup truck, stolen from the William's Chevrolet car lot in Traverse City. The vehicle was parked in the recreational vehicle (RV) parking lot at the Charlevoix Airport.

According to Halverson, when writing a ticket, she found the permit on the newer, tan colored truck expired on June 14, two days before she discovered it in the overflow parking lot at the airport.

"There was no plate on it and right there I figured they were trying to avoid dealing with the airport or really drawing the attention of the police," Halverson said.

It's not uncommon for the police to find abandoned vehicles in the airport parking lot, but Halverson said, they aren't usually in such good shape.

Being in an area generally reserved for larger vehicles or more commonly used when the other lots are full was also a sign something wasn't right.

"It didn't have a trailer and there was plenty of parking in front," she said.

"My first reaction was to do what I was told to do," Halverson said. "If there's no plate we run the VIN (Vehicle identification number located on each vehicle)."

Halverson took the identification number and a description of the auto to Charlevoix City Police Office Manager, Janine Warner, who entered the numbers into the Law Enforcement Information Network or L.E.I.N. and found the previous owner.

According to Warner, she notified the listed owner that his vehicle was to be impounded. The owner informed her that he had traded the vehicle for another at William's Chevrolet in Traverse City.

According to Jessica, she had no idea she'd found a stolen vehicle until after it was returned.

"I came back to the office the next week and Janine told me of the situation with the vehicle," she said.

Because traffic tickets tend to be an unpopular item to receive, Jessica said her job can be quite difficult at times.

"People don't generally appreciate the meter officer, so it's very nice to have something good come out of what I do everyday."

According to her father, City of Charlevoix Chief of Police, Dennis Halverson, upon investigation it was determined that the people at William's didn't even know the truck had been stolen.

"We recovered it before they even knew it was gone, which is pretty good police work," Dennis said.

Dennis said the truck couldn't have been at the airport very long before it was spotted.

"We routinely patrol that (RV lot) so it was in there less than a week," he said.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix meter officer Jessica Halverson (above) found a stolen vehicle worth about $20,000 at the Charlevoix Airport.

Dodgeball tournament to benefit Skatepark

There will be a dodgeball tournament on Saturday, July 16.

The first annual "Dodge-in-it Classic" will be held at Charlevoix Middle School.

All proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. building fund.

Registration will start at 9 a.m. with games beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Pre-registration participants will be $15 per player/$90 per team. Teams will consist of 6 players. Tournament Day registration will be $20 per player/ $120 per team. This fee includes a T-shirt.

For more information call Aaron Hagen at (231) 675-0518.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Monday, July 18, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State St., Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, to receive public input on DDA Amendment 5, an ordinance to adopt the Fifth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority which relocates the bandshell in the Downtown Development District and to add section 1.304 to Title 1, Chapter 7 of the City Code. This action is a result of the initiative action petition received, filed and presented to Council as sufficient on June 20, 2005.

A complete copy of the proposed Ordinance is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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Radyer Rumble II brings rivals to the court

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Feuds may come and go but the rivalry between the Petoskey Northmen and Charlevoix Rayders is one that will not soon be forgotten.

This year's Rayder Rumble II will showcase basketball players who attended Charlevoix and Petoskey schools from 1997 to present.

Rayder Rumble II, between the Petoskey Northmen and the Charlevoix Rayders is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Monday July 18 in the Charlevoix High School gymnasium.

"You are going to see some of the premier talent in northern Michigan playing against each other, really for the first time," said Rayder Rumble II Chairman and dedicated Charlevoix basketball fan, Mark Greyerbeihl.

As some northern Michigan residents prepare themselves for the game, they can look forward to rosters which include college record holders as well as some players who spent time in the pros.

According to Greyerbeihl, both Petoskey and Charlevoix teams have been good overall and have very competitive programs.

"It seems to me in the last six years that Charlevoix has kept up with Petoskey and Petoskey has had some great teams," he said.

He added that at the "Rumble" Petoskey's outside game is going to be tough to defend.

"If we can defend that, our game is going to be strong. And, if there are rebounds to be made, we're going to get them," he said.

Who is the best?

A question often asked and a question which may be answered at this years Rayder Rumble II.

Greyerbiehl said his amateur prognostication of the game is that Charlevoix will come out victorious.

According to David Meyer, a Petoskey resident and diehard Northmen fan, he isn't so sure this will be a cinch for Charlevoix.

"I don't know that there is any question Petoskey will beat Charlevoix," he said.

According to Meyer, the rivalry between Charlevoix and Petoskey sports teams has gone on forever.

"I'm 52 years old and when I graduated high school in the 1970s it (the rivalry) was a big event, who knows how far back it goes," he said.

He added, "To me it's not a matter of who wins or who loses, I think it will just be a fun event. And since we're sister communities this game will draw a big crowd."

Proceeds from the rumble go to help offset costs of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival.

The line-up of the Charlevoix Rayder All-star Alumni team coached by Keith Haske:

Ben Bergmann, three years varsity, All-conference, attending Saginaw Valley State University for football.

Rob Boss, two years varsity, All-conference, plays football at Northern Michigan University.

Bryce Daly, three years varsity, All-conference, honorable mention All-state.

Scott Friske, five years varsity, All-conference/All-state, attending Brown University.

Jared Hunt, five years varsity, All-conference/All-state, attending Ferris State University.

Jim Kanine, three years varsity, All-conference, played at Alma College.

Scott Parish, three years varsity, All-conference/All-state, played at Western Michigan University.

Jim Shepherd, three years varsity, All-conference/All-state, played at Wesleyan University.

Jeremiah Teuscher, two years varsity, All-conference.

Photo courtesy of The Petoskey News-Review

Charlevoix's own Scott Friske jockies for position with a Northmen player during Friske's high school career. Friske along with fellow Rayder stand-outs will face Trevor Huffman and John Flynn as well as others in Rayder Rumble II, July 18.

Nate Teuscher, three years varsity, All-conference/All-region.

Adam Wood, three years varsity, All-conference, played at Hope College, assists at Grand Valley State University.

The line-up of the Petoskey Northmen All-star Alumni team coached by Dennis Starkey:

Jason Brecheisen, two years All-conference, played at Olivet and Alpena Community College.

Lucas Brill, two years varsity.

John Flynn, four years varsity, All-conference/All-state, played four years at Grand Valley State University, one season in Sweden pro-ball.

Trevor Huffman, four years varsity, All-conference/All-state, four years at Kent State University, pro-ball in Europe, one season CBA.

Zach Jonker, three years varsity, All-conference.

Jordan Munson, two years varsity, All-conference, played at Grand Valley State University.

Brandon Munson, two years varsity, played at Northern Michigan University.

Anthony Wilhelm, three years varsity, All-conference.

Referees: Don Ulrich of Charlevoix, 30 years experience, Mark Lennemann of Petoskey, 22 years experience and Allen Hebden of Williamsburg, 17 years experience.

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Annual craft fair brought crowds to town

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

The 37th Annual Charlevoix Art & Craft Show took place July 9 and 10 in East Park. Hundreds attended the two-day event which included crafters from across the country. (Left) Cindy Hamilton of Sault Ste. Marie finds and buys a shiny treasure. (Right) Madeline Tietema, 2, and her mom, Antoinette, of Grand Rapids stop at a children's accessory booth where they bought a visor fit for a princess.

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Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State St., Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, to receive public input on a proposed conflict of the interest ordinance of the City Code. The ordinance would delete the current wording of Section 1.57 of the Charlevoix City Code and replace it with a provision that prohibits contracts by City Officials or City Employees with the City subject to certain exceptions.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, P.O. Box 550, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Police crack-down on safety belt law violators

Law enforcement officers in northern Michigan issued nearly 1,900 safety belt citations during the recent two-week Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket enforcement period.

Agencies across Michigan reported issuing fewer safety belt citations than in the May 2004 mobilization but cited more motorists for other traffic violations.

Statewide, safety belt citations fell by more than 3,000, from 34,812 in May 2004 to 31,665 in May 2005.

Officers wrote 13,581 of these citations in grant-funded safety belt enforcement zones. The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning administered federal traffic safety funds to agencies in 53 counties for the enforcement activity.

As part of the effort to make this the safest summer on record, officers set up safety belt enforcement zones between May 23 and June 5 to cite motorists who were not properly buckled. Of the 1,878 safety belt citations issued in northern Michigan, 110 were for children under 4 years old who were not properly buckled. Of the 1,878 safety belt citations issued in northern Michigan, 110 were for children under 4 years old who were not properly restrained in a child safety seat.

In northern Michigan, 58 agencies in Alcona, Alpena, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Oscecla, Otsego, Roscommon and Wexford counties reported their statistics to the office of highway safety.

"This safety belt enforcement initiative is a great start to what we hope will be Michigan's safest summer," said Michael L. Prince, office of highway safety division director. "By issuing citations, officers sent the message that safety belts are important - they save lives."

Officers in northern Michigan found more than safety belt offenders while conducting zones. They arrested 152 motorists for drunk driving, 68 individuals on other felony charges and 444 for misdemeanors. In addition, 2,603 speeding citations were issued.

The office of highway safety is providing federal funds for safety belt and drunk driving enforcement throughout the summer.

The goal is to reduce traffic fatalities by 13, an average of one person a week.

The summer enforcement will end with a You Drink and Drive, You Lose crackdown Aug. 19 - Sept. 5.

For a citation breakdown by county, visit www.michigan.gov/ohsp.

Entries sought in Jordan River Watershed photo contest

The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Inc. are sponsoring a Jordan River Watershed photo competition open to all photographers.

Photos must be taken within the watershed and may depict any aspect of the environment including plants, animals, scenery, activities and any season.

Photos may be film or digital prints size 8 x 10 taken by the entrant. A $5 entry fee and entry form must accompany each entry.

There is no entry limit. Entries must be received by Aug. 27, 2005.

Awards will be presented Sept. 17, 2005.

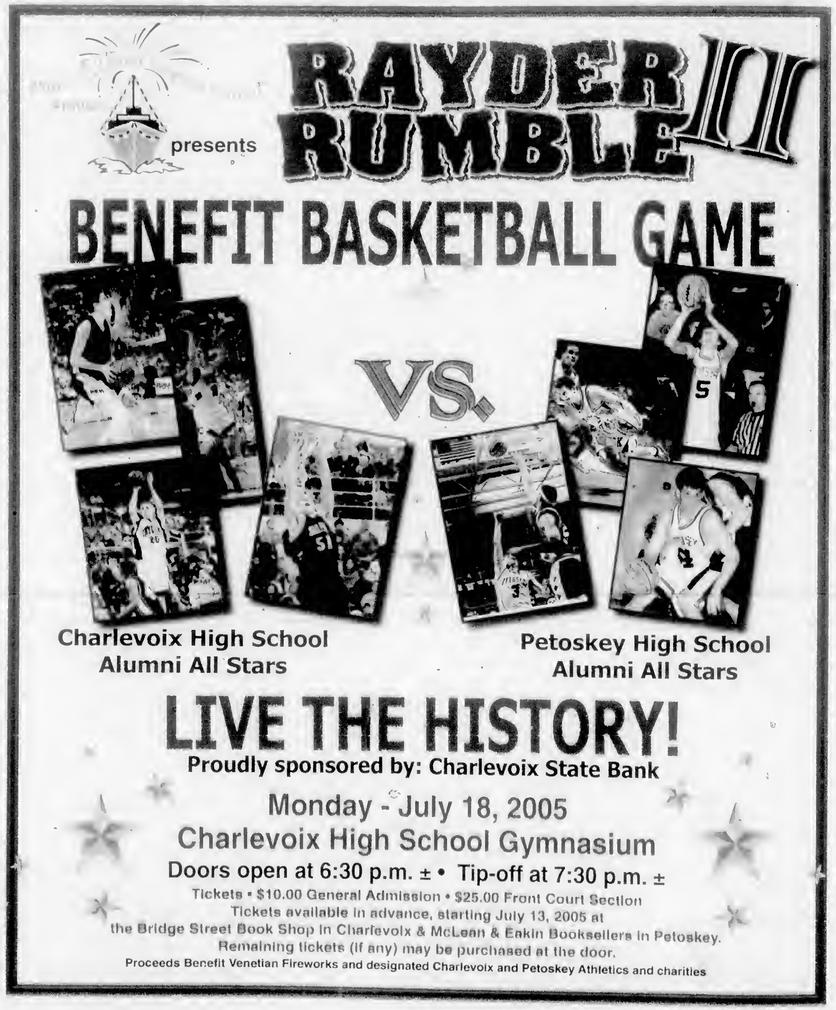
Photos will be on display at the Watershed Center where community members can view and vote for favorites.

The grand prize is $250. A $100 Charlevoix State Bank President's Choice Award will also be given.

Jordan Valley Animal Clinic Viewer's Choice Award of $100 and Youth Award of $100 will be presented.

Entry forms are on available at www.friendsofthejordan.org.

Proceeds support activities of The Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Inc.



Another sheep shearing season comes and goes

Editor's note: This story is the first in a monthly series highlighting successful farm operations in Charlevoix. Anne Kelly is the contributing writer who will explore these Charlevoix farms.

By ANNE KELLY
Special to the Courier

Around each bend in Charlevoix's country roads lies history and rural industry.

Tucked away in Marion Township is the Matchett farm where an industrious family recently prepared to shear their herd of sheep.

Tim Matchett and his family live on Barnard Road, just seven miles south of downtown Charlevoix. At a time when the agricultural society is almost an endangered species, Tim and Linda, are third generation farmers dedicated to farm work and family life.

Their four children, share their industry and enthusiasm. Isaac, 17, Mia, 16, Noah, 12 and Lilly Ann, 9, are all active participants and high achievers in school, who take pride in the family's sheep farm.

They all pitch in, helping with the many chores involved with raising lambs. Meat is the main reason for their endeavors. The wool is a by-product, shorn in late spring or early summer. This year, shearing took place in late June.

The whole family is immersed in the business which has been the Matchett mainstay for the past 60 years. Originally relegated for dairy, turkeys and veal calves, the Matchett farm has had sheep since 1945. Linda and Tim and the family spend the winter months, mending fences, doing farm repairs and maintenance, monitoring the flock, and feeding them the hay they have spent the summer gathering.

In the summer, they do "night penning" near the barn to protect the sheep from predators. The flock has to be rounded up each evening, so Linda, more often than not aided by a good friend from church, the children and the family dog, Moses, help with this nightly ritual. They often employ a four wheeler to keep tabs on their 285 acres, to check and repair the pasture fences, and get to sheep that may be in need of help.

According to Tim, some years ago, "lambing" (birthing) was done in March, when lamb was needed for market earlier in the summer months. Because of the changing market, weather and cost of labor, lambing is now a June event. June is a much more conducive month for lambing than March in northern Michigan. In March, newly born lambs would have to be fed and protected from the early spring elements. By June, the burden of care required is relieved by the warm weather and the mothers are able to graze. A good percentage of newborns in a season would be 170 to 185 percent.

"In other words, if you had 100 ewes," Tim explained, "you would hope for 170-185 lambs."

The sheep rotate to different pastures during the summer. By fall, they move to a field closer to the barn and hay for easy winter access. By fall, the lambs need to be fed grain until they're ready to go to market.

"In January, the rams are sent in to the remaining ewes and by June, we have lambs again," Tim said.

Shearing takes place anywhere from late May until mid-June and is a one or two day operation for the Matchett's.

"Last year we sheared about 290," Tim said.

He explained that the sheep have to be sheared to keep them clean and healthy and make them more comfortable in hot weather. The wool gathered during the shearing is bagged, up to 175 pounds to a bag. About 7 pounds of wool comes off an adult or mature sheep. The sheerer the Matchett's employ is a wool broker. The wool eventually gets to the Mid-States Wool Growers in Ohio where it is graded and sold.

"Last year we gathered 1,268 pounds of wool," Tim recalled. "Nine bags at about 140 pounds each."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Jim Bristol of West Branch, Doug Hoolsema, of Melvin and Harold Brunner of Traverse City all have been shearing for several seasons at the Matchett farm. Sheep have to be sheared to keep them clean and healthy and make them more comfortable in hot weather.

Linda and Tim agree that the money earned from the wool doesn't quite cover the cost of the shearing. But then, the Matchett's breed their sheep for quality meat traits and when their lambs reach market weight of 120 to 140 pounds, which is usually between six and 12 months of age, they are ready for market. Their pasture raised, high quality, natural lamb is channeled to individual buyers, local grocers, or goes to live auction. They retain about 35 ewe lambs for the following year.

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Agricultural community alive and well at Matchett farm

SHEEP

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When shearing day finally arrives, the Matchett's are ready. To prepare for the sheerer, Tim engineers the penning, makes sure the sheep are dry for the sheerers, since wet wool will clog the shears and mold in the bag, and helps the sheerers bring in the trailer, which will be the site of operations.

"You can usually locate a good sheerer by word of mouth or by checking with the MSU Extension Service," Tim explained.

Jim Bristol of West Branch, Doug Hoolsema, from Melvin and Harold Brunner of Traverse City all have been shearing for several seasons at the Matchett farm. Sheerers must be strong and humane and know what they're doing in order to pull off a smooth operation. According to Tim, these men fit the bill.

The shearing itself is a fascinating orchestration of precision. The steady stream of lambs from feeding pen to chute to holding pen depends on the efforts of all the workers and members of the family. The sheerers sometimes use harnesses attached to the ceiling of the trailer for support, and wear felt (brushed wool) moccasins to guard against slippage in the trailer.

As the lambs are sent down the chute, the sheerers grab them individually, flip them over and work the wool off from the belly up with electric shears. The sheep are then scooped up and sent on their way to the next station. Here, in a holding pen, Linda treats them for external parasites such as lice or ticks and sprays an antiseptic onto any nicks that have occurred.

Meanwhile inside the trailer, Noah and Mia help gather the sheared wool off the floor and stuff it into a machine that feeds into an elongated plastic bag. There's a lot of bleating and organized confusion among the flock, but the operation has been carefully planned and runs like clockwork.

Isaac helps the hired sheerers and reports getting quite a workout. He tried his hand at shearing for the first time two years ago, and last year sheared about 120 sheep.

"I did some of the neighbors' sheep too so I could get more practice," he said. "It kills your lower back. You're pretty much done at the end of the day."

Isaac said he isn't sure if he's ready for the Golden Shears 2005, the World's Premier Shearing and Wool Handling Championships in New Zealand, but it's a start.

By the end of the day, everyone is exhausted, but feels accomplished and has worked up a big appetite. This is where Linda and Mia take over.

"Actually, a big part of what I do is feeding the crew. That's part of the sheep-shearing tradition — serving up meat and potatoes or soup and sandwiches that will stick to their ribs," she said.

When asked if she got more than she bargained for when she married Tim and committed to sheep farming, she laughingly replied that she came from a dairy farm where she was used to putting in at least seven hours a day of hard work.

"I was the hired help at the dairy, so when I came here I graduated to 'kitchen maid,'" she said.

Apparently that was a good deal, because Linda said she and her family are ostensibly happy and doing well.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Benefit car wash

Friends and family of Parker Ebert volunteered to spend their sunny Saturday scrubbing cars at a charity car wash at Charlevoix Motors to benefit Ebert who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer. (Above) Heidi Rosenthal scrubs.

Petunia basket brunch set for July 17

A 'Petunia Basket Brunch' organized by Keep Charlevoix Beautiful will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 17 at The Grey Gables in Charlevoix.

A buffet including honey glazed ham, made-to-order omelettes and more will be available and live music will be provided.

Tickets are $35. Proceeds will offset costs associated with the hanging petunia baskets along Bridge Street.

Tickets are available at Grey Gables and Charlevoix Camera.

For more information, contact Marell Staffel at (231) 547-2561.

Official Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Monday, August 1, 2005 – 7 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State St., Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed amendment to the City Zoning Code. The proposed amendments would amend sections 5.5, 5.7, 5.65, 5.82, 5.103, and 5.214 of Chapter 51, Title V of the Charlevoix City Code, establishing zoning regulations for Adult Foster Care Facilities, Age Restricted Independent Housing or Assisted Living Facilities, and Homes For the Aged.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, P.O. Box 550, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, July 21, 4:30 p.m. at One MacDonald Dr., 1st floor conference room, Petoskey. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

Charlevoix Venetian Festival 2005 KID'S DAY

Charlevoix Venetian Festival

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- Amazing Clark Puppet Shows at 10:15 a.m., 12 & 2:20 p.m.
- Ronald McDonald Magic Show at 12:45 p.m.
- Charlevoix Pubic Library, Story Telling, Story Times at 11:50 a.m., 12:35, 1:20, 3:00 p.m.
- Petting Zoo
- Bubble Land - Hands on fun!
- Child Finger Painting by Charlevoix County Sheriff from 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Northern Martial Arts demonstration 3:30 p.m.
- Temporary Venetian Tatoos
- Face Painting
- Free Popcorn & Balloon

Activities that require a kid's day wristband*:
Kid's Day Wristband $7.00 each
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Craft Tent Favor Bag
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Giant Inflatables Fun*
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Mongo The Mechanical Bull*
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Pony Rides* (two rings)
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Rayder Jump House

For additional information, go to armband booth.

* Please note that due to our limited time frame, we cannot guarantee that each child will be able to participate in all events or rides.

Carnival opens at 1:00, Carnival Armband Cost $15.00

Venetian carnival to expand along Mason Street

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The carnival, one of Venetian Festival's largest sources of funding and fun, will expand this year.

At the July 6 meeting, Charlevoix City Council approved a $15,000 contract with the Venetian Festival Board of Directors to defray the expense of activities and events and approved expansion of the festival carnival.

The carnival has typically extended through the parking lots behind the Bridge Street buildings between Mason and Clinton streets and into half of Mason Street.

Council approved extension of the carnival along the entire Mason Street block that runs from Bridge Street to State Street.

The Beacon Center private condominium owners lot located next to Harbor Health and Fitness and the SBA Ameriteeh building's driveway will both remain accessible.

"It's an inconvenience. However, it's the biggest attraction of Venetian for kids from 3 to 13. It's a matter of people making accommodations and accepting inconveniences for the benefit of the kids," Venetian Festival Board President, Dan Barron, said.

Barron estimates the extension allowing for about five more rides and bringing in between $5,000 to $10,000 more for the festival.

While the festival board will benefit and carnival loving kids will have more rides available, Mason Street beauty shop owner, Birdie Whitley, said her older customers will suffer.

"There is not one place for an old lady over 80 to park to even get near me," she said.

Whitley urged council to move the carnival out of town.

Barron agreed to find designated parking for Whitley's customers.

Rides Venetian goers can look for at the carnival include the Zipper, bumper cars, Tilt-a-Whirl, Cliff Hanger, High Flyer, Sea Ray and "kiddie rides."

Rides, games and treats will open at 5 p.m. to close Wednesday, July 20.

Thursday, July 21 is Kids Day. Rides will open at 2 p.m. and stay open until close. Arm band cost is $15. The bands are valid all day Thursday and from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday.

The carnival will be open from 1 p.m. to close Friday, July 22 and from 11 a.m. to close, Saturday, July 23.

Courtesy photo

The Venetian Festival carnival will run along the Mason Street block from Bridge Street to State Street.

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Gopeds are not allowed on sidewalks

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some of them may look like children's toys, but mopeds, gopeds, pocket rockets and electric scooters are not allowed on sidewalks.

According to Charlevoix Deputy Chief of Police, Scott Hankins, anyone improperly operating these vehicles can and will be ticketed just like any other driver.

"Anything that is motor driven, either electric or gasoline, is considered a motor vehicle under state law. That means that they are not allowed on sidewalks," Hankins said.

He added, "If they are used in the streets they need all the proper signals, lights, horns and proper vehicle registration. In addition the operator of those motor vehicles needs to be properly licensed."

Operators of these vehicles must be at least 15 to attain a moped license.

"We've had one personal injury accident involving an electric scooter on a sidewalk that was illegally operating," Hankins said.

According to Hankins, the electric scooters and gopeds are relatively new so the issue of safety on the sidewalks involving them is a relatively new one.

"Persons interested in learning more about the legal definition and the law (or) if anybody has any questions feel free to contact the Charlevoix Police Department, we'll be happy to answer those questions," he added.

In addition to these friendly reminders, Hankins said, there are a couple new city ordinances of which both citizens and visitors should be mindful.

One prohibits dogs on the grassy portion of East Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day and during Apple Festival. Hankins said boaters are encouraged to take their dog, on a leash, by sidewalk to the area near the Chamber of Commerce or Veterans Park. The other ordinance prohibits the possession of any dangerous animal in any city park unless permission has been granted by the city manager to possess that animal in a prohibited area.

For more information on any of these prohibitions and laws, call the Charlevoix Police Department at (231) 547-3258.

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The above may look like a child's toy, but this motorized, gasoline powered goped and the people who ride them fall under many of the same regulations as cars, trucks and motorcycles including the need for brake and turn signals as well as an operators license.

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Venetian brings the Country Kick-off to the Castle

Excitement is building in anticipation of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival Country Kickoff.

On Tuesday, July 19, the 75th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival and Charlevoix's Historic Landmark, Castle Farms, will join forces once again and this time it will be quite a ride.

Alan Lovelace, Executive Director of Castle Farms said, "Castle Farms is thrilled to partner with Venetian in a way which promotes family fun and activities. The Country Kickoff not only kicks off Venetian, but also a variety of cultural activities which will be presented at the Castle."

The Super Kicker Rodeo will be showing off professional, tough nosed cowboys and about 30 of their "rankest" bulls in a rodeo which is sure to impress. To accompany the western heritage, local and Nashville, Tenn. country artists, Chris Dominic and Chelsee Oaks, will perform on stage prior to, and at the conclusion of the rodeo.

Children will also squeal with excitement as they are entertained by numerous kid-friendly actives available. These will include rides on "Baby Laura" the elephant and "Mongo" the mechanical bull, the Chamberlain petting zoo, a rock climbing wall and an inflatable slide.

The kids won't have a monopoly on the fun, though. This year those 21 and over will have the opportunity to lounge in the beer and wine pavilion, specially secured to prevent underage entry and alcohol consumption outside the pavilion. Service will be provided by the friendly staff of Whitney's of Charlevoix. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available through the Charlevoix Boy Scouts.

Admission can be gained for a bargain priced, all inclusive fee (other than food and beverages) of $10 of adults and $7.50 for kids under 18. Children under 6 will gain free admission.

The Castle gates will be open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. with Dominic performing at 6 p.m., the Super Kicker Rodeo bustin' loose at 7 p.m., immediately followed at 8:30 p.m. by the toe tapping tunes of Cheslee Oaks.

Participants are asked to bring your own lawn chairs for the performances, and respect that no alcoholic beverages, food nor pets may be brought in.

To accommodate those unprepared to deal with gnarly summer traffic, a trolley shuttle will be running between the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce off Bridge Street and Castle Farms for a one-way charge of $2.

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On Tuesday, July 19, the 75th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival will bring the Super Kicker Rodeo to Castle Farms. The event will also feature live music, rides for children, refreshments and more.

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SPORTS

Junior league baseball loses to Traverse City

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

Charlevoix's junior league (13 and 14-year-old) baseball team lost to Traverse City East, 7-6. The game was the pool play opener for both teams.

Charlevoix trailed 7-0 after five innings but scored two in the sixth and four in the seventh as their rally came up just short.

Woody Nitchman was 3 for 4 and scored two runs. Bill Ivan had two singles. Michael Heckendorn doubled and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Ty Telgenhof was the losing pitcher. He threw six innings, allowed two runs on three hits, walked three and struck out six.

Charlevoix played against East Jordan Wednesday, July 6 and against Boyne City Thursday, July 7. Both games were at Boyne City. Results from these match-ups were not submitted.

Four Junior Golf league teams kick off their season

The Charlevoix County Junior Golf program has moved into the popular league play which involves the advanced players 12 and older.

The Belvedere Club Course has hosted the first two Sunday evening clashes. The Spartans have moved through their first two opponents, whipping the Wolverines and the Chips. Kyle Parker led the winners on both occasions shooting a 53 and a 54.

The Wolverines bounced back from their opening loss with a win against the Bulldogs. Clay Mitchell of the Bulldogs shot a blistering 43 but his medallist score wasn't enough. For the Wolverines, Ty Jones and Wyatt Drost shot steady both nights with Jones scoring a 50 and a 53 and Drost posting a 54 and a 58.

All four teams have eight to nine players and the best five scores are tallied to determine the winner. Next Sunday Antrim Dells will host league play with the Spartans meeting the Bulldogs and the Chips tangling with the Wolverines.

Standings thus far are the following: Spartans 2-0; Chips 1-1; Wolverines 1-1; and Bulldogs 0-2.

Recreation league softball scores for the week of June 30 through July 7

City of Charlevoix Recreation League slow-pitch softball teams scores from June 30 through July 7 are the following.

On June 30, six men's slow-pitch teams faced off.

In game one, the Flight Deck beat D480 / St. Mary's Cement 14 – 10.

Lakeshore Tire won over Swanson's K&D / J. Arnold Painting, by a score of 14 – 2 in game two. And Carlson's Home Improvements almost tallied a shut-out in game three, beating Art Form Fabricating / MTP Racing 14 – 1.

On July 5 women's slow-pitch teams faced off.

In game one, Waterfront Salon beat Screenmasters 18 – 5. For Waterfront, Waja Dixon had an in-the-park homerun.

In game two, Kwikie Duplicating beat Burger King 18 – 7.

The next day, July 6, girls' ponytail teams headed out on the field.

In game one, the Green Giants won over the Red Pirates 14 – 4. And in game two, the Blue Jays beat the Red Pirates 12 – 10.

The evening of July 6 the men's slow-pitch teams returned for another night of play.

In game one Lakeshore Tire tallied another win in a high scoring match-up against Carlson's Home Improvements. The final score in that game was 34 – 9.

For Lakeshore, Mike Miller had two homeruns. For Carlson's, Doug Wahl had a homerun.

In game two, Swanson's K&D / J. Arnold Painting fought for a 9 – 8 victory over Flight Deck.

In game three, Boss Engineering handily beat D480 / St. Mary's Cement by a score of 20 – 4.

On July 7, women's slow-pitch teams returned for a second night of play.

In game one, Kwikie Duplicating beat Screenmasters 14 – 1. And in game two Waterfront Salon beat Burger King 15 – 6.

Six-year-old boy scores hole-in-one at city course

Mathew Vanniman

Mathew Vanniman, 6, of Charlevoix celebrated a major feat on Sunday, July 10.

Vanniman was playing a round of golf with his father, Roger, when around 11:30 a.m., the two came up to the seventh hole at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Club.

He said he smacked the ball as hard as he could and watched as it hit the pin. The ball traveled 70 yards from the children's tee.

Vanniman, who has been playing since he was three years old, grinned ear to ear and said, "I want to be the next Tiger Woods."

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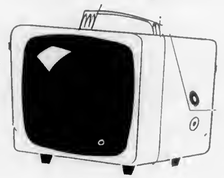

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Charlevoix High School grad wins fishing tourney

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Jennifer Puhl (right), 31, of Denver, Colo., a Charlevoix High School graduate and the daughter of Jerry Puhl of Charlevoix won the Tampa Billfish Invitational Tournament at Tropic Star Lodge in Pinas Bay, Panama in South America. The catch and release tournament took place June 3 through June 12.

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The group of 28 consisting of 20 men and eight women fished for Marlin, sailfish, Mahi Mahi, tuna and rooster fish. Jennifer won the trophy for the most points for the tournament in the women's division finishing with 2,348 points. She caught a 250 pound blue marlin, a 200 pound striped marlin, a 55 pound Mahi Mahi and a 125 pound sailfish.

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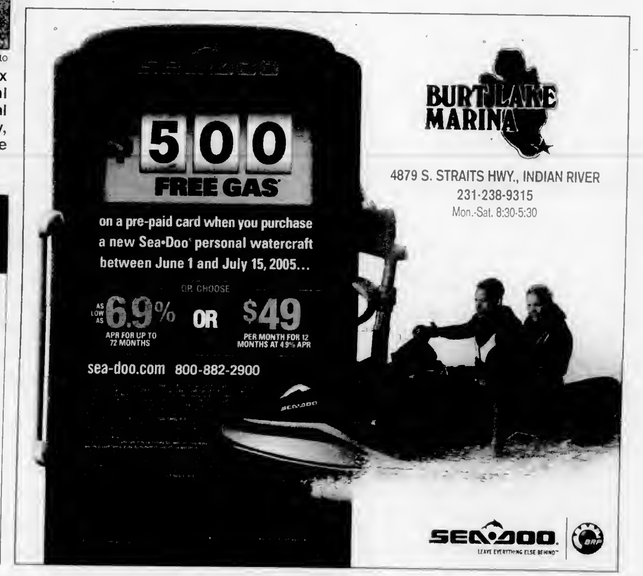

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Charlevoix Public Library wins award

The Library of Michigan recently awarded the Charlevoix Public Library a certificate of completion for meeting the Essential Level requirements of the Quality Services Audit Checklist.

To earn certification, the Charlevoix Public Library demonstrated its competence in seven categories of achievement including human resources; governance/administration; services; collection development; technology; facilities and equipment; and public relations/marketing.

"We are proud that our library has done such good work in providing services deemed 'essential' by the Library of Michigan," said Mary Ann Chew, Library board president. "By focusing efforts on these key areas, our library has shown a strong commitment to customer service."

The Library of Michigan has defined "essential services" as the basics of all library service, with relatively low-cost standards that every library can and should achieve.

"Two years in the making, the checklist represents the work of more than 100 library directors, trustees and staff members who together created measures of quality for our state's public libraries," said acting state librarian Nancy Robertson. "The staff of the Charlevoix Public Library is to be commended for achieving a vital milestone in library service."

The Charlevoix Public Library attends to many of their services, summer reading clubs and computer services, while at the same time building their new facility. The new library is under construction with an opening date of fall 2006.

"Although we are focusing on constructing our new library, we do not want to lose focus on our present patronage. The checklist measures brought our attention to the present," said library director, Valerie Meyerson. "We are delighted with our new essential certification, the seventh of 73 libraries our size to receive this designation."

For more information about the Quality Services Audit Checklist, visit www.michigan.gov/qsac. For more information about the Charlevoix Library, visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Councilman Bill Haggard underwent heart surgery

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix City Council excused two absences by First Ward Councilman Bill Haggard, for medical reasons.

Bill Haggard

At council's July 5 meeting, Second Ward Councilman Bill Bellows brought up Haggard's recent absence from council, reminding fellow members of the rules set forth in the city code.

The code maintains that council members who miss 50 percent of regularly scheduled meetings, or 12 meetings, in a year, can be dismissed.

The two recent absences brought Haggard's total number of missed meetings to five for 2005.

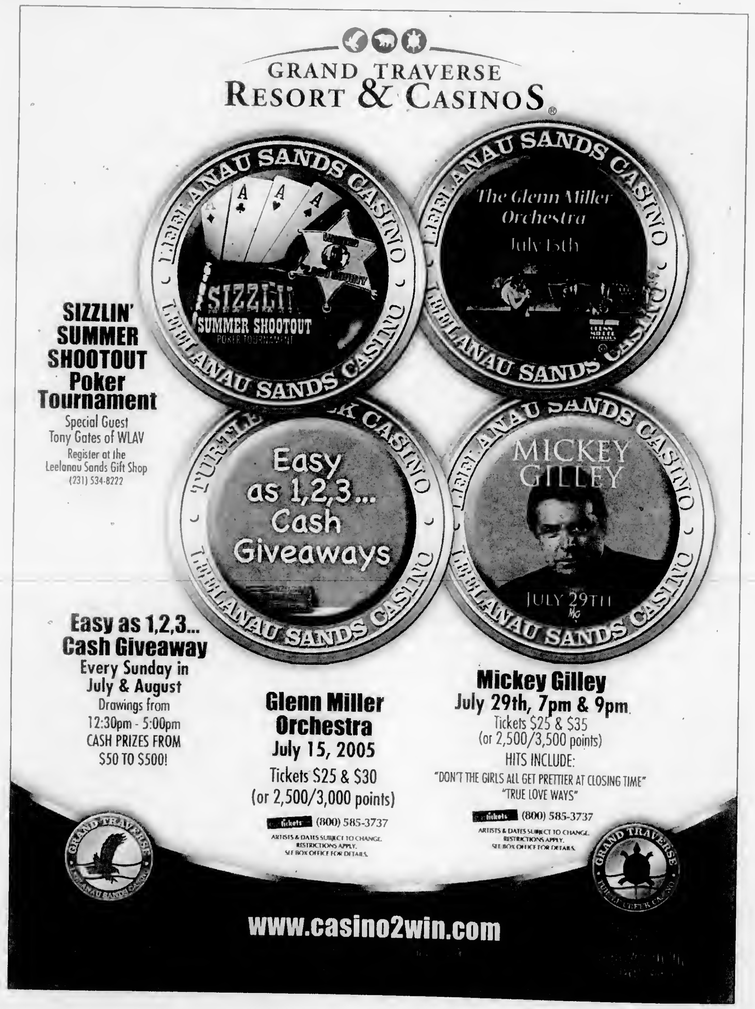
At this time, it is unclear when Haggard, whose most recent stint on council has lasted just over four years, will return to his council seat.

In mid-June, Haggard, 68, suffered what his brother, John Haggard, described as an episode. This triggered him to go to the doctor at which time he was told heart surgery was the next step.

On June 22, he underwent quadruple bypass surgery at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. John Haggard said following the surgery the doctor reported no heart damage as a result of the bypass.

"Everything went fine," he said. "He is recovering well."

After the surgery, he went to his home on Beaver Island to recuperate. He is expected to return to Charlevoix early this week.



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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010838-DE

Estate of Maxine R. Paul, Deceased

Date of birth: 10/11/28

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MAXINE R. PAUL, who lived at 526 N. Lake Street, Lot 93, Boyne City, Michigan 49712 died 05/31/05.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sherry Shannon, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, County Building, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

DATE: July 8, 2005

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Area events

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Retired employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, July 19, for their annual picnic at the shelter in Veterans Memorial Park in Boyne City. Please bring your own table setting, a favorite dish to share, and a wrapped item for the White Elephant Auction. For further information, call (231) 238-4840.

Baby-sitting meeting

Red Cross baby-sitting training will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan. This course prepares youth ages 11-15 with the training every parent wants in a baby-sitter, including safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency skills. The cost is $20 for the class and includes a baby-sitter's kit. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Scholarship money is available for eligible students.

For more information or to receive a registration brochure, contact the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

Stratford trip

The Jordan River Arts Council will host its annual trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada Sept. 23-25. Trip participants will leave at noon from East Jordan Sept. 23. For more information, call Barbara Worgess at (231) 536-2092.

Elsenheimer office hours

State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer (R) Bellaire, will be available during office hours from 1 to 2 p.m. July 18 in the main conference room at Charlevoix City Hall. City Hall is located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15. If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Summer reading

Charlevoix Public Library is offering a summer reading program for ages 0-10. A prize is awarded every week to children who bring in their reading records to show the librarians that they have been reading. The program is from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings. Schedule is as follows:

July 19 - Bubbles (outdoor activity)

July 26 - Philip and Henry Magicians

Charlevoix Public Library is offering a summer reading program for ages 10-13. The program is from 2:45 to 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoons.

Schedule is as follows:

July 19 - Pizza taste off. Enjoy (and judge) pizza from Charlevoix's finest pizza places!

July 26 - Final party. Ice cream, prizes, and fun!

Gallery exhibit

The Artists Alliance's exhibit, "Vanishing Landscape" will be on display in the Crooked Tree Arts Center's West Gallery now through July 24.

The Artists Alliance is a collaborative of 13 nationally known West Michigan artists who have rallied together to bring awareness through their art to the disappearing natural landscape around them.

Museum Week

The Beaver Island Historical Society will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its Museum Week.

Museum Week will take place July 11-16. The event will include special lectures, plays, performances and presentations about the island's history. Wrapping up the festivities will be the island's First Annual Beaver Island Celtic Games.

Literary Delights

The Charlevoix Zonta Club is sponsoring Literary Delights, an afternoon fund-raiser celebration of Michigan's female authors. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 30 in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms located off M-66 in Charlevoix. Tickets for the event are $40. They are available locally at the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street or by calling Zonta member Linda Degrow at (231) 547-4109 or fellow Zontian Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Class of 1965 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1965 will host a reunion from 1:30 to 5 p.m. July 23 at the Lake Michigan Beach Pavilion. Class members may bring their own food and drinks. For more information, call (231) 547-4457.

Chair-ity Auction

At 7 p.m. July 27, the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State Street in Charlevoix, will host the Third Annual Chair-ity Auction. Over 60 chairs and other restored furnishings for children and adults will be auctioned. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Bergmann Center, Camp Quality, Crooked Tree Arts Center, the Charlevoix Senior Center and women's fellowship outreach programs. Items may be previewed from noon to 8 p.m. July 26. Tickets will be available at the door, the night of the event or at Charlevoix Camera, Crooked Tree Arts Center, the Charlevoix Senior Center or at the church.

Freedom from smoking

Charlevoix Area Hospital, in cooperation with the American Lung Association, will host a Freedom from Smoking program. The new, eight-week series of classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2 at the hospital. There is no charge for this clinic. To register, call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. July 21 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, on the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street. To schedule an appointment call 800-448-3543 or drop in. Bring your Red Cross donor card or photo/government I.D.

3-D Art Fair

The First Annual NMPSG 3-D Art Fair will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. July 15 and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 16 at the Twisted Fish Gallery on South Bayshore Drive, south of Elk Rapids. For more information call (231) 264-0123.

Pool auction

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool presents it's 16th Annual Gala Dinner and Auction from 6 to 9:30 p.m., Sunday August 7 at the Charlevoix Country Club located off US-31. Proceeds from the event will benefit the pool. The Cost is $50 per person and includes dinner, complimentary champagne, valet parking, silent auction and live auction. Preview and bidding available to the public. Prizes include stay in Hawaii, Canada, California, Bay Harbor and The Grand Hotel. Tickets to the University of Michigan vs. Ohio State game. A Lloyd Carr autographed football. Gourmet dinners, garden parties, and Castle Farms party packages. Call the pool at (231) 547-0982 for reservations.

Red Hat event

Attention Red Hatters a Strawberry Shortcake Affair is planned from 2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 26 at the Castle Farms at 5052 M-66 North, in Charlevoix. It will be catered by The Gray Gables Restaurant. There will be a fashion show by Billie's of Cheboygan and entertainment provided by two Sweet Adelines Quartets of the Traverse City Chorus. Tickets are $20 and must be purchased by July 16 from Alice (231) 547-2745 or e-mail judye@twinvalley.net. You need not be a red hatter to attend.

Church service

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will be holding the Sunday morning service on July 17 during their All-Church Picnic located at Way Bay 05840 M-66 North - Charlevoix. The morning service will begin outdoors at 10:30 a.m. The Ragamuffin Theatre Group will perform at 1 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring two dishes to pass, lawn chairs and a cooler of beverages. Modest swimwear is acceptable. The evening service will be canceled that day. For more information, call the church office at (231) 547-6430 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

Rayder golf outing

The Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing 2005 a 4 person scramble is scheduled for Aug. 5, at the Charlevoix Country Club. Registration will begin at noon and golf is at 1 p.m. Lunch, golf, dinner and Rayder football shirts are included. Cost is $80 per person and deadline is July 29. There will be prizes and drawings. Make checks payable to Rayder Football Outing and mail to 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or fax to (231) 547-3411. For more information call (231) 547-5400.

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SCRAPBOOK

Charlevoix residents from a 1940 directory

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

The Charlevoix directory which was published in 1940, has given me years of enjoyment, and writing opportunities about the folks we knew as kids.

The man who did all the work of canvassing the town and outlying rural routes, did an excellent job of categorizing the family names, residences, jobs, and phone numbers. It would be a formidable job today, for so many families move from place to place.

Archie L. Livingston Jr., lived at home with his parents, Archie and Marjorie. Janet Livingston, his sister, also lived at home. Elwood Livingston and wife Clara, lived at Division and Michigan. Their children were Fay and David.

Beatrice Locke was a beauty operator and worked for Rose Barber and Beauty Shop, owned by Simon Rose. The shop was at 102 Bridge Street, located directly aside the swing bridge on the south east side of the street.

Herbert Loeb Jr. lived at 101 Ainslie, and also had a home in Chicago, Ill.

Fred and Helen Looze lived at 118 Palmer. He was in the Coast Guard. Their daughter, Beverly, lives in the same house today. She was in Dale's class in school.

Stanley Lord was a driver for Kit Carson Lumber Co., and lived on Rural Route #1.

Neil and Louise Louisville lived at 405 W. Lincoln, with their children, Louise, Barbara, Jacquelyn and Allen.

Sidney Lowenstein lived on Michigan Avenue and also in Chicago, Ill.

Gerald Lowing was a barber at Ted Pearl's Barber Shop. He lived at 225 Bridge Street.

Justus Luce lived at Wood and Sherman. I remember him as an old man, walking to town by my house on Hurlbut.

Gordon and Grace Lystrup lived at 202 Belvedere with their daughter, Nancy. He owned the Charlevoix Shoe Market, which was located at 409 Bridge Street.

Mrs. Josephine Madill owned the Blue Post Inn. She lived at 801 Bridge Street, where the Inn was located. Robert Madill lived at 208 1/2 West Upright. William Schwa also lived there. Robert owned Madill's Cabins, which were located at 1306 Bridge Street.

Paul and Rosemary Maier lived at 308 Park Avenue. He was a sanitary engineer for the District Health Department.

Alice Manly and Daughter, Eunice lived at 210 East Hurlbut Avenue. She was the widow of Garrie L. Manley. Orren Manley also lived there.

Judson and Lottie Markham lived at 118 Belvedere.

Parcy Marsa lived at 543 Petoskey Avenue.

C.Y. and Myrtle Marshall made their home at 302 Antrim. He was a contractor at the time. He put a lot of sewers in the city, and dug them by hand. Dale recalls some of them were 10 feet deep.

Charles (Charlie) and Matilda (Tillie) Marshall were a couple I knew well as a little girl. He was the fire chief, and they lived in a very narrow apartment in the courthouse, which was located on the northwest corner of Antrim and State. This building was right next-door to the jail house, where my grandparents lived when he was sheriff. Charlie made me a wonderful big swing in a tall tree in the courtyard. Their apartment must have only been about 9 feet wide, and the length of the building. It seemed very small to me as a little girl. He also let me push the button to sound the siren signifying that it was noon.

Frances Marshall was the widow of John. She lived at 607 State.

Harry Marshall and his wife, Clara, lived at 216 Mason. He was a laborer. In the later 1940s, they moved to Hurlbut Street, several houses down from my house.

J.C. Marshall worked as an operator of the sewage treatment plant. He and his wife lived at 107 East Lincoln.

Mona Marshall lived at 103 State. She was an assistant to Dr. D.C. Nettleton, our dentist.

In 1940, Frances Martin lived in an apartment in the Charlevoix Hospital. Fran was paralyzed from the waist down. She was a very popular person. She was a reporter for the Petoskey News-Review. She also reported for the Charlevoix Courier, later. She was such a confidential person, you could tell her about anything going on, and she wouldn't spill the beans until the time was proper. She kept everyone posted on the latest news when they would call her. If you wanted to know the winner of the ball game, she would tell you, and all the many others who would call. Her phone was always by her side. The townspeople purchased an electric wheelchair for her so she could travel all over town, day or night. She had lights on it, and she really enjoyed being mobile. The late Louie Edwards used to take her wheelchair in his van to out-of-town ball games so she could enjoy them, and report the details in the paper, along with pictures of the players.

Charles and Mabel Martini lived at 406 Park Avenue. He was a barber and worked at Conrad (Shorty) Sternberg's Barber Shop. In later years, he worked in Dal Henry's Barber Shop on Bridge Street in the Ben Brown Building. His wife, Mabel, was the head operator for Michigan Bell Telephone. The phone company was located at 215 1/2 Bridge Street. It was upstairs, in the building next to the Van Pelt Alley.

Hugh Mayne and wife, Catherine, lived at 105 Belvedere. He operated the Sinclair Service Station at 105 Belvedere, located where Robert Hoffman and Craig Lieberman have their law offices today. The Maynes had a daughter, Roberta Lee.

Glenn and Florence Maxon lived at 310 West Lincoln. She was a nurse at the Charlevoix Hospital.

Helen McCafferty was the widow of Francis. She lived at 905 Bridge Street, as did Lillian and Peter, who were students.

Many of our friends are no longer with us, but it is good to remember those who lived and served as good citizens. Many of them helped to make Charlevoix what it is today.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Big Rock

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Next week
Venetian Queen, new business and city may file suit

Insurer files claim in embezzlement debacle

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The ramifications and details of a recent embezzlement scandal continue to mount.

Karla Lockman

In the wake of an embezzlement scandal which forced Northern Preferred Title Company to close the doors at its three locations, a new lawsuit seeking damages of at least $288,625.77 has been filed against both alleged embezzler Karla Sue Lockman, who is still out on $50,000 surety/bond, and her former employers the principal operators of the title company, Paula Barron and John Taylor.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, the amount Lockman is believed to have embezzled is up to $775,000 from the $670,000 his office reported in late June.

Jarema said his office received new information from the Boyne City Police Department which wasn't available at the time of arraignment because they were awaiting records from a bank account in Lockman's name located in Hillman.

Jarema said the lawsuit filed by Stewart Title Guaranty Company against Lockman and Northern Preferred is a way for the insurance company to avoid covering the debt incurred by the embezzlement.

He said, "They're trying to say it was all negligence on the part of the owner so they don't have to cover any of the lost money."

The suit, which was filed in United States District Court Western District of Michigan on June 15, alleges Lockman may have embezzled as much as $975,023.64.

As a closing agent for Northern Preferred, a couple of Lockman's duties were to collect closing funds from purchasers and deposit them into the escrow account.

Stewart Title alleges that Lockman began in January to misappropriate the funds from the Bank of Northern Michigan escrow account by either writing checks to herself or to her account at Bay Winds Credit Union.

The suit also alleges that Barron and Taylor are responsible for Lockman's ability to access the funds and are therefore also liable for costs incurred.

The papers filed in federal court allege Barron and Taylor, who have been limited agents of Stewart Title since 1995, breached contract by allowing an escrow account to have insufficient funds.

They are also accused of failing to reconcile their Bank of Northern Michigan escrow account state-

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Settlement reached in campaign finance suit

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A $4,600 campaign finance fine handed to John Jarema by Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon was voided by Chairman of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, Vic Patrick.

Jane Brannon

Patrick wrote a letter July 15 to Crawford County Circuit Court Judge Alton Davis stating the county would not pursue the fine, levied by Brannon last summer.

"This decision isn't saying I made a mistake and it's not saying he (Jarema) was correct. This was a county board compromise to put an end to it (the lawsuit)," Brannon said.

This decision followed a June 29 motion hearing with Judge Davis when he asked the two parties to look at settling the case.

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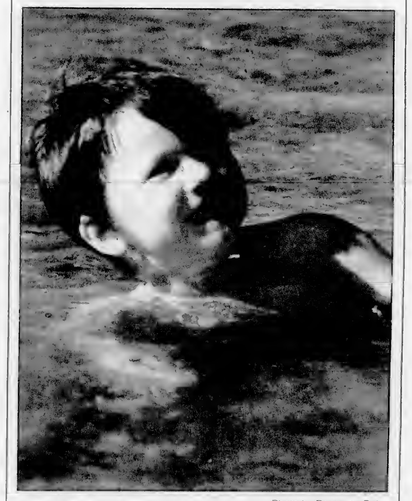
A cool summer swim



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A week of temperatures ranging from 80 to 90 degrees beckoned visitors and residents to area beaches. (Above) Charlevoix resident Drew Barter soaks at Ferry Beach Monday afternoon.

Friday night fireworks are back on the festival line-up

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

"All systems are go for Friday fireworks," announced Dan Barron, President of Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc.

Barron's announcement, which came early on July 15, was a relief for fireworks enthusiasts who were told in the fall that the show would be canceled if contributions in the neighborhood of $100,000 weren't made.

"We've had a steady upswing in contributions premised on Friday night fireworks," he said.

Barron added that Venetian Festival board members are optimistic that two festival fund-raisers, Rayder Rumble II and the Country Kick-off at Castle Farms, which took place early this week, will be lucrative.

The Friday night fireworks show generally costs about $80,000. But the festival board is $20,000 in debt to Colonial Fireworks Co. so the grand total this year is around $100,000.

The display will take place after the sun goes down, on Friday night, July 22 over Lake Charlevoix. Master pyrotechnicians Frank Loffredo, Jr. and Ron Greco, along with their assistant, Larry

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Hope Lyn Fuller, 25, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied-second or subsequent offense. Serve three days in jail; $105 in fines and costs.

Wayne Nelson Dennis, 47, Ellsworth. Malicious destruction of property over $200, but under $1,000; and attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 64 days with 300 days held in abeyance; must serve two years on probation; must submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $600 in fines and costs.

Antonio Perez-Lopez, 33, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for 12 days, to serve 18 days in jail.

Emily Louise Schneider, 21, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; must serve six months probation; must submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Samuel Dean Walton, 47, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 11 days; to serve 20 days in jail, 52 days held in abeyance; 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume possess alcohol/controlled substances; $980 in fines and costs.

George Thomas Goatley, 36, Boynton Beach Fla. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail; must serve six months probation; must submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Jeremy James Rykse, 27, Boyne City. Check, non-sufficient funds under $100. Serve six days in jail; $362 in fines and costs.

Brandy Renee Dutcher, 19, Charlevoix. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 15 days in jail, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Esther Marie Choate, 35, Petoskey. Obstructing a police officer — disguise; and motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 365 days in jail with 345 days held in abeyance, 20 days community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; must serve one year probation; $1,350 in fines and costs.

William Claude Castle, 39, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Kelly Marie Jenkins, 36, Saint Ignace. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve 12 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitor, 71 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,335 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were heard recently in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Bruce Wayne Evans, 30, Harbor Springs. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied causing serious injury. Serve six months in jail with credit for 13 days, to serve one month in jail; must serve 18 months probation; $820 in fines and costs.

Lindsay Suzanne Shomin, 29, Petoskey. Controlled substance/maintaining a drug house. Serve nine months in jail with credit for one day, to serve two months in jail; must serve 24 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Darlene Dianne Kean, 37, East Jordan. Embezzlement agent or trustee of $200 or more but less than $1,000. Serve 12 months in jail with credit for one day, to serve three months in jail; must serve 18 months probation; $7,274.94 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Ellair, 309 Burns Avenue, Charlevoix by Edith Pair

Manchester Lawn and Landscape, 530 North Shore Drive, Walloon Lake by Michael T. Manchester

Tommie Rae Audio, 103 Nicholls, East Jordan by Tommie R. Outman

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Frank Andres Garzon Suarez, 29, and Kristi Lynn Potter, 24, both of Charlevoix

Gary Thomas Lisbon, 47, and Jennifer Maria Decastro, 27, both of Telluride Colo.

Michael Allen Griffith, 26, and Stephanie Joy Kerner, 20, both of Charlevoix

Kurt Andrew Jensen, 31, and Sarah Marie Faust, 27, both of East Jordan

Quentin Roy Musgrave, 49, and Tracy Lynne Baker, 40, both of Horton Bay

Scott Jeffrey Beebe, 36, and Alicia Marie Hughes, 29, both of Boyne City

James Dean Lamonte Spencer, 21, and Monika Lynn Peters, 24, both of East Jordan

Guillermo Marroquin, 33, and Pamela Anne Szydlowski, 29, both of New York City, N.Y.

Jeremy Don Yablonski, 25, and Kerstin Catherine Larsen, 23, both of Saskatoon Canada

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Julie Elizabeth Tripplehorn vs. David Jacob Tripplehorn

Heaven Nicole Arlene Myers vs. Timothy James Myers

Jonathan Golke vs. Carriann Golke

Births

George Henry, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born to Alec and Barb Sheets of Charlevoix on July 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Pauline 10, Sophia 6, William, 4, and Margaret, 2. Grandparents are Jack and Sue Sheets of Bay Shore, and John and Phyllis Haggard of Charlevoix.

Sydney Elizabeth Nicole, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces was born to Randy and Debbie Wurst of Charlevoix on July 8, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sibling is Shelby. Grandparents are Richard and Jean Sutton of Charlevoix, Don Wurst of Clarion and Charles and Sheryl Bergan of Charlevoix.

Dalton Ruehl Kauska, weighing 8 pounds was born to Terry and Miriah Kauska of East Jordan on July 12, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Shawntae Kauska, 5 and Felisha Kauska, 12. Grandparents are Norma Jean and Vern Hilliker of East Jordan and Donna and Daije Chapel of Boyne City.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
July 12	83	.71	-
July 13	83	68	-
July 14	83	71	-
July 15	79	66	-
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Amount missing from Northern Preferred grows

LAWSUIT

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ments within 30 days of receiving them.

And, Stewart Title alleges that despite receiving notice that Lockman used personal funds to avoid a shortfall in the Bank of Northern Michigan escrow account during at least one real estate closing, Northern Preferred failed to remedy the situation.

"Despite this knowledge, Northern Preferred, Barron and Taylor failed to immediately investigate whether Lockman had abused her authority with respect to the Bank of Northern Michigan escrow account and allowed Lockman to retain control over the escrow account," the Stewart Title filing states.

Another allegation waged against Barron and Taylor is the breach of fiduciary duty by allegedly failing to properly supervise Lockman, allowing her to misappropriate funds from the escrow account.

According to Jarema, the suit filed by Stewart Title against Barron and Taylor hasn't introduced any information that could change his case currently pending in Charlevoix County Circuit Court.

"It's not going to affect my investigation at all," he said. "As far as we can tell from the bank records, she (Lockman) was the only one a finger was pointing to."

Stewart Title's suit also alleges that Lockman's husband Kevin knew or should have known his wife was embezzling money.

But Jarema disagrees.

"Looking at the accounts and seeing where the money was taken out, it's all on the accused Karla Lockman. We haven't found anything that points to anyone else," Jarema said.

Jarema said he is confident that Lockman's husband had no knowledge of where the money really came from.

At the preliminary hearing July 12, Lockman's attorney, Fred L. Gibson told Charlevoix County 90th District Court Judge Richard May, Lockman wished to waive her right to it.

The 34-year-old mother of three has been charged with two counts of embezzling more than $20,000 from her employer.

Judge May used the rest of the time to carry out the arraignment wherein he stated a scheduling conference would take place at the earliest convenience.

Lockman again stood mute and a not guilty plea was entered on her behalf.

If found guilty, Lockman cannot file bankruptcy to discharge the debt.

"I'm pretty confident we'll get a conviction in the case, so we're trying to determine what to do with these assets," Jarema said.

He added that one of the downsides for the victims is, even if Lockman is found guilty, only tangible assets like houses and vehicles can be reclaimed.

"There are intangible items which we can't recover," Jarema said.

Unrecoverable items would be gifts or donations Lockman may have made.

Jarema, Brannon end their dispute over $4,600 in fines

COUNTY

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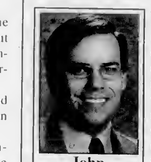
After mulling things over, both parties agreed to end it.

"I didn't think the fines should have been levied. And I don't think justice was served for the taxpayers. This (outcome) is what I wanted before the suit. How much did they spend to chase $4,600 in fines," Jarema said.


John Jarema

The roots of the lawsuit are set in last summer's election.

During the summer of 2004 Jarema, the current Charlevoix County Prosecutor, was in a heated election race for the prosecutor's seat.

Last July he filed a campaign finance report with Brannon's office.

Brannon said there were errors in that report. As a result, Jarema filed an amended report.

Brannon claims that amended report was not filed in a timely manner and she assessed fines according to the State of Michigan's election law.

Jarema beat fellow Republican candidate and former prosecuting attorney Mary Beth Kur in the August 2004 primary election.

After the primary, a second campaign finance report was due. Brannon claims there were also errors in that report submitted by Jarema for which she levied additional fines.

Jarema's total penalty came to about $4,600.

Jarema faced Green Party candidate Ellis Boal in the November 2004 general election and won.

In November of 2004, Jarema's attorney, Allen Telgenhof, sent a letter to Brannon stating that Jarema followed state law and if she was unwilling to reconsider the fines, Jarema would seek judicial review.

"I wasn't going to reconsider — everything had been done according to the formula set by the state's campaign finance law," Brannon said.

In December, Jarema filed the lawsuit in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court against the county.

Funding for Friday night fireworks came in

FIREWORKS

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Trott, all of Colonial Fireworks Co., will fire off 875 different fireworks ranging in size from 4 inches to a foot.

Barron said the enormity of the shells makes it possible for the show to be seen anywhere along the Lake Charlevoix shoreline as well as in downtown Charlevoix.

"That's the beauty of this show," he said.

Loffredo has also produced a custom soundtrack choreographed to partner with the Friday night display which will be played in East Park and at Depot and Ferry beaches.

Friday night's display will be followed by stadium fireworks July 23, over Round Lake. This show, featuring over 500 different fireworks, will follow the festival's signature Grand Electrical Boat Parade. The parade will include around 24 decorated boats that will cruise into Round Lake from Lake Michigan.

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The fine line between news and hype

Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

From the NBA, to Hollywood, to Charlevoix — it's all about the hype.

According to the Merriam Webster on-line dictionary the verb hype means to stimulate or enliven.

In my five years working with the media I've found as we report on newsworthy coming events in some instances we are feeding the hype machine.

Most recently, I watched as Charlevoix residents closely followed the Venetian Festival's Friday night fireworks quandary.

Word came on July 15 that the Friday night display was a go.

Shortly thereafter I received a call from a resident wondering what the outcome of the Venetian Festival board's July 14 meeting was. I told her all systems are go for the Friday blast.

There was relief in her voice when she said, "I knew you would know."

Since early this fall Charlevoix residents and Venetian lovers from all over were unsure whether the famed show would make an appearance at this year's festival.

We were told big money had to flow in to make it possible.

Since then Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc. board members have worked their tails off to make it happen — soliciting funds and offering local media organizations updates on their progress.

As I wrote stories about the funding shortfall I realized that what I was telling people is that their tradition, watching the sky glow over Lake Charlevoix was at risk.

Was the board looking to stimulate or enliven people so donations would come in, or was there a genuine need for regular updates on the progress of the contribution drive?

I have found there is a fine line between news and hype that we are responsible for maintaining.

In this case, the Venetian Festival is near and dear to the hearts of many Charlevoix Courier readers which made the stories newsworthy.

But some other recent happenings that have made headlines in area and national media are questionable.

In this year's NBA playoffs, Rasheed Wallace of the Detroit Pistons played the role of Mr. Hype. He called for wins and ran around with an attitude bigger than his high tops. But by game seven I was done listening and done waiting to see the red head hand strip tease.

After game day, newspaper readers and broadcast junkies were drawn to highlights from Mr. Hype.

I claim the mess coming from his mouth wasn't newsworthy. Instead, he was promoting an image of both himself and the team and at the same time may have been pumping up his teammates.

While the hype factor is a tough bugger to tackle as a news organization, I've also begun to wonder whether those feeding the hype are the problem or are the hype consumers at the root of it all?

Americans are obsessed with hype. Lindsey Lohan wasn't noteworthy until she was blond and rexy and Katie Holmes' Batman movie as well as Tom Cruise's War of the Worlds wouldn't be nearly the box office hits they are if the "couple" they've become hadn't taken center stage in Hollywood.

While I don't agree with the head hands, playing on the fears of consumers and what appears to be spoof love, Americans love sensationalism. And darn it we all love America.

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Life's journey from easy bake to gourmet

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

From my first "Easy Bake" oven, I was hooked on making and creating concoctions my mother would enjoy again and again.

Those little tasty treats looked darn good to a five year old. It's amazing now as I look back, how one little light bulb in a square metal container became a toy I cherished.

My grandparents were of Polish heritage and grandma encouraged me to take part in the making of egg noodle dough on her large kitchen table, while the smell of soup simmered on a stove that took up most of the kitchen. Even today, 50 years later, the smells of onions frying in a pan, or the pickling of beets, hrings back a flood of memories.

So here we are today, I've been retired for two years now and looking to venture back into my childhood memories to do the things I always loved to do and now have the time to do them.

Little did my mother and grandmother know what an inspiration they were for me.

Now I am running a little cottage industry called, "Polish Princess Pierogi Co." A decision made with encouragement from my Polish relatives who gleefully responded with "smaczne."

Making my own pierogi's is not a lucrative business but the memories it brings are priceless. I hand roll the dough the same way grandma did — cutting it with my old Mason jar lid in keeping with tradition.

On the stove I sauté portabella mushrooms, sauerkraut, and olive oil. Okay it's not exactly like grandmas as she used Polish mushrooms and hutter, but alas it's 2005 and even a simple dumpling can use a facelift. I make a variety of pierogi's to keep up with today's consumer interest. At Thanksgiving the sweet potato pierogi filling with a little dash of nutmeg is a big hit.

Most recently, I entered a contest just for fun to see if my family and friends liked my cooking or were just being kind. When I arrived early at the contest site, women in the kitchen who were running the program greeted me with smiles sharing that I was creating something that brought back memories of their grandma as well. After a tense long morning, the results were in. I came in second place. My dumpling was given the stamp of approval by individuals who had culinary skill and understood food preparation or at least they were not a biased audience. Grandma and mom would have been so proud.

A test of time that the pierogi still hangs in there as one of our family's favorite food groups besides chocolate, but that's another story.

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Letters to the editor

Proud to be a 'fudgie'

Editor:

Ode to a Fudgie.

I am a Fudgie and proud of it. I have been one for over 40 years. I love Lake Charlevoix and the whole up north experience. I like to think I love it more than those of you who have the privilege of living there year-round.

I work all year and save to come for a short time in the summer.

The rest of the year I read the Charlevoix Courier and wear my Charlevoix sweatshirt and dream of the color of the lake up north.

Most people who live by me don't understand my love of northern Michigan, you see, I live on Lake Michigan, but in Indiana. Spoiled? Yes. The lovely waters of Lake Michigan are just down the street from me, yet, it is not Charlevoix. It is not the relaxing clean, cool air and water of Charlevoix. The water isn't the same color and the air isn't the same clean, cool up north breeze.

I would love a T-shirt that says "fudgie." Charlevoix Wear should consider it. Also, I want a shirt that says "Lake Charlevoix" as I come for the calming hlue of its waters, not the town. I grew up on the beach playing in that lake and I now enjoy it with my children. So don't despise the fudgies, we are good people who value what you have year-round.

Berri Beuker
Michigan City, Ind.

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'Thank you' contributors

Editor:

On behalf of the Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. (the fund-raising group), we would like to extend a big 'thank you,' to Brooke Blanchard and Aaron Hagen for organizing the recent Dodgeball tournament. Your unconditional support is greatly appreciated by everyone involved in this project.

Secondly, thank you to all the numerous volunteers who helped at the event and took time out of their busy summer schedule to help us with this event.

You all know who you are and we are very appreciative of your gift of time.

Finally, thank you to all the shirt sponsors.

Vickie Daman
Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. Board.
Charlevoix

Safety concern with road work

Editor:

As you have been aware, there is serious concern regarding the timeliness of the planned re-routing of the Charlevoix-Boyne City Road. Both the Charlevoix County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation are reviewing timing as well as alternates for the planned repairs.

First off, let me assure you that we are all very interested in the needs for the intersection of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and U.S. 31. At the same time there is concern for the safety of our seasonal visitors as well as the obvious needs of the business community. One of the safety concerns was clearly discussed during the most recent meeting held. That is if an ambulance is needed to serve the people of Pine Point, Oyster Pointe and of course the dining public at The Argonne, time is of the essence.

At precisely 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 8, one of our senior diners at The Argonne was preparing to leave and could not leave the table, she was in some type of shock. The staff promptly called 911 and within 7 minutes the ambulance was at the door and the EMS personnel arrived and the woman was taken on a stretcher to Charlevoix Area Hospital for emergent care.

Just think, had they been required to drive over 16 miles in each direction.

Point made.

Steven Ager
The Argonne Supper Club
Charlevoix

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New columnist, Gayle Gennett joins the Courier

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A new columnist, Charlevoix resident, Gayle Gennett, will grace the Courier's opinion page.

Gayle Gennett

Gennett, 55, who has a master's degree in guidance counseling and a bachelor's degree in art education, said she looks forward to writing about life experiences and offering readers helpful information for use in daily life.

In 2003, after three decades working in education Gennett, "the grandmother of elementary school counseling," retired.

She started out in 1974 as the Charlevoix High School counselor moving here from Pinckney.

In 1985, after 10 years counseling at Charlevoix High School, she became one of the first elementary school counselors in the state when she accepted a position at Charlevoix Elementary School.

While at the elementary school she established the first K-Kids Club in the state — a branch of Kiwanis International. She also established the longest running Conflict Manager's program in Michigan.

Her retirement has given her time to spend with her family and to pursue her many interests, including painting and cooking.

"I love to try new things and meet new people," she said.

These two loves are evidenced in her pastimes, traveling and acting.

In 2004, her husband, Lyle Gennett, a former shift commander with the city of Charlevoix Fire Department, retired and joined his wife in their new adventure.

Gennett is a mother of two girls, Mindy Spalding and Christie Kaczynski and a grandmother of three.

Gennett's first submission appears on page four of the Courier, and her column will continue to run the first and third Wednesday of each month.

The Charlevoix Area Pool Auction to take place Aug. 7

The 16th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Pool Dinner and Auction is just around the corner.

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Charlevoix Country Club member cafe, there will be an attractive and easy to follow preview of Sunday's auction.

Then, from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7 at the country club will be the dinner and auction.

There are many exciting items on which to bid and the dinner is will be specially prepared by the staff at the Charlevoix Country Club. Free valet service will be provided.

Some of the items to be auctioned include stays in Hawaii, California and New York. Also available will be tickets to the University of Michigan vs. Ohio State football game, art and crafts, Bay Harbor packages and more.

This year's auction theme is "We take your fun seriously!"

According to auction coordinator Linda Jelinek, "The message is that we do a lot of serious work at the pool — be it water safety education, swimming lessons, physical therapy or classes for loosening stiff joints — we offer fun and exercise for all ages."

For auction reservations, which are $50 per person, call the pool at (231) 547-0982. For auction donations, information on how to volunteer or any other questions or comments, call Jelinek at (231) 547-2206.

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O'Connell — Coen

Sarah O'Connell of Ellsworth and Justin Coen of Charlevoix are engaged to be married.

Sarah is the daughter of Donna Parisot and Dan and Rhonda O'Connell of Ellsworth.

Sarah earned her degree in Licensed Practical Nursing from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and is currently employed at Grandvue Medical Center in East Jordan.

Justin is the son of Curt and Joyce Lorenz of Charlevoix and Jeff and Pam Coen of Ellsworth.

Justin earned his associate of arts degree from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City and is currently a sales and service representative at the Work n' Play Shop in Atwood.

A wedding is being planned for June 17, 2006 at the Bell Tower Church in Eastport.

Historical Society to host 8th Annual Sunset Cruise

The Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting the Eighth Annual Sunset Cruise.

The Emerald Isle will depart at 8:30 p.m. July 26 from the Beaver Island Boat Company dock near Bridge Park in Charlevoix.

Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be available and musical entertainment by the Bud Bechtold Quartet will be provided.

Tickets for the event are $15 in advance and $20 at the dock the day of the event. They are available at the Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State Street and at the Bridge Street Book Shop on Bridge Street.

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ELECTION NOTICE
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To be held August 2, 2005

To the qualified electors of the First Ward of the City of Charlevoix notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2005, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following office:

First Ward Councilmember

The Polls of said election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m. of said day of election.

List of all polling place locations:

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Carol Ochs, Clerk
City of Charlevoix

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Charlevoix County 4-H China Art Winners

Charlevoix County students from St. Mary's School in Charlevoix were selected to represent Michigan in the 2005 Children's Painting Exhibition. Only 58 of the 225 art pieces received were chosen to be sent to Binzhou in the Shandong Province in the People's Republic of China, of the 58 selected, Charlevoix County had 5 winners. They are: Jacob Doskoch, Sarah Luzzi, Christian McFalls, Kathyrn Sell, and Megan Zawisza. The Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange with China is coordinated by Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development.

Central Michigan University Honors List

Officials from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant have announced the receipt of Academic Honors by Charlevoix students for the spring 2005 semester, which ended in May. To be eligible for Academic Honors, a student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average or better. Charlevoix recipients are Cortney English, Geralyn McCafferty, Jennifer McClellan, Lindsey Pace and Benjamin VanGuilder.

Hope College Dean's List

The following Charlevoix students attending Hope College in Holland have been named to the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2004-2005 school year. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average or better. Charlevoix recipients are Danielle Vogelheim, Taryn Drost, Katherine Madison and Amanda Boss.

Northwestern Michigan College Dean's List

The following Charlevoix students attending Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City have been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2005 school year. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average or better. Charlevoix recipients are Carolyn Bellairs, Robyn McCarry, Kathleen Richards, Nicholas Tripplehorn and Kristy Trudeau.

Community foundation funds abstinence group

"Who's In Charge?" a teen drama group that lives and promotes a lifestyle of abstinence from drugs, alcohol and premarital sexual relations.

They deliver their message in schools and churches through skits developed and performed by more than 30 teen members in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. This school year they reached more than 1,000 students with this message.

Founded in 1993, this grassroots organization has relied on many volunteer hours and outdated office equipment to communicate their program. Thanks to a $2,500 dollar grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, "Who's In Charge?" is on their way to fund a promotional DVD video.

According to Program Director, Dan Thompson, "Who's In Charge? is motivated to reach teens across northern Michigan with a message that will encourage and inspire them to make a commitment to be abstinent from drugs, alcohol and premarital sex. This video will be one of the major tools we'll use to communicate our mission."

For more information, call Thompson at (231) 348-3387.

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Members of "Who's in Charge?" a teen drama group that lives and promotes a lifestyle of abstinence from drugs, alcohol and premarital sexual relations. Recently received a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

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Obituaries

Darrel Smith: March 14, 1927 - July 1, 2005

Darrel Duane "Smitty" Smith passed away at home on July 1, 2005 after a short struggle with cancer. He was born in Lewistown, Mont. on March 14, 1927 and his early years were spent in and around Billings, Mont. He developed an interest in flying while living near the airport and received his first pilot's license there in 1946.

In 1943 he entered the Navy and was sent to Farragut Naval Training Center in Idaho. He served in the Pacific arena with Destroyer Squadron 61 as a gunnersmate aboard the USS Blue and was discharged from the Navy in February of 1946. In July 1949 he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard where most of his career was spent on the Great Lakes lighthouses and lifeboat stations. He met his wife, Eilene (Arnold), while stationed in Michigan. In 1965, he was transferred from Harbor Beach where he served for 2 years as officer in charge of the lifeboat station to a Long Range Aids to Navigation station west of Honolulu, Hawaii. His final tour of duty was aboard the ship Avoyal in northern California. He retired from the service in May of 1967 and they moved to Oroville where they raised their family.

After retiring from the Coast Guard Smitty worked at a variety of jobs in the Oroville, Wash. area before following a lifelong dream of teaching others to fly. He returned to flight school in 1975 and in 1976 received his rating to become a certified flight instructor. He started a local flying school in Oroville, Wash. and during the next 20 years taught over 60 students the art of flying. He willingly shared his knowledge of flying "by the seat of your pants" with anyone, young or old, that was interested, and instilled a love of flying in many people up and down the valley. He was actively involved in the Tonasket, Wash. Father's Day Fly-In and liked nothing better than taking youngsters up for their first airplane ride. He became known at that event as "the shortest control tower" in the state as he talked with pilots in the air and on the ground to keep the planes coming and going with no mishaps. Health issues forced him to retire from instructing but he retained his love of airplanes and flying until his death.

He was preceded in death by his father Jett Raymond Smith, his mother Gladys (Dimmitt) Morris and his stepfather Oscar Morris. He is survived by his wife, Eilene, and daughter, Dara (McCoy), her husband, Bill, and their three children, Rebekkah, Hannah, and Jett all of Oroville; his former wife, Jeanne, and their two sons; Dane and wife Mary of Arizona and Scot and wife Eleanor of Georgia; a granddaughter, Heather Smith-Gillson of Portland, Ore. and two great-grandsons Theodore Gillson of Alaska, and Galen Bishop of Oregon; one Aunt, Ida Farrens, of Tenasket, Wash. and numerous cousins.

Smitty was a lifetime member of the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge #282, and a member of the El Katif Shrine Club and the Scottish Rite. He was also a past commander of the Oroville American Legion Post #84.

Funeral services were July 8 at the Oroville United Methodist Church. Interment followed at the Oroville Riverview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Okanogan Regional Home Health and Hospice at 800 S. Jasmine, Suite 2, Omak, Wash. 98841, the Oroville American Legion Post 84 Scholarship Fund at P.O. Box 272 Oroville, Wash. 98844, the Shriner's Children's Hospital at P.O. Box 2472 Spokane, Wash. 99216, or the Tonasket Airport Improvement Fund c/o Bob McCammon at P.O. Box 463 Tonasket, Wash. 98855.

Michael Archer: Dec. 9, 1950 - July 9, 2005

Michael Thomas Archer, 54, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, July 9, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Mike was born December 9, 1950, in Petoskey, the son of Fred and Della (Ford) Archer.

He served with the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam, and was awarded a Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Mike had lived in Oklahoma for several years before returning to northern Michigan. He loved to fish and cook. Mike was married to the former Eileen Sebastian and she preceded him in death on December 28, 2001.

Mike is survived by his daughters, Keri L. (Scott) Sheaffer of Petoskey, Erika L. (Alan) West of Boyne City, Samantha M. (Cory) Hull of Petoskey; granddaughter, Sydney West; brothers and sisters, Maryetta (Kenneth L.) Mousseau of Charlevoix, Robert (Debbora) Archer of Petoskey, Christene (Mike) Speigl of Bay Shore, Nola Archer of Petoskey, Lareatha Goodwin of Elk Rapids, Loretta (Russell) Barnes of Arizona, Aldene (Alan) Barnes of Boyne Falls, Eleanor (Keith) Nowak of Cheboygan, Jane Quick of Florida, Les (Ava) McFarland of Indian River, Harry (Marilyn) McFarland of Alanson, Byron (Diane) Archer of East Jordan, Gari Johnson of Hazel Park, Naomi McConnell of Cadillac, Virginia Smith of Harbor Springs, Evelyn Kilmer of Petoskey; sister-in-law, Muriel Archer of Charlevoix; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by brothers, Louis and Shorty Archer, Gene McFarland, and a sister, Audrey Gerlock. A private family service is planned. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Margaret Martin: Aug. 10, 1918 - July 15, 2005

Margaret Martin, 86, of Charlevoix, died July 15, 2005, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A funeral service took place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2005, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Larry Grooters officiated and burial will be in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Margaret was born Aug. 10, 1918, in Charlevoix the daughter of Fred and Anna (Aardema) Boss. On Oct. 25, 1941, she married John J. Martin in Central Lake. John preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1970.

She was devoted to her family and grandchildren and loved her home. Margaret was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

She is survived by sons, Stan (Carol) Martin, John (Sonja) Martin, and daughter, Donna Martin, all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Mike, Julie, Krista, Becky, Annie, Stephanie, Joshua and Nathan; 15 great-grandchildren; brothers Clarence (Bethel) Boss of Ellsworth and Jerry (Arlene) Boss of Madison, Wis.

Margaret was preceded in death by her son Larry "Deano" and brother Jack.

Family suggests memorial contributions to the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Visitation was from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 18, 2005, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Lee Sneathen: June 2, 1916 - July 17, 2005

Lee Edwin "Bud" Sneathen, Jr., 89, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, July 17, 2005, at his home.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 20, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Todd Thompson will officiate and interment will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, Petoskey.

Lee was born June 2, 1916, in Whiting, Ind., the son of Lee E. and Ilo May (Tousch) Sneathen. He grew up in Charlevoix on the family farm that was established in 1883, and on Oct. 22, 1939, he married the former Helen M. Bare in Petoskey. Lee was a farmer his entire life and also worked as a mason for Bare Construction. He served as the Hayes Township Supervisor for 30 years, was Chairman

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for the Charlevoix County Board of Supervisors, a member of the Maple Grove Grange, Charlevoix County Farm Bureau, I.O.O.F., and the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

Lee is survived by his wife, Helen of Charlevoix; sons, Carl (Nancy) Sneathen of Atlanta, Ga., Jim (Maurine) Sneathen of Grand Rapids and Charlevoix, Bob (Sandy) Sneathen of Charlevoix; grandsons, Todd, Allen, Mark, and Donald; great-grandsons, Daniel, Connor, Zachary, and Clayton; sisters, Evelyn Bare of Petoskey, and Marge Bare of Royal Oak.

His brothers George and Frank preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Charlevoix or to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Visitation was from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday at the Winchester Funeral Home.

Whitefish benefit dinner planned for Swadling family

A whitefish benefit dinner is being planned to raise funds for the family of Kevin Swadling.

Swadling was killed in a July 4 car accident. The dinner and silent auction will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Aug. 5 at the new Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Building.

Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for children. And are available at the following Petoskey locations — the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce, Bill and Carol's, Flowers from Kegomic and Town and Country Cedar Homes.

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Georgie Geyer to speak at Charlevoix Public Library

Georgie Geyer

Syndicated columnist Georgie Anne Geyer will speak and autograph her latest book, "When cats reigned like kings," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Geyer's latest work explores the connections between the royal and sacred felines of ancient civilizations and the beloved domestic cats of today. Written with tenacity and resourcefulness, "When cats reigned like kings" is illustrated with photos of Geyer's journeys and historical cat images. There is also a section that describes the origins and characteristics of the 41 recognized cat breeds.

Geyer will present her story and anecdotes during the session as well as entertain questions from the audience. She will also be available afterwards to sign books. Books to purchase will be made available at the library by the Bridge Street Book Shop.

The event is free and open to the public. The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will provide light refreshments. For more information call (231) 547-2651.

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Big Rock to be 'green field' by 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The signature large steel sphere at Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant will come down soon as the lengthy decommissioning process proceeds.

On Wednesday, July 13, Tim Petrosky, public affairs director for Consumers Power, led a tour of the Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant located in Charlevoix's Hayes Township.

"By September of 2006 we hope to have all the buildings gone. In November of 2006 we are expecting the final site survey in to be green field for the bulk of the property," Petrosky said. "But, of course, the dry fuel storage facility will still be here."

Petrosky said the hope is for final site survey to show green field status of about 1.5-miles of lakefront property, with a total of 530 acres of Big Rock Point's 560 acre parcel to be salable.

The other 30 acres will house the dry fuel storage facility which is approximately the size of a basketball court.

For reasons of national security no specifics can be given on what type of security force is at Big Rock, but Petrosky said, there are armed guards, vehicle barriers, and other appropriate security measures.

"We have the appropriate security and maintenance personnel assigned to the dry fuel storage facility," he said. "They could withstand a direct hit from a plane."

Petrosky said the local plant is one of the first in the United States to decommission back to green field status.

"It will all be surveyed to make sure it is clean. When I say clean, I mean we'll make sure it is free of plant generated radioactivity and that is a key point. We're looking for plant produced radioactivity not naturally occurring."

Green field status is a term used by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission which basically means that a location which once housed a nuclear plant has radioactivity levels lowered to the point that the property can be released for public or private sale.

According to Petrosky, the criteria issued for green field status is that a person may not pick up more than an additional 25 millirem of radiation from the property.

To put that in perspective, Petrosky said, a dose of 50,000 millirem at one time would have to be consumed for ill health effects to ensue.

"Living in Michigan you pick up 100-200 millirem from cosmic rays and other naturally occurring sources," he said.

At 35 years, Big Rock holds the record as the longest running nuclear power plant in the country and is one of 19 plants either decommissioned or in the process of doing so.

Big Rock was the fifth nuclear power plant in America and the first high-power-density boiling water reactor in the world and cost $27 million to build.

The plant officially ceased providing power in 1997 because it was deemed no longer economically viable and efforts have been taken since it's closing to decommission the landmark.

"It's taking a little bit longer than we originally estimated," Petrosky said.

When all the work is complete, the Big Rock decommissioning should take less than two decades. By federal law, nuclear power plants have up to 60 years to decommission.

Following its shutdown in 1997, hazard reduction was one of the first steps in the decommissioning process.

"When you have an operating plant you use a number of fluids and materials — gasoline, oil, batteries. All those things looked at separately can pose a hazard, as soon as the plant shut down we began removing these things," Petrosky said.

"Another big thing was that we removed approximately 90 percent of the radioactivity from the reactor with chemical decontamination, ultimately reducing radioactive contamination."

Petrosky said an acidic solution was pumped through the reactor and piping which helped remove radioactive contamination from it.

The next big thing to be dismantled is the large steel sphere which used to house the reactor.

"We will be cutting it with torches into pieces, lowering it to the ground and once it is on the ground it will be cleaned, decontaminated and cut into smaller pieces for disposal," Petrosky said.

He added, "The metal portion of

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Site General Manager for Consumers Power, Kurt Haas, speaks with a few guests before the tour of the Big Rock Point nuclear power plant last week. The tour highlighted some achievements and plans in the ongoing decommissioning process.

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Big Rock nuclear reactor container to be dismantled

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Petrosky said.

He added, "The metal portion of the sphere should be gone by the end of this year."

According to Petrosky, the below ground portion of the sphere's foundation, which consists of poured concrete reinforced with steel rebar, should be removed by the second half of 2006.

The projected budget for the decommissioning project was $366 million. As of May, project costs had reached $325 million.

According to Petrosky, incremental fuel storage costs were estimated at $74 million dollars and as of May of this year $51 million had been spent. Waste disposal is approximately 17 percent of the cost of this decommissioning, projected at about $62 million.

"We are right on budget," Petrosky said.

Fuel numbers at the site include "clean building debris," in the amount of 110 million pounds and radioactive waste which accounts for about 17 million pounds.

Low-level waste can be removed from the site, but the spent fuel or high-level waste located on site must stay put until an appropriate disposal area is constructed.

Thirteen million pounds of low-level radioactive waste has been shipped to Utah, South Carolina and Tennessee. Thus far, 29.8 million pounds of clean building debris has been shipped out.

Since 1982, the federal government has been talking about building a site to store high-level nuclear waste, but despite spending billions of dollars over a couple decades there is no place to ship the waste.

According to Petrosky, a site was supposed to open in 1998 but that fell through, now the optimistic outlook is that a site in Nevada called Yucca Mountain might be ready by the year 2010.

Until Yucca Mountain or some other site is built for high-level waste, the spent fuel will sit in the Spent Fuel Storage Installation ISFSI, also known as dry fuel storage at the plant.

The final phase of decommissioning should last a year starting in 2012. It will consist of taking the fuel from the plant to the Department of Energy and dismantling the storage facility.

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Schuiling crew to the rescue

Bill Schuiling came to the aid of a jet-boater who was stranded in the channel between Garden and Beaver islands after her boat broke down on Sunday, July 10. The driver, Andrea Keehn and her dog, Bear, of Beaver Island, were being swept into the main body of Lake Michigan by the wind and current when Schuiling's crew spotted her waving for help. Traveling alone and without a phone or radio, she risked not being found if she had drifted much farther.

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Decrease in number of drunk driving incidents

An audit of the state's drunk driving arrests, convictions and crashes, as well as fatalities and injuries involving alcohol and/or drugs, has shown a decrease in these areas for the third year in a row.

The 2004 Drunk Driving Audit, issued by the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center, provides detailed information, including arrest activity by law enforcement agencies for each county in the state as well as crash, injury and fatality information by county.

In 2004, 418 people died in alcohol and/or drug-related fatalities, down from 442 in 2003. Drunk and impaired driving arrests totaled 55,070, a decrease from the 55,746 individuals arrested in 2003.

Of the arrests in 2004, 53,292 were for operating under the influence of liquor (OUIL). Convictions for 2004, which may be from prior-year arrests, included 23,869 for OUIL and 28,762 for impaired driving.

Injuries resulting from alcohol and/or drug-related crashes also decreased, from 9,315 in 2003 to 8,667 in 2004.

"It's encouraging that alcohol- and drug-related traffic fatalities in Michigan are down 5 percent and that injuries were further reduced by 7 percent," said Michigan State Police Director, Colonel Tadarial J. Sturdivant. "Despite this, drunk driving is still a crime that happens all-too often."

Traffic fatalities involving alcohol and/or drugs represented 36.1 percent of all traffic deaths in 2004.

Making the public aware of drunk driving laws is critical to continue reducing these fatalities, said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

"By emphasizing education and awareness, the state is encouraging motorists to think twice before making a costly mistake," Land said. "We must continue working with other partners to continue this downward trend."

The report covers the first full-year in which the legal definition of drunk driving was set at .08 blood alcohol content (BAC). The change was effective in September 2003.

Another key piece of legislation is Michigan's repeat offender law, which took effect in October 1999. This law created harsher penalties for repeat offenders in an effort to limit access to vehicles through license plate confiscation, mandatory vehicle immobilization and vehicle forfeiture.

The 2004 Drunk Driving Audit is available online. To view the entire report, visit www.michigan.gov/msp, then click on publications, forms and statistics. Next, click statistics, then traffic crash statistics, then click Michigan Drunk Driving Audit.

Glen's Market 'Food Today' campaign ends July 25

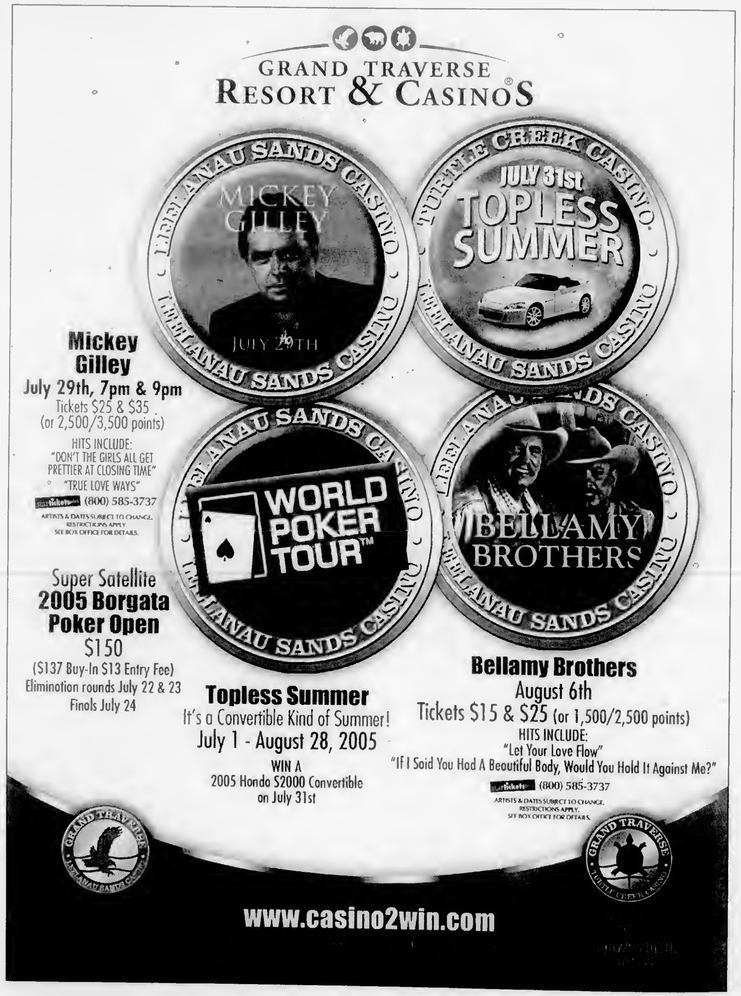
Food Today contributions translate into meals for Michigan's needy families.

Starting July 1 through July 25, consumers at local Glen's Markets will have an easy opportunity to help feed the hungry through the Food Today Campaign. This point-of-sale fundraiser will allow shoppers to make a donation of $1, $3 or $5 while paying for their groceries. Proceeds will be used to acquire emergency food by the Food Bank Council of Michigan for Michigan food banks and local emergency food programs where 44 percent of those served are children.

Each dollar raised through Food Today will provide the equivalent of 16 meals to those in need. Backed by the Michigan Grocer's Association, and sponsored by Kellogg, Food Today has a goal of $65,000.

"It is important for us all to remember that our neighbors are just as hungry in the summer as during the winter and we need to do whatever we can to help them," said Kathy Hart, Executive Director of the Manna Food Project. "The families whose children received free breakfast and lunch during the school year now have additional meals they need to provide for the summer months. Your contribution as you do your family shopping will make life a little easier for someone else."

All Glen's markets throughout The Manna Food Project service area of Antrim, Emmet and Charlevoix counties are participating in this program during July. For more information, contact The Manna Food Project at (231) 347-8852.



Rev. Tom Neis leaves St. Mary parish

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Charlevoix's St. Mary of the Assumption celebrated the legacy of the Rev. Tom Neis on Sunday, July 10, at his farewell reception.

After serving 12-and-a-half years as pastor in the Diocese of Gaylord, Neis has moved east to assume senior priest status as pastor at St. Casimir in Posen — a community in Presque Isle County settled by Polish immigrants in the early 1870s.

The parish's incoming pastor, the Rev. Gerard A. Hunko, former pastor of St. Mary in Lake Leelanau, arrived Wednesday, July 13, and was formally welcomed by Charlevoix's St. Mary parish during morning Mass on Sunday, July 17.

Neis, 79, has pursued a lengthy career in the priesthood — one that spans 53 years.

"Normally, the church changes priests every six years, so this was a long time for Father Tom," said Mary Ann Stephan, a cantor and active member of St. Mary for nearly 13 years. "He needed a smaller parish and Posen is a smaller parish. He's not ready to retire."

Patty Furtaw, pastoral and youth minister at St. Mary, was hired by Neis in 1997. She described Neis' presence in Charlevoix to be an enlightening and inspiring one, adding that his contributions extended far beyond the church.

"Most guys his age retired years and years and years ago," Furtaw said. "I admire his dedication to his vocation. I think it's his desire to serve the Lord."

Neis, who hails from the Detroit area, attended seminary at St. Joseph and Sacred Heart, both in Detroit, and St. John Provincial in Plymouth.

"He's one of the hardest working people I know. He is a priest's priest," said Furtaw, who spoke on her cell phone from inner-city Detroit during a St. Mary's Young Neighbors in Action Team mission at a food pantry. "One of the reasons we're in Detroit now is his personal financial support. He always said his family is the church. He's a truly amazing person and he will be missed."

According to Candice Neff, director of communications for the Diocese of Gaylord, Neis was ordained into the priesthood on June 7, 1952, at St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids.

In 1971, he was appointed as acting superintendent of education for the Diocese of Gaylord. He then traveled across the Atlantic to attend North American College, an institute for continuing education in Rome, Italy, in 1975.

Neis served at parishes in Grand Rapids, Manistee, Muskegon, Traverse City, Boyne City, Boyne Falls and Charlevoix. Also in the Boyne City area, he served as chaplain to the Knights of Columbus Council.

He was appointed twice to the esteemed Presbyteral Council, which consists of priests who advise the bishop, said Neff.

"He was very involved with the school," said Stephan, adding that St. Mary School's enrollment increased during Neis' time at the parish. "He knew every child's name.

"He's very generous. Any monetary gift he received was always put back into parish," she said, adding that she most admired Neis for his gracious funeral homilies. "He lived very simply — a good cigar, maybe a glass of wine once in a while."

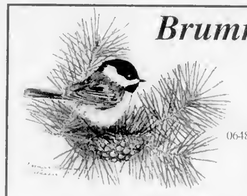
Neis' final column for St. Mary's weekly bulletin was written with what he called "a heavy heart." He extended his gratitude to the parish's staff, volunteers, cantors and choir members, Eucharistic Ministers, monthly donors to the Community Food Pantry, and those who assisted in the construction and revitalization of St. Mary's facilities.

"I say 'thank you' to all who have taken me in and helped me find a home here in Charlevoix the Beautiful," Neis wrote. "I ask pardon of all whom I have offended during these past years and thank all who have prayed for me that I might become a 'good shepherd' to everyone. I shall continue to pray for you and ask that you continue to pray for me."

St. Mary will hold welcoming receptions for Father Gerard Hunko in the Family Center after each weekend liturgy. The public may take these opportunities to meet and greet the parish's new pastor.

Courtesy photo

On Sunday, July 10, Charlevoix's St. Mary of the Assumption celebrated the legacy of the Rev. Tom Neis who served at the church for 12-and-a-half years. Neis has moved east to assume senior priest status as pastor at St. Casimir in Posen. Above, he is pictured with Charlevoix resident Rita Orlowski.



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Classic cars at the Castle

Dan Birchmeier of Bear Lake checks out one of the 160 classic cars displayed at Castle Farms during the 13th Annual Street Legends Classic Car Show July 17.

Charlevoix County Sheriff's tips for a safe boating trip

Six tips to stay safe this boating season

• Wear a life jacket: 70 percent of boating fatalities involve drowning, and of those who drowned, 86 percent were not wearing a life jacket.

• Make sure your boat is properly equipped and your equipment is in good working order: Boaters are urged to carry all the legally required equipment, such as life jackets and fire extinguishers, plus some recommended items, such as a first aid kit, charts of the area and an anchor. Also be sure to check your navigation lights.

• Avoid alcohol. As much as 50 percent of all boating accidents involve alcohol. Alcohol affects your judgment, balance and vision - all of which are necessary to operate a boat.

• File a float plan. Similar to a flight plan for a pilot, a float plan gives the "who, what, when and where" of your trip. A float plan should be filed with a friend or family member on shore.

• Maintain a sharp lookout. More boats are on the water this time of year, so everyone needs to be alert for other boaters to avoid a collision.

• Carry a marine radio or cell phone. Be prepared to call for help in the event that you are involved in an accident, or your boat becomes disabled, or you otherwise need assistance.

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East Park changes to be decided by the voters

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's City Council voted against passing an amendment to make changes to East Park, which means city voters will decide its fate at the Nov. 8 general election.

Council addressed the issue at its meeting July 18.

Charlevoix seasonal resident Jill Picha, who attended the meeting, said she and others are confused as to why council was addressing this issue when petitions had been signed with the understanding that if an initiative action effort was successful the issue would be on the November ballot.

"That was deceiving the people," Picha said.

Mayor Norman Carlson assured Picha that council was confused as well but all members supported it moving to the ballot.

Council's recent action was required by law as proper procedure following the June 20 submission of 421 authentic signatures gathered by a group of six Charlevoix city residents in support of East Park changes.

The official name of the petition group's effort is an initiative action.

Signature seekers included John Winn, Terry Left, David Novotny, John Yaroch, Mark Greyerbiehl and James Berlage.

This means council was forced to reconsider an ordinance amendment, called "Amendment 5" which it denied in March and again on Monday night.

Changes voters will now have to decide include removal of the current band shell, construction of a new performance venue with amphitheater seating and reconfiguration of the park's topography.

In a recent interview, Picha said in November she will have an army of voters lined up ready to fight park changes.

"Amendment 5" includes demolition of the current music pavilion in the fall of 2006 and construction of a new facility on the south end of the park. This part of the project would cost the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority just under $1.5 million.

Local library provides over $1.5 million in services to community

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

According to a recent study, the value of services provided by the Charlevoix Public Library far exceed its operational expenses.

"It's a community benefit analysis that attaches a value to all the services we provide," Charlevoix Public Library Director, Valerie Meyerson, said.

"Which is $1.525 million dollars in services that we provide to the community."

By calculating the cost of books, magazines, rental prices of movies and the cost of a meeting room, Meyerson was able to come to the number.

She said, "I wanted to show the board what our services are. It's easy to say that our circulation is 60,000 but what does that mean?"

"We just attached a dollar price to that so people can see what they're getting."

According to Meyerson, the library gives about five times what it receives as far as services go.

"In taxes we received (last year) we brought in about $290,000 in revenue," she said. "And the community received about 1.5 million in services."

She added, "So that's a pretty good cost to benefit ratio."

According to Meyerson's research, the library offers $407,674.89 worth of adult fiction, $133,393.50 in Internet access and $40,331.85 in juvenile fiction, to name just a few of the categories covered.

Meyerson said other, larger libraries in the country also do the community benefit analysis to help residents understand the positives of the public library.

"I think we have the best library around with our services," she said.

"We have a very supportive community here and a higher tax base which allows us to provide a high quality service."

Meyerson said, she initially worked up the report to give the library board an idea of just how much they provide.

But, she added, the tax payers and patrons of the library might benefit from the information too.

Meyerson said, at tax time people look at their bill and see money going out, but they may not realize what the library gives back.

"This allows them to see what is going back to the community and the value of those tax dollars," she said.

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Historical Society photo display in East Park

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The theme of the Third Annual Heritage Weekend was born out of a simple association: This year marks Charlevoix's 100th birthday as a city.

During the 75th Annual Venetian Festival — a milestone all its own — the Charlevoix Historical Society will present a tented photo exhibit commemorating the history of the city, which was incorporated June 1, 1905.

"Photo Highlights of 100 Years of Charlevoix History 1905 - 2005" will be displayed from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday in East Park. Admission is free.

Nearly 120 photos, all items in the historical society's Boh Miles Collection, will feature notable people, places and events in Charlevoix during the last 100 years.

"I've been working on it (the exhibit) since January," said Dave Miles, co-director of the historical society's Harsha House Museum at 103 State Street.

Precious photos have been enlarged and mounted to panels, no larger than 11-by-17 inches, alongside informative captions.

Such preserved images include a panorama of 25 pictures taken from the west side of Bridge Street around 1935; a tribute to "Charlevoix's Greatest Athlete" and 1948 Charlevoix High School graduate Bob Carey; eerie scenes of the fires that destroyed buildings on Bridge Street in 1923 and 1924; a progressive layout depicting the Beach Hotel, The Inn and The Belvedere Club first in their heydays and secondly in their phases of destruction during the 1960s; scenic shots of the Loeb Estate in 1920; the construction of the Big Rock Point Power Plant in 1960; and the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Charlevoix's present-day drawbridge in 1949.

If there were a prized object in the exhibit's bunch, Miles said, it would be the encased marriage license and certificate of Ernest Hemmingway and Hadley Richardson, completed in Charlevoix in 1921. Although the two were married in Horton Bay, they were required to travel to the city, the county seat, to obtain the official documents that are now part of the permanent collection in the Harsha House.

Miles, who is the sole coordinator of the exhibit, said eight classic prints from the historical society's collection will be on sale to the public this weekend. Cost is $50, plus tax, per individual item.

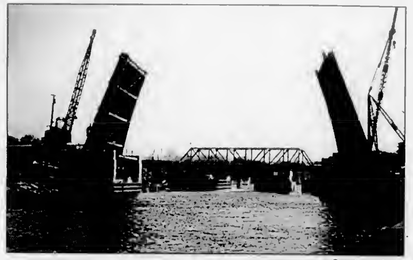
In addition to select prints, the historical society will be selling books, maps, plaques, Christmas ornaments and mugs from the museum store inside the tent.

"We're going to take the shop to the park," said Miles.

Heritage Weekend, initialized by Dan Barron, president of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc. Board of Directors, will also incorporate local businesses in this year's honorary festivities. About 70 Charlevoix establishments purchased amplified photos depicting the historic facade of their current work sites from the historical society. The Weathervane Restaurant, once the Argo Milling Company site, and the Villager Pub are two such patrons.

After Saturday, the exhibit's photos will be housed in the Harsha House Museum, but will not be incorporated as a mounted exhibit.

The Harsha House Museum is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday through Labor Day. The museum will be closed Friday and Saturday during Venetian weekend. For more information about "Photo Highlights," contact the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.



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Photos like the shot of the bridge pictured above which opened in July of 1949, which shows the temporary bridge in the background will be on display July 23 and 24 in East Park.

Dows donate 29 acre parcel to the Little Traverse Conservancy

Long-time conservancy supporters, Mike and Rhea Dow, have added to their lengthy list of conservation accomplishments by purchasing and donating a 29-acre parcel with 940 feet of road frontage to the Little Traverse Conservancy as a preserve.

The property lies along the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and offers views of Lake Charlevoix. A portion of the land has been farmed in the past. Approximately one-fifth of the land is northern hardwood forest and spectacular topography provides habitat for many native plants.

"We are pleased to be able to add the Undine Preserve to other parcels of land in the area already protected," Mike Dow said. "It is our hope that the addition of this preserve will encourage the further development of the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road scenic corridor."

MaryKay O'Donnell, the conservancy's director of land protection, acknowledged the generosity of the Dows.

"Mike and Rhea Dow had the vision to see this parcel of ground, dream of its protection, and take action to see it forever preserved. We are thankful that they immediately began restoration work to return the property to its natural landscape. The Conservancy is honored to play a part in protecting the diverse habitats of this beautiful property," she said.

The establishment of the Undine Preserve will be celebrated this summer at a dedication to take place at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 11. For more information, contact the conservancy office at (231) 347-0991.

The mission of the Little Traverse Conservancy is to protect the natural diversity and beauty of northern Michigan by preserving significant land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation and understanding of the environment. With the support of more than 4,100 members, the conservancy has worked with landowners to protect nearly 25,000 acres of land with more than 70 miles of shoreline along northern Michigan's streams, rivers, and lakes. For more information, visit www.landtrust.org.

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Pine River Dixieland Jazz Band to play East Park

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A new local band, The Pine River Dixieland Jazz Band, named in honor of Charlevoix's Pine River Channel, recently performed in East Park.

Last week, as a part of the Thursday Night Concert Series sponsored by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce the five member band played traditional Dixieland Jazz.

"It's a group that we formed two years ago. I've always wanted a group with a connection to the Pine River," said the band's tuba player, Gary Stutzman.

Knowledgeable jazz fans may recognize songs by some famous artists including works by great's like Bunny Berigan, Ray Conniff, Louie Armstrong and Buddy Rich.

"Anybody that appreciates outstanding Dixieland music will really enjoy the music," said Stutzman. "They'll have a great musical experience."

The performance featured Doug and Susan Houseworth on valve tromhone/vocals and hanjo/vocals respectively, Dan Jacobs on lead trumpet, Chris Ames on drums and Gary Stutzman on tuha.

According to Stutzman, the hallmark of Dixieland jazz is weaving an improvisational work around a general melody.

Stutzman isn't the only member of the hand who has an affinity for playing Dixieland music, the Houseworths had a group called the River Town Jazz Band, which they operated for several years. In addition to playing lead trumpet, Jacobs is also a successful music producer.

Stutzman said all the members of the group know their way around jazz melodies which means they don't need to rehearse to sound great.

"This is an ad-lih group. Everyone follows the structure of the music and it's an opportunity for every player to, at some point in time, have a share of the spotlight," Stutzman said. "You don't have one player play all the leads."

He added, "Everybody gets a chanee to participate, when one instrument isn't soloing, they are accompanying — it's truly a spontaneous form of musical expression."

The Pine River Dixieland Jazz Band will play from 6 to 10 p.m. July 20 in East Park in conjunction with the 75th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival's Rhythms of Venetian line-up.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Susan Houseworth plays the banjo and sings while Dan Jacobs rocks out on accompanying trumpet to a crowd of hundreds who braved the heat July 14 to hear some traditional Dixieland jazz music. The group will play at 6 p.m. July 20 in East Park in conjunction with the 75th Annual Rhythms of Venetian music line-up.

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Rayders fall to Northmen in Rayder Rumble II

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(Above) Rayder All-star Scott Parrish tries to divert the attention of a defensive Northmen player. Parrish scored 21 points. (Below) Scott Friske pulls down a loose ball. He scored 26 points in the match-up.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Rayder Rumble II took place July 19 at Charlevoix High School. The game matched Petoskey Northmen All-star players against Charlevoix Rayder All-stars. The final score was 100-79, in Petoskey's favor.

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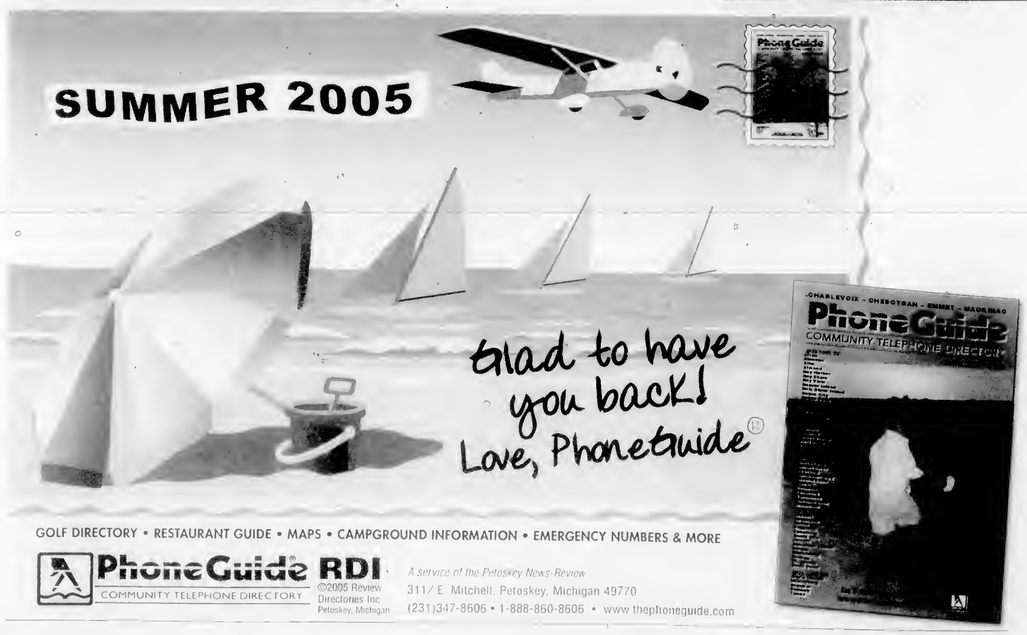
(Above) Rayder All-star Jim Shepherd moves to the hole in a rugged Rayder Rumble II. He scored 18 points in the game. (Below) 40 minutes of scrappy play resulted in some bodies on the floor.



Energy and water funds for Charlevoix to be decided

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

United States senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin recently announced House and Senate approval of an energy and water appropriations bill to be considered by the federal government in 2006.

If passed, the bill would provide several millions of dollars to cities all over Michigan, including a proposed $89,000 for harbor maintenance in Charlevoix.

"The harbor projects in this legislation are extremely important for recreational boating and commercial activity in Michigan and the sea lamprey and Asian carp barriers are essential for our battle against invasive species," Stabenow wrote in a July 1 press release.

According to the release, the legislation also directs the United States Department of Energy to prepare a report with information critical to moving forward with the Rare Isotope Accelerator (RIA), a research facility.

According to information on the government Web site www.phy.anl.gov/ria/, the research facility would be dedicated to exploring and producing new rare isotopes which aren't found on earth.

If built, the Rare Isotope Accelerator would be the most powerful research facility of it's kind, in the world.

"In addition, the report of the Department of Energy on RIA could be of vital importance to Michigan," Stabenow said. "Locating this project in Michigan would mean almost $2 billion for Michigan's economy over 20 years and 400 new jobs in the state."

Stabenow added, "This project is of great importance for new nuclear physics research and for the State of Michigan, and I will continue to work with state and national officials to move this project forward."

According to Levin, the money released by the federal government in this bill is integral to Michigan's economical and environmental well-being.

"Michigan's waters will benefit greatly with the passage of this legislation," Levin said. "The funding for these water-related projects is vital to the Great Lakes environment and economy."

The funds are used by the United States Army Corps of Engineers for maintenance and operation of the harbor, but cannot be used for construction projects such as deepening ports or channels or expanding them in any way.

Levin said, "Michigan's alternative energy initiatives recommended by the appropriations committee may lead to technologies that will reduce the nation's dependence on imported energy supplies and protect the environment."

According to the press release by Levin and Stabenow, the bill, one of 13 such annual appropriations, is heading to a conference committee to resolve differences between the House's version and the Senate's version.

Quilts for a cause

Photo by Julie Wittnoeft

(Above) Sue Shenk of Boyne City was the winner of a quilt raffle, fund-raiser for the Circle of Strength, a cancer research and support program through the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild. Holding the quilt are two of its makers, Margaret Nemec and Judy Zasadny with the Boyne City Peace Makers. At right are Circle of Strength members Kim Stevens and Diane Gorkiewicz.

(Below) This year's winner of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club quilt raffle was Jamie Holmes from Traverse City. The lucky ticket was drawn by Dominique Roski at the afterglow following the July 13 Garden Walk. Shown below are Garden Club member, Jim Ledahl, and Dominique.

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Trophy Case wins Bob Klooster softball tournament

Petoskey's Trophy Case team won 4 consecutive games on Sunday, July 17, to come back from a first round loss on Friday night to claim first place in the 2nd Annual Memorial Invitational softball tournament in Charlevoix.

The tournament, which took place July 15-17 in 90 degree heat is conducted in memory of Bob Klooster, Charlevoix's only Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame member.

Klooster family members were present to begin the tournament with a ceremonial first pitch, thrown by Justin Klooster and received by his father, Pat Klooster, who is Bob's nephew. Eloise Klooster, Bob's widow, presented the awards to the champions and runners up.

The following is the final order of finish:

1. Trophy Case from Petoskey 5-1
2. M-46ers from Hemlock 3-2
3. Coldwater Merchants from Coldwater 1-2
4. Lumber Company from Lowell 2-2
5. Mayan Agency from Merrill 1-2
5. Saginaw Merchants from Saginaw 1-2
7. J-N-C Electric from Ellsworth 0-2

Results from game one: Mayan Agency 7–4 over Trophy Case.

Results from game two: Saginaw Merchants 2–0 over JNC Electric.

Results from game three: M-46ers 9–2 over Lumber Company.

Results from game four: Coldwater Merchants 2–1 over Mayan Agency.

Results from game five: M-46ers 7–0 over Saginaw Merchants.

Results from game six: Lumber Company 12–5 over JNC Electric.

Results from game seven: Trophy Case 12–2 over Saginaw Merchants.

Results from game eight: Lumber Company 9–3 over Mayan Agency.

Results from game nine, the winner bracket final: M-46ers 9–2 over Coldwater Merchants.

Results from game 10: Trophy Case 6–2 over Lumber Company.

Results from game 11: Trophy Case 7–6 over Coldwater Merchants.

Results from game 12, the championship game: Trophy Case 8-7 over M-46ers. The score was tied, 5-5 after two innings. The Trophy Case scored two runs in the fourth inning and added one in the sixth to take an 8-5 lead.

M-46ers scored two in the bottom of the seventh inning to make it 8-7 with a man on base when the game ended with a strikeout.

Results from game 13: Trophy Case 5–4 over M-46ers. The game ended on a ground out from short to first ending the long and very hot come back day for Trophy Case who had to win 4 consecutive games on Sunday through the loser's bracket.

Venetian Festival Kid's Day Thursday in East Park

Ponies, bubbles, crafts and more will populate East Park for the Venetian Festival's annual Kid's Day.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 21 Venetian Festival kids can revel in a variety of activities in the park.

There will be a bubble land and pint sized ponies as well as a craft tent for budding artists to produce festival keepsakes.

Also available will be a giant inflatable slide and Rayder moon walk, dunk tank and petting zoo.

Several entertainment shows, including, performances by the Ragamuffin Children's Theatre, magic shows featuring the Amazing Clark and an appearance from the red headed wonder Ronald McDonald, will take place throughout the day, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the band shell.

The purchase of one $7 arm band will gain participants entry into the craft tent and giant inflatable fun land. The band will also allow kids to ride ponies and explore their cowboy blood on "Mongo" the mechanical bull.,

Activities there is no charge for, include, the band shell shows, story telling times with Charlevoix Public Library volunteers, entrance into the petting zoo, hands on fun in bubble land, finger printing with representatives from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, temporary tattoo application, face painting and popcorn munching.

Story times are 11:50 a.m., 12:35 p.m., 1:20 p.m. and 3 p.m. Finger printing will be available from noon to 3 p.m.

For additional information, on the day of the event, visit the arm band booth in the park.

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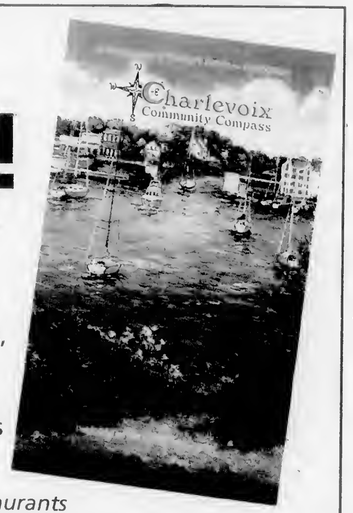

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Algae piles up at some area beaches

Greg White of Charlevoix had to do some raking this past week, not of his yard, but of his shoreline to remove stinky algae growth to prepare the beach for his daughter's sweet 16 birthday party.

"I have never seen it this bad. We wish we could make it go away. We are seriously thinking about putting in a dock over the scum to get to the clear water," White said.

If you've visited the Lake Michigan shoreline you may have noticed the extensive stretches of shoreline where large amounts of green algae have accumulated in near shore areas.

Staff at the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council have reported numerous calls and questions about the algae over the past two weeks. Furthermore, over the past few years there has been an increase in Lake Michigan riparian owners distressing over algae on their shorelines.

"The proliferation of zebra mussels in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron as well as lower lake levels, has contributed to an increase in the amount of algae growing in the near shore area," reported Ann Baughman, Program Director with the Watershed Council.

A great variety of algae can be found in Lake Michigan. Many species of algae anchor themselves to rocks or other hard surfaces in near shore areas. This bottom-dwelling or benthic algae is know as periphyton. Periphyton is a naturally occurring type of algae in all of our lakes and streams in northern Michigan. The predominant type of algae growing in the near shore area is called Cladophora.

During periods of high energy wave action, periphyton sloughs off the hard surfaces and from the lake bottom. This periphyton, sometimes looks like "pea soup" or "green blobs" and usually remains suspended in the water for many days due to its buoyancy. The algae (periphyton) are then transported with the prevailing winds, often gathering in embayments and sheltered areas. Conversely, if the wind direction changes these accumulations can quickly be blown out and dissipated into open water. Sometimes the algae (periphyton) mixes with marl (calcium carbonate present in our soils that precipitates out of the water column and covers rocks and plants) resulting in a "goopy" mixture.

Zebra mussel eating habits are believed to be the primary culprit for the algae growth. Zebra mussels filter feed up to 1 liter of water per day per mussel, consuming free-floating unicellular algae (phytoplankton) and essentially clearing the water column. The reduction in phytoplankton means less competition for periphytic algae as more nutrients become available and more sunlight reaches the bottom. The low lake levels allow even more sunlight to reach the bottom, warming and brightening where periphyton occur, and leading to greater periphyton growth. Zebra mussel waste adds nutrients to the bottom, which encourages periphyton growth.

"This year, excessive algae growth has occurred earlier in the season, which is most likely due to atypical warmer temperatures. Although these masses of algae are unattractive and a nuisance, they do not contaminate the water and it should be safe to wade and swim in areas infested with this algae," Baughman said.

It is normal to have small localized areas with some periphyton growth in Lake Michigan. The large growths we are seeing this season and their wide-spread distribution are not typical. Unfortunately, the introduction of exotic zebra mussels and to a lesser extent lower lake levels, have altered nutrient cycles and balance causing the proliferation of the algae. Green algae growth will likely continue to populate, and at times, plague our shorelines. For the time being, there is no other environmentally safe recourse than collecting and disposing of the accumulated algae that collects along your shoreline.

Besides the increase in periphyton growth, there is another potential consequences of the zebra mussel infestation that may impact inland lakes as well as the Great Lakes. As zebra mussels feed, they filter and digest large quantities of free-floating unicellular algae, but appear to "spit out" a common blue-green algae, known as Microcystis. As a result, Microcystis is becoming more and more concentrated in many inland lakes populated with zebra mussels. This consequence is problematic because Microcystis has the distinction of being able to produce natural toxins, called microcystins, which can be harmful to wildlife and humans. In fact, the toxin can cause liver damage and even kill wildlife if a sufficient quantity is ingested.

The effects on humans, although not entirely known, include gastrointestinal distress. The risk is greatest when algal blooms are thickest, and for those who are most likely to ingest lake water (i.e. children and pets). Microcystis, under normal circumstances, does not pose a health risk. Only when concentrations of the algae are unusually high does the potential exist for enough toxins to be produced to cause a problem.

Although research indicates that lakes with low to medium phosphorous levels are most at risk for concentrated Microcystis levels, it is difficult to predict how northern Michigan's inland lakes will respond. Factors including a lake's nutrient status, temperature and climate also influence the severity of the problem. The characteristic appearance of Microcystis is described as a green "scum" floating on the water surface, becoming very noticeable during bloom events. From a distance, the algae looks like spilled grass green paint on the lake's surface.

"The blue-green algae blooms are most prevalent in mid- to late summer. If you suspect a Microcystis bloom in your lake, please contact the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council," Baughman said.

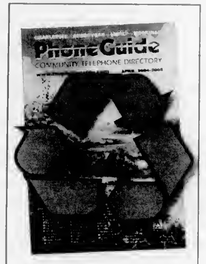
All algae require nutrients for growth. One of the simplest things we can all do to help keep Lake Michigan clean is to reduce our contribution of nutrient pollution. We can all help keep our lakes clean by reducing fertilizer use, taking care of pet waste, reducing runoff of soil from construction activities and landscaping, and encouraging our local governments to reduce storm-water inputs.

"It is frustrating that one aquatic nuisance species has had such an impact on the health and enjoyment of our waters," Baughman said.

The battle against aquatic nuisance species isn't only occurring on our shorelines. The Michigan legislature has initiated efforts to require permits and treatment before ocean-going vessels can discharge ballast water, one of the leading sources of new exotic species. Baughman said adopting measures such as these is important to eliminate future aquatic nuisance species from wreaking havoc on our lakes ecosystems.

"Preventing new exotic species from being introduced is critical to the overall health of our Great Lakes and inland lakes," she added.

To contact Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for more information, call (231) 347-1181, ext. 100, or visit the organization's Web site at www.watershedcouncil.org.



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C² Gallery brings new artists to town

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix residents and roommates, Cheryl and Mike Carey and Amy Cook have partnered in an artistic business venture.

"I think this is the first time for all of us that we can wake up in the morning and can't wait to go to work," Mike, Cheryl's husband, said.

The three purchased the former Koucky Gallery and opened a new art gallery in town called C² Gallery, located at 327 Bridge Street.

Cheryl, 35, worked for Koucky Gallery owners Chuck and Nancy Koucky last summer. Then, when she found out they were interested in selling the business, she jumped at the chance to live her dream — owning and operating an art gallery.

"Our families have known the Koucky family for years. We hated to see the gallery leave. We wanted to keep a little bit of Koucky in Charlevoix," Cheryl said.

As the deal panned out, the gallery moved next-door to Koucky's former location and the Rocking Horse Toy Company moved to the old Koucky Gallery location.

The three new business owners had a lot of work to do to get their new digs operational, including transforming lighting, installing carpeting and rebuilding walls.

While the gallery looks similar to its predecessor, about 30 percent of the current inventory is from new artists. Koucky's staple artists that are part of the new C² Gallery include Deborah Hoover, Luke Buck, Matthew Keiser and, of course, potter Chuck Koucky and jeweler Nancy Koucky.

The C² owners are members of the Jordan River Arts Council and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

At this time the three owners are the only ones working at the gallery. They plan to expand services to offer custom framing this fall.

For more information about C² Gallery, call (231) 547-2228 or e-mail e2gallery@yahoo.com. The gallery's summer hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Winter hours are from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Pictured above are Cheryl and Mike Carey, two of the three owners of the new C² Gallery, located at 327 Bridge Street. Missing from the picture is Amy Cook.

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Edward Jones wins J.D. Power and Associates award

Edward Jones has been ranked highest, ahead of 19 other firms, in a 2005 J.D. Power and Associates full-service investor satisfaction study.

In 2002, the first year the study was conducted, Edward Jones ranked number one in a tie.

In the 2005 study, conducted in January and February, was based on responses from more than 6,600 investors who primarily invest in one of the 20 firms in the study.

The six key factors considered were integrity of the brokerage firm, information and resources, account management, cost, investment representative/advisor and customer service.

Edward Jones earned industry-leading scores in the information/resources, account management and investment representative/advisor factors.

Citizens Bank names Robin Zimmerman mortgage originator

Robin Zimmerman has been named mortgage originator for Citizens Bank for the Charlevoix and Boyne City markets.

Zimmerman is responsible for originating residential mortgages for both purchases and refinances by working with bank staff, Realtors, and housing organizations to assist clients with their mortgage needs.

"We are very pleased that Robin has joined our mortgage origination team," said Judy Relf, Citizens Bank's regional sales manager. "She has a solid background in mortgage lending and has superior customer service skills."

Zimmerman comes to Citizens Bank from GMAC Mortgage Corporation where she served as senior loan officer and team leader. She was responsible for originating loan applications for both first and second mortgages and processing the loan files.

Zimmerman attended Saginaw Valley State University completing general requirement courses in business administration.

A resident of Charlevoix, Zimmerman is a member of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and Board of Realtors.

St. Mary Cement recognized for safety

St. Mary's Cement Inc. in Charlevoix was recently recognized for major safety improvements in the past year, based on 50-75 percent lost-time improvement.

Portland Cement Association (PCA) honored the Charlevoix plant on May 18 at the 47th annual Cement Industry Technical Conference in Kansas City, MO.

The 2004 Safety Awards, presented by PCA, recognize plants in three major categories: Plants with one or more years operating without a lost-time incident; plants operating with 500,000 to one million hours without a lost-time accident; and plants exhibiting major improvements in safety practices.

Courtesy photo

Harry Potter mania

Alistair Taft Jones of Austin, Texas, dressed as Hagrid at the midnight sale of the latest edition in the Harry Potter series at the Bridge Street Book Shop in Charlevoix July 16. Shop owner Jim Berlage awarded him a free copy of the book.

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SPORTS

Dodgeball tournament earns over $2,000 for the skatepark

Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. hosted the 1st Annual "Dodge-N-It Classic" on Saturday, July 16 at the Charlevoix Middle School.

This event drew 14 teams from as far away as Kingsley, and raised approximately $2,000, which will go towards construction of the Skatepark on West Garfield Avenue in Charlevoix.

Winners were:

8-11: "The McSaubas'"

12-14: "The Retro Japanese Gnome Posse"

15-18: "Team Short Bus"

For participants over 18: "The Purple Cobras"

Winners of the Best Name and Best Dressed Team were the "Afro-Desiacs," with special mention going to the "Average Janes."

Vickie Daman, chairperson for Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., said, "For a first time tournament, we were thrilled with the turnout. This is sure to be an annual fund-raising event for the Skatepark."

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. hosted the 1st Annual "Dodge-N-It Classic" on Saturday, July 16 at the Charlevoix Middle School. Above one of 14 teams gets ready to dodge.

Preliminary results for the Venetian Festival golf tourney

In the Venetian Games Carey Cup, golf tournament locals are on the leader board.

The tournament, was named in memory of Keith Carey, a popular long-time manager at the City of Charlevoix Municipal Course, where the tournament takes place.

The adult division is moving towards conclusion while the junior division has just started play.

In the adult division championship flight, the quarterfinal matches were played with David Shearer besting Richard Clem while Steve Seeley edged Glen Taylor. Jack Niswander outlasted Larry Nunamaker and Scott Blechel defeated Bud Klooster.

In the first flight, Kyle Smith has advanced to the finals defeating Eric Klooster and will meet Jack Bachi who defeated Joe Battle.

In the senior division, Steve Little defeated Bill Ward, Jack Niswander won over Jack Barka, Joe Battle defeated Rich Doty and Glen Taylor won over Dick Putman.

In the women's championship flight, Fran Marschner has advanced to the finals with her win over Susan Boggerma and Nancy Grunch edged Jill Washburn so the two winners will meet for the title.

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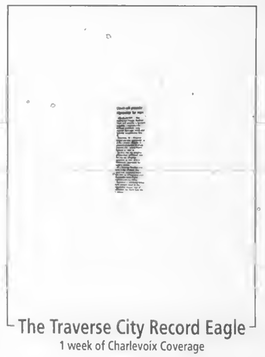

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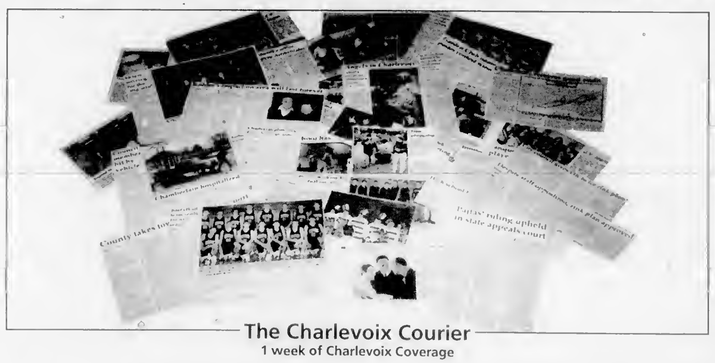

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SPORTS

Lake Michigan Mariners take third in tournament

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Lake Michigan Mariners, a 16 and under travel baseball team from Charlevoix, finished third in the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Tournament on July 8-10. The Mariners' medal winning performance was their best of the travel season.

In pool play, Lake Michigan defeated Flint Kearsley, 7-0; beat Richfield, 11-8 and lost to Jackson Northwest, 8-1. In the playoff portion of the tournament, the Mariners lost to the Fort Wayne (Indiana) All-Stars, 4-3 and defeated host Grand Blanc, 7-6 in the third-place game.

Against Kearsley, Chris Waha threw a perfect game, throwing six innings and allowing no hits, no walks and striking out 12. Waha struck out 11 of the first 12 batters he faced in the contest.

At the plate Waha had the Mariners' only two hits. Lake Michigan stole eight bases as a team and took advantage of 13 Kearsley walks. Matt Heimbuch walked in all three of his plate appearances. Ty Telgenhof walked twice and scored two runs.

Waha stayed hot against Richfield, going three for three with a double and two runs scored. Danny Waldron singled and tripled. Heimbuch had two hits.

Joey Anthony had two hits, stole three bases and scored two runs. Drew Klooster doubled while Michael Heckendorn, Woody Nitchman and Nate Golovich all singled. Trevor Cole reached base three times — on a single, walk and hit by pitch, scoring twice.

Heimbuch was the winning pitcher, throwing five and a third innings, giving up only six hits and two earned runs. Waha struck out the last two batters of the game with two men on to earn the save.

The Mariners managed only three hits against Northwest. Klooster, Heckendorn and Golovich each singled. Waldron took the pitching loss despite striking out six in four innings of work. Waha threw two more perfect innings in relief, striking out three.

In the single elimination playoffs against Fort Wayne, the Mariners struggled early with Anthony's second inning single being the only hit until the sixth and final inning.

Trailing 4-0 with one out in the sixth, Klooster was hit by a pitch. Waldron doubled him home to put Lake Michigan on the board. Waha singled in Waldron to cut the lead to 4-2. After a visit to the mound by the Fort Wayne coach, Heimbuch doubled to right field to drive in a run and bring the Mariners to within a run.

Lake Michigan couldn't get the key hit, however, and the game ended with the tying run on second base for the Mariners. Heimbuch threw four innings, allowing only three hits, three runs, two earned and walking none in a losing effort.

Waha finally allowed a base runner, ending his perfect string at 8 2/3 innings for the tourney. He allowed two hits but no runs. Telgenhof threw one inning, giving up an unearned run on a hit, walk and an error.

Playing for a third place medal in the consolation game, the Mariners jumped out to a first-inning lead on a single by Klooster, walk to Heimbuch and a three-run homer by Anthony. Heckendorn scored later on an error in the inning to stake Lake Michigan to a 4-0 lead.

The host Bobcats, tied the game, however, with two runs in the second, one in the third and one in the top of the fourth, off Heckendorn.

The Mariners scored two in the bottom of the fourth on a solo home run by Heimbuch, a single and steal by Anthony and an RBI single by Nic Williams. Grand Blanc refused to give up, though, scoring four more in the fifth to again tie the game.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Mariners scored the winning run on consecutive singles by Waha, Heimbuch and Anthony. Heimbuch finished up two shutout, no-hit innings of relief by striking out the Grand Blanc cleanup hitter in the seventh inning with the tying run on third base to clinch the win.

Anthony had three hits, three RBI and two runs scored to pace the Lake Michigan hitters. Heimbuch had two hits, two runs scored, a walk and an RBI. Klooster, Waha, Williams and Golovich all had one hit.

The Mariners close out their season the weekend of July 30 and 31 at a tournament in Traverse City.

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JUL 2005

Ragamuffin Theatre Group presents Willie Wonka

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company of Charlevoix will be presenting an encore presentation of their "interactive" musical theater version of Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, at 4 p.m. July 23 and at 2 and 7 p.m. July 25 and 26 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix.

Aside from being entertained by a large cast of Oompa Loompas, audience members will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of different "chocolate factory" games, which includes eating lots of chocolate.

Ragamuffin Theatre members will select volunteers for activities throughout the evening's program. Willing participants will then search for hidden golden tickets, build their own everlasting gobstoppers, compete for prizes during the fizzy lifting liquid "burp" contest and more.

"Everyone will leave with a prize of some sort," said theater group director, Kathleen Whittaker. "This event is about discovering the beauty of pure imagination while celebrating the child within."

The classic story will be told in a creative new way and is not limited to children. Adults will be invited to join in the fun of creating memories with their children or grandchildren, by experiencing interaction similar to the production's main characters, Charlie and Grampa Joe.

Tickets for July 25 and 26 matinees are $10, tickets for all other shows are $15. Tickets may be purchased on-line by visiting www.RagamuffinTheatre.com, or by calling (231) 237-9686. You may also purchase tickets at the door. Seating is limited to 100 participants each performance.

B-25 Mitchell to visit local airport from July 20-23

The Yankee Air Museum's B-25 Mitchell will be in Charlevoix from July 20-23.

The Charlevoix Municipal Airport, located off US-31 near Harbor Industries, will host the airplane hailed as the last "Dolittle Era" B-25-D still flying.

Tours of the plane will be offered as will actual flights.

The B-25 was in actual combat in World War II.

Flights are $375 per person and can be scheduled by calling Island Airways at (231) 547-2141. For more information about the plane, visit www.yankeeairmuseum.com

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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

THIS IS TO INFORM Lisa Groh, last known address: 923 Rutger St., FLR 1, Utica, NY, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #185. A brief description would be - mattress, couch, vacuum cleaner, television, monitor, keyboard and chair. You have until August 20, 2005, to re-claim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.
(7-20-2-076)

THIS IS TO INFORM Diana Cole, last known address: 6789 M-66 N., Charlevoix, MI, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #046. A brief description would be - shelving, microwave, printer and mattress. You have until August 20, 2005, to re-claim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.
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Contact the City Manager's Office at 231-547-3270 for more information and a complete list of job duties. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, the City employment application, background waiver form and resume to City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 by July 25, 2005.

Applications and background waiver forms are available at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE.
(7-13-2-086)

REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANT needed to join our high-tech speciality practice dedicated to providing excellent quality patient care. This professional should have great communication skills, be able to function effectively in a team environment, and be highly competent in radiography and four-handed assisting techniques. $18/hour. Please call Dr. Johnson Monday thru Thursday between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. 231-330-5862.
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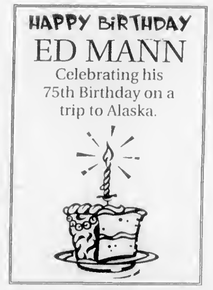

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PART-TIME HELP WANTED 087

CHARLEVOIX WIRELESS, a technology company located in downtown Charlevoix is looking for part-time Administrative Assistant. Duties will include Answering Telephones, Scheduling Appointments and Filling Documents. Must have extensive knowledge of Quick Books Pro and accounting. Please Call: Desmond Milligan or Jake Jensen at 231-547-9976 to schedule an appointment.
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BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT 203

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Lake Charlevoix Mariners Boat Auction absolute sale. August 13, 10 a.m. at Irish Boat Shop Ferry Avenue Dock. Boats and boating accessories will be auctioned. Other fun stuff too! Over 40 boats sold last year. It's not too late to donate. Call Jeff Glenny at Irish Boat Shop 231-547-9967. Tax Deductible.

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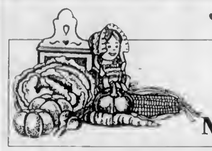

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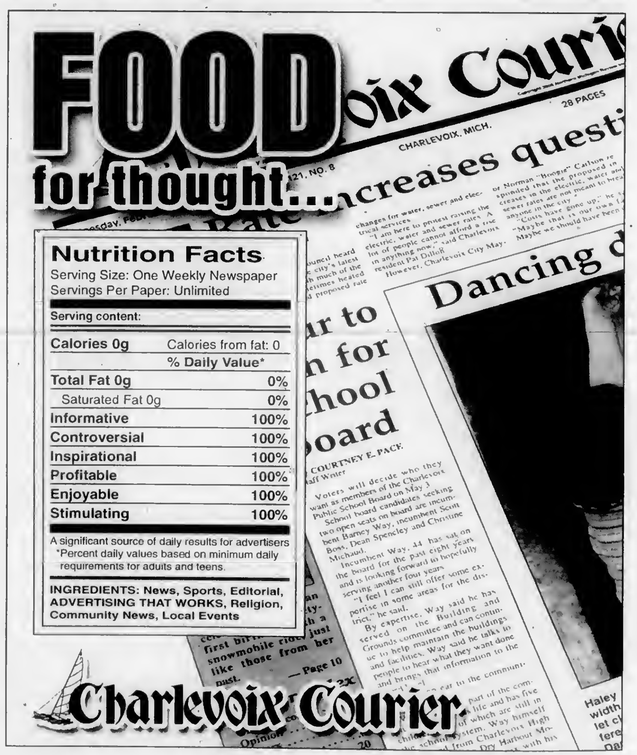

LEGAL NOTICE 210

CORRECTED NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Casimer Jacob Kolinske and Susan Lousie Kolinske, husband and wife, to Superior Bank FSB Pacific Equity Division, mortgagee, dated January 5, 1999 and recorded January 11, 1999 in Liber 355, Page 305, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by LaSalle Bank National Association (Assignee), formerly known as LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as in-denture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated February 1, 1999 among AFC Trust Series 1999-1, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as seller and servicer, and Lasalle Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 1999-1, and any amendments thereto by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and 54/100 Dollars ($70,115.54) including interest at the rate of 10.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mort-gage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Char-levoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on August 12, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: July 13, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association (Assignee), formerly known as LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated February 1, 1999 among AFC Trust Series 1999-1, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as seller and servicer, and Lasalle Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 1999-1, and any amendments thereto, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 199.2133 ASAP711777

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BID NOTICE

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX will accept sealed proposals for restroom cleaning until 11:00 a.m.m July 25, 2005 in the office of the City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix. Bid packages and all inquires are to be directed to Street superintendent John Martin at 231-547-3276.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. July 21 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, on the corner of US-31 North and Meech Street. Another drive will take place from 1 to 5:45 p.m., Wednesday, July 27 at Harbor Industries, 100 Harbor Drive in Charlevoix. To schedule an appointment call 800-448-3543 or drop in. Bring your Red Cross donor card or photo/government I.D.

Book signing

At 3 p.m. Thursday, July 21, Gary and Jan Bower of Traverse City will be signing copies of their latest book, "I'm A Michigan Kid!" At the Bridge Street Book Shop located at 407 Bridge Street, in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-7323.

Elsenheimer office hours

State Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer will be available during office hours from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, July 22 in the main conference room at Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State Street.

Preserve hike

The Little Traverse Conservancy and Thorne Swift staff will lead hikes through the moonlit Thorne Swift Nature Preserve, near Harbor Springs from 9 to 11 p.m. Friday July 22. John Riggs, an expert storyteller and preserve manager, will start the evening with some fun tales by the campfire. To register, call the Little Traverse Conservancy (231) 347-0991.

Perennial class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free gardening class "Sunny Perennial Favorites" at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23. Call (231) 599-2824 to register. Pine Hill Nursery is located on US-31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

Skate parade entry

All skateboarders, in-line skaters, BMX bikers and long boarders are invited to participate in the Venetian Parade representing the Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., the fund-raising group for the skatepark in Charlevoix. Meet at the parade route on Saturday July 23 wearing your CCS, Inc. shirts. Any questions call (231) 547-8063.

Class of 1965 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1965 will host a reunion from 1:30 to 5 p.m. July 23 at the Lake Michigan Beach Pavilion. Class members may bring their own food and drinks. For more information, call (231) 547-4457.

Preservation society meeting

A Charlevoix County History Preservation Society membership meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, July 25, at the Ironton Congregational Church, UCC, located at 03805 Washington Street in Ironton. The program will be in two parts. The first part will be a slide presentation on the history of the Village of Ironton. The second part of the program will be on the history of the Ironton Congregational Church. The public is invited to the program. For more information contact Carol Goodenough, society president, at (231) 582-7042.

Baby-sitting training

Red Cross baby-sitting training will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan. This course prepares youth ages 11-15 with the training every parent wants in a baby-sitter, including safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency skills. The cost is $20 for the class and includes a baby-sitter's kit. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Scholarship money is available for eligible students. For more information or to receive a registration brochure, contact the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

Red Hat event

Attention Red Hatters a Strawberry Shortcake Affair is planned from 2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 26 at the Castle Farms at 5052 M-66 North, in Charlevoix. It will be catered by The Gray Gables Restaurant. There will be a fashion show by Billie's of Cheboygan and entertainment provided by two Sweet Adelines Quartets of the Traverse City Chorus. Tickets are $20 and must be purchased by July 16 from Alice (231) 547-2745 or e-mail judye@twin-valley. net. You need not be a red hatter to attend.

Chair-ity Auction

At 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State Street in Charlevoix, will host the 3rd Annual Take A Seat Chair-ity Auction. Over 60 pieces of restored and hand-decorated furniture, including tables, benches, and chairs for adults and children will be auctioned. In addition an heirloom-quality fully-furnished doll house will also be auctioned. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Bergmann Center, Camp Quality, Crooked Tree Arts Center, the Charlevoix Senior Center and Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church. Items may be previewed from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 or from 6 to 7 p.m. July 27. Tickets are $10 and will be available at the door or at Charlevoix Camera, Crooked Tree Arts Center, the Charlevoix Senior Center of First Congregational Church.

Zonta's Literary Delights

The Charlevoix Zonta Club is sponsoring Literary Delights, an afternoon fund-raiser celebration of Michigan's female authors. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 30 in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms located off M-66 in Charlevoix. Tickets for the event are $40. They are available locally at the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street or by calling Zonta member Linda Degrow at (231) 547-4109 or fellow Zontian Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Freedom from smoking class

Charlevoix Area Hospital, in cooperation with the American Lung Association, will host a Freedom from Smoking program. The new, eight-week series of classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2 at the hospital. There is no charge for this clinic. To register, call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

Rayder Golf Outing

The Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing 2005 a 4 person scramble is scheduled for Friday Aug. 5, at the Charlevoix Country Club. Registration will begin at noon and golf is at 1 p.m. Lunch, golf, dinner and Rayder football shirts are included. Cost is $80 per person and deadline is July 29. There will be prizes and drawings. Make checks payable to Rayder Football Outing and mail to 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or fax to (231) 547-3411. For more information call (231) 547-5400.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15. If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Stratford trip

The Jordan River Arts Council will host its annual trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada Sept. 23-25. Trip participants will leave at noon from East Jordan Sept. 23. For more information, call Barbara Worgess at (231) 536-2092.

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State finalist girls basketball team to be Grand Marshals

When it came time to determine who is going to serve as Grand Marshal of the Venetian Festival street parade, there were several board suggestions, but it was a clear decision that the most successful girls basketball team in the history of Charlevoix High School had earned the spotlight.

The 2004 Charlevoix High School girls varsity basketball team will be honored for their Class C state finalist accomplishment and will be "center stage" at the parade.

No other Charlevoix High School girl's basketball team had ever advanced past regionals and the maroon and white nearly captured the state title this past year, losing in the last minute to St. Martin de Porres of Detroit.

Head coach Keith Haske was pleased by the festival board's decision and was especially proud of the individual and collective manner in which the team conducted themselves.

"We were a team and our success reflected that fact. Everyone on our squad contributed," he said.

The team will be honored as the Grand Marshals of the popular street parade on Saturday and were introduced at half-time of the Monday night Rayder Rumble II basketball game.

Team members include Caitlin Cole, Sarah Cross, Betsy Dennis, Shannon Dibble, Grace Farrell, Sally Haselschwardt, Liz Jadwin, Genevieve Koehanny, Madison McKenzie, Stevie Murray, Laura Nitchman, Bethany Pearson, Jaime Pettis, Madison Ramsey and Kari Way. Rayder coaches include Haske and assistant coaches Jim Gels and Bret Erskine.

Also being honored with the 2004 girls team is the organizer and first coach of the Charlevoix High School girls basketball program, Toni Felter. Toni followed the 2004 team this year and shared in the pride and delight of their accomplishments.

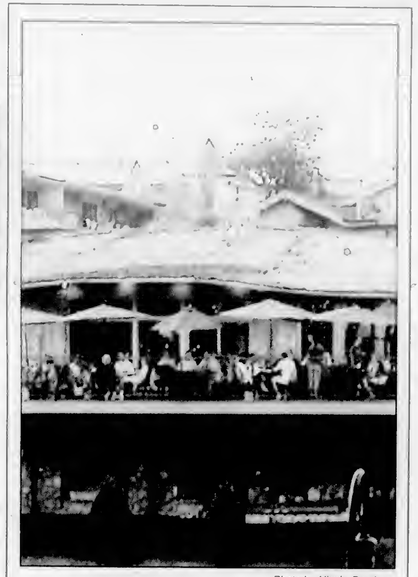
"When we first started we were a club team and the girls wore their father's sleeveless undershirts and wrote numbers on the back. We have certainly come along way from those early days," Felter said.

Venetian Board President Dan Barron was equally pleased to have the 2004 team serve as Grand Marshals and to provide well deserved recognition to Felter.

"Charlevoix has been very fortunate to have a strong girls basketball program, as well as a strong boys program. This is another great opportunity to share our basketball pride with the community and with all Venetian visitors," Barron said.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The 2004 Charlevoix High School girls varsity basketball team will be honored for their Class C state finalist accomplishment and will be Grand Marshals at the Venetian Festival street parade to begin at 11 a.m. July 23. (Above) Team members are honored at Rayder Rumble II Monday night.



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Decked out

The Weathervane's new waterfront deck, which seats 75 people and is laid with Alaskan cedar wood, was officially open to the public July 2.

The nearly three-month collaborative project was completed by Albert L. Shindorf Builders Inc., Vidosh Landscape Centres and Ben Whitley, a local artisan and steelworker who constructed the railings.

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Charlevoix trial and marina update

County smoking ban draws lawsuit

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The recently enacted Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation which limits smoking in businesses located in Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim and Otsego counties faces a lawsuit.

A lawsuit has been filed against Charlevoix County and the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency by three residents served by the agency. Kent McNeil of Bellaire, and Franklin Fisher and Roger Griffin of East Jordan are calling for Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas to overturn the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation.

"Counties and other local units of government only have such powers as are granted to them by law and may only adopt ordinances related to county affairs. Charlevoix County has exceeded its authority by passing the act," state East Lansing attorneys Vincent Spagnuolo and Samuel Frederick in a brief they filed on behalf of their clients in Charlevoix County Circuit Court.

The three plaintiffs are smokers who claim they are being adversely effected by the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation which took effect July 14 and prohibits smoking in all enclosed areas of workplaces in Charlevoix, Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Due to this "adverse effect," the three have asked Judge Pajtas to declare the act invalid.

Officials from the local health department issued a press release assuring community members that in spite of the pending claim, the smoke-free workplace regulation is still in effect.

Gerald Chase, Health Officer of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, acknowledged he has been informed of the legal challenge to the smoke-free workplace regulation, but declined to discuss the specifics of the legal

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Photo by Nicole Graziano

Businesses have displayed this logo since July 14 when a county-wide smoking ban went into effect. Three area residents are challenging the regulation in court.

First ward city voters to head to the polls Aug. 2

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix voters in the first ward will be heading to the polls Aug. 2 for a city council primary.

According to Charlevoix City Clerk Carol Ochs, the seat of first ward councilman Robert N. Timms needs to go to primary because on May 10 three people submitted petitions for it. They are Timms, Rebecca Lynne Swayze-Doan and Steven Bennett.

Polls for the primary election will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 2 at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix.

According to Ochs there are about 830 registered voters living in the first ward who will be eligible to vote in the primary.

Timms, a 71-year-old father of three and husband of Alice Timms, has held a council seat on and off for about 20 years. His most recent stint in office started in November of 2003 when he beat out his competitor, interim first ward councilman Dave Novotny, by 36 votes. In 1999 he lost to current Mayor Norman Carlson by 21 votes.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A bird's eye view

A view of the downtown area and Round Lake harbor from high atop the Skerbeck Brothers ferris wheel Saturday afternoon just goes to show it's no cliché that Charlevoix is beautiful.

Officials: Festival week was typical but hectic

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

From the rumble to the rhythms, the general consensus for this past week's seventy-fifth annual Venetian Festival is positive.

"We were pleased with the way this week's activities went," said Dan Barron, President of Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc.

Rumors of budget cuts and paring back of activities was not felt by residents. Barron said people have came to him saying the Country Kick-off rodeo at Castle Farms July 19 topped the list of favorites while others found themselves in festival heaven while dancing and singing to vintage WAR favorites July 21 in East Park.

"People have had a hard time saying exactly what they liked best," Barron said.

The streets and parks of Charlevoix were overtaken from July 17 to 23 with locals and visitors who Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson said were generally family oriented and caused a few problems.

The crowd was estimated to be in

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Crystal Rose Hankins, 18, Boyne City. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. Five days community service work; serve six months prohation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; $100 in fines and costs.

Courtney Leigh Tell, 20, Grand Rapids. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol second/subsequent offense. 60 hours community service work; must attend IMPACT weekend; $200 in fines and costs.

Barry Wayne Luhellier Jr., 18, East Jordan. Operator-license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. $260 in fines and costs.

Jack William White, 20, Ludington. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol second offense. 60 hours of community service work; attend IMPACT weekend; $200 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Richard Palmrose, 23, East Jordan. Impaired driving; operating vehicle while license suspended/revoked/deny second or subsequent offense; open intoxicant in motor vehicle; unlawful use of a license plate. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 13 days in jail, 60 days on an electronic monitor, 15 days community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 335 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,580 in fines, and costs.

Kenynne Tiress Moore, 23, Charlevoix. Operator-license suspended/revoked/deny/allow. Serve 20 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve five days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Tony Matthew Bowen, 27, Boyne City. False report of a misdemeanor. Serve 60 days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Alyce Coonrod, 31, Petoskey. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 40 days on an electronic monitor, 15 days community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 77 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Todd Michael Gasco, 33, Boyne City. Check non-sufficient funds over $100 but under $500; check non-sufficient funds over $100 but under $500. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve seven days in jail; serve six months probation; not to have a checking account; $1,940.27 in fines and costs.

Amber Sue Otero, 19, Charlevoix. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 15 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Walter Jerome Demaray, 19, Central Lake. Operator-license suspended/revoked/deny/allow. Serve 12 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve two days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Wesley James Sheridan, 23, East Jordan. Operator-license suspended second or subsequent offense. Serve 365 days in jail with a credit for two days, to serve 20 days in jail, 343 days held in abeyance; serve one year prohation; $500 in fines and costs.

Tony Matthew Bowen, 27, Boyne City. Retail fraud third degree. Serve 60 days in jail; $315.18 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following case was recently decided in the Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Alan Layne Burke, 51, Charlevoix. Prescription forms-manufacture and deliver. Serve 12 months in jail; serve 18 months prohation; $350 in fines and costs.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Scott Davis Kughman, 19, Charlevoix and Ashley Lyn Wenz, 20, Harbor Springs

Eric Scott Stevens, 43, Boyne City and Denise Joele Damer, 39, East Jordan

Brian William Mott, 23 and Jennifer Kay Fosmore, 21 both of Boyne City

Thomas Joseph Goldsmith, 22 and Jodie Nicole Roloff, 20 both of Petoskey

Robert William Sjoholm, 55, Charlevoix and Yvonne Jennifer Newell, 40, Bronx, N.Y.

Gerald Ole Olson, 72, East Jordan and Carol Etta Bromley, 65, Southfield

Michael Alan Kent, 21 and Michelle Ann Ziembo, 23 both of Charlevoix

Justin Alan Fitzpatrick, 21 and Lori Lee Pietsch, 22 both of Boyne City

Cameron Craig Hutton, 44 and Ellen Arra Esposito, 33 both of Dallas, Texas

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Community Counseling Services, 925 Wildwood Ridge Trail, Boyne City by Kevin King

Wellness World, 107 Park Avenue #7, Charlevoix by Larry Cox

Ship's Watch Condominiums, 04224 South Concorde, Boyne City by Jack Strickland

Superior Audio and Home Services, 8175 Ferry Road, Charlevoix by Kevin Schlickau

Professional Research & Consulting 213 North Lake Street, Boyne City by Phyllis Harkness

Mountain Grand Lodge, 1 Boyne Mountain Road, Boyne Falls by Randy Dzierzawski and Stephen Kircher

R & R Trucking, 1008 Mill Street, East Jordan by Robert Roberts Jr.

L.S. Contracting, 2445 Lalone Road, Elmira by Luke W. Smith and Andrew M. Smith

Collections Unlimited/Maintenance Services, 3801 Bunkerhill Road, Boyne City by Cheryl VantHof

Avalanche Bay, 1 Boyne Mountain Road, Boyne Falls by Randy Dzierzawski and Stephen Kircher

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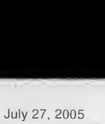
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Workers file suit against county for smoke-free workplace regulation

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complaint pending further review.

According to Chase, the "Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation," which prohibits smoking in most businesses in the four-county health district, has been well received by the vast majority of employees and businesses.

"Non-smoking employees don't want to be exposed to cancer-causing secondhand smoke all day on the job," said Chase. "And the overwhelming majority of contacts we have had from businesses regarding the regulation support it. Smoke-free businesses have lower health insurance costs, higher employee productivity, and they are easier to maintain and keep clean."

The measure was approved in early March by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners in a 4-2 vote and passed April 14 by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

The regulation zeroes in on public and private work sites that may currently allow smoking in designated areas, such as break rooms.

In a recent interview, Randy Frykberg, vice chair of the county board of commissioners, asserted that the regulation's intent is not to demand smokers quit their habit, but to restrict the presence of secondhand smoke for the sake of fellow staff and patrons.

"When it impacts somebody else in the workplace, when it can give them cancer, when it can seriously affect their life, then we need to step in," he said.

Those workplaces exempt from the ban are restaurants, bars, bowling alleys, Indian-owned casinos and tobacco specialty stores.

The community health agency has identified the following types of workplaces as non-smoking sites: restrooms, lobbies, reception areas, hallways and other common-use areas within a facility; huses, taxicabs and boarding and waiting areas of public transit depots; retail stores; areas patronized by the public such as attorneys' offices, banks and Laundromats; all areas of galleries, libraries and museums; facilities that are primarily used for exhibiting motion pictures, musical recitals, stage plays, lectures and any other performance, except when smoking is a scripted act; sports arenas; convention halls; every place of meeting or public assembly, including school buildings; waiting rooms, hallways and semi-private rooms in hospitals, clinics, physical therapy facilities, and doctor and dentist offices; lobbies, hallways and common areas in hotels, motels, multiple-tenant office and apartment buildings, malls, nursing homes, retirement facilities and residential facilities used for health services, child care or adult day care; and public places where bingo games are held.

Those employees or patrons who observe someone disregarding the nonsmoking policy are first asked to take the issue up with their immediate supervisor, the ordinance states.

In the event that the community health agency is called to a work site for a complaint, a warning will be issued as the business' first violation. Within one year, a second citation will cost the employer $50, the third citation will cost $100, and fourth and subsequent citations will cost $500. The ordinance states that those who wish to report han violators may do so with the reassurance that their identities will be protected.

Examples of sucessful clean air initiatives have been enacted in Chippewa, Wayne, Ingham and Genessee counties, and the City of Marquette — all of which have smoke-free ordinances.

For additional information about the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation, visit www.nwhealth.org or call Teresa Sington, Tobacco Reduction Coalition Coordinator, at (231) 547-6523.

Births

Sydney Elizabeth Nicole, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces was born to Randy and Debbie Wurst of Charlevoix on July 8, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sibling is Shelby, 5. Grandparents are Richard and Jean Sutton of Charlevoix, Charles and Sheryl Bergmann of Charlevoix and Don Wurst of Clarion.

Benjamin Pierce, weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce was born to Lorie and Joel Reeves of Mancelona on July 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Valerie Jean Reeves. Grandparents are Gilbert and Bonnie Fox of East Jordan and Vance and Elaine Reeves of Alpena.

"Hunter" Walter Frank Kujawski IV was born to Holly Rebecca Higbee and Walter Frank Kujawski III of Ellsworth on July 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sibling is Taylor Michelle Hartley. Grandparents are Nancy Higbee of Ellsworth, Walter "Terry" Kujawski Jr. of Charlevoix, and Paul and Debbie Gelderblom of Charlevoix.

Olivia Lynae Moes, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces was born to Dominic and Amanda Moes of Charlevoix on July 14, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sibling is Christian Moes. Grandparents are Nick and Danielle Moes of East Jordan and Dale and Sandra Rhea of Petoskey.

Autumn Rose Russell, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born to Tiffany and Doug Russell of Boyne City on July 15, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her siblings are Cody and Alexandria Russell. Grandparents are Walter and Delores Kroush of Boyne Falls, the late John Russell, Laura Metzger of Traverse City and Jeff Paul of Traverse City.

McKenzie Elizabeth Susan Clark, weighing 7 pounds was born to Erica Clark of Boyne Falls and Brian Fortune of Boyne Falls, on July 15, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Carol Snively of Boyne Falls, Monica Guigav of Charlevoix, and John Pixley of Charlevoix.

William Lloyd Whisler, weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces was born to Raymond Whisler II and Jenilee Whisler of Central Lake on July 20, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are R.J. Whisler and Gavin Whisler. Grandparents are Ray and Kris Whisler of Central Lake, Lisa Bunting of Mancelona, Tim Bunting of Boyne City, Dana Langworthy of West Olive.

Blake Vineent Ruehle, weighing 6 pounds, 11.4 ounces was born to Christina and David Ruehle of Charlevoix on July 19, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Lori LaRosa of Charlevoix, Chris LaRosa of St. Louis, Gary and Brenda Ruehle of Charlevoix and Bobbie and Gary Powell of Brisbane, Australia.

Classic cars to be displayed at Depot Museum treasure hunt

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2 the Charlevoix Street Legends Classic Car Club will bring many historic vehicles for display and exhibit at the Depot Museum.

The evening will include a short presentation on what the club does regarding the charities and organizations it helps support, and a brief review of the club's history.

The club invites all attendees to then join a classic car owner on an historic Charlevoix treasure hunt.

Charlevoix Historical Society members and/or their friends who own classic cars are also invited to participate. Those on the hunt will be given a list of clues at the Depot which will lead them to a puzzle piece deposited in advance at each local destination. Those who are up on their Charlevoix history might be at a slight advantage.

The first party to return with a completed puzzle will win a prize.

This event is open to the public, and there is not admission charge. Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

Correction

In a photo caption that appeared on page 19 of the July 20 edition of the Charlevoix Courier quilt makers for the Circle of Strength, a cancer resource group affiliated with the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild, were misidentified as the Peace Makers. They are the Piece Makers.

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Congratulations on another successful Venetian Festival

EDITORIAL

Did anyone get the number of that truck?

That is to say, the 75th annual Venetian Festival came in much as it ended, like a juggernaut of fun, excitement and community pride.

The good news is, from the Country Kick-off at spectacular Castle Farms to the dazzling boat parade in Round Lake to 1964s rocking tribute to the Beatles, few towns this size or otherwise can boast a week so jam-packed with events as Charlevoix.

Even the weather cooperated with mostly sunny skies and warm temperatures. It didn't even really start to storm until early Sunday morning — And if you can get Mother Nature to cooperate you're really doing something.

The bad news is some of us have a dubious headache accompanied by an unexplained sensitivity to light and if we even so much as smell another elephant ear we'll likely turn green and pass out.

Another part of the festival we loved was the queen's coronation and we would like to offer our congratulations to Kari Way who we predict will make a wonderful queen.

While we're at it, we would like to say good-bye to last year's queen Danielle Kimble who will be missed.

Who to thank for the great celebration? Well, so many people worked so hard to get things together it wouldn't be fair for us to name only a few, but you know who you are, you unsung heroes of Venetian year after year.

The Alma Highland Dancers, Petoskey Steel Drum Band and the Charlevoix alumni playing with the High School Marching Band made the hour-long street parade a cinch for one of the events we found most entertaining this week.

But, we can't forget Chris Dominic, the Kids from Wisconsin and the Detroit Pistons and Shock year-round hoops truck tour which were all grand as well. In fact, the only complaint we have-is that the Coney dogs didn't come in low fat.

Oh, and we have a few suggestions for events in next year's festival.

First, maybe we could think about an all-star dunk tank consisting of, for example, some of Charlevoix's community leaders or maybe a bumper car battle between the fire and police department as a Venetian fund-raiser.

The fireworks were spectacular both Friday and Saturday nights, Rayder Rumble II was a nail biter and…oh who are we kidding? We just can't get enough of those elephant ears.

What else can we say other than, we can't wait until the 76th Annual Venetian Festival.

Plant structure dependant on water resources and climate

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Considering how long we have been without more than a few drops of rain, maybe it would be a good idea to consider how our local plants are surviving.

Plants cannot walk or fly to water and must somehow make out where they are. The real champions at getting along with very little water are plants found in deserts. How do they manage?

There are two approaches that work. If you are a plant and plan to live in a desert you need either very deep roots, reaching down to where there is always water, or you need to store up enough water to get you through the dry times.

In the deep root category the world record so far as I can determine belongs to a Mesquite bush with roots that were followed down during a construction project. The plant had roots that reached more than 170 feet to where there was always water, even in the harshest desert. And large cactuses can store enough water from good times to get along for years without any outside source. I once cut off a 6 inch high cactus plant from my greenhouse and put it on a library shelf to see just how long it might be before it showed any signs of wilting. Six months later it bloomed.

Even an ordinary corn plant will often reach 5 feet below the surface to search out water, and some of our local weeds do better than that. My lawn (some might call it that) is pretty much dry and crisp, except for the weeds. It has not been mowed in more than a month and the grass is certainly not growing. But here and there in that expanse of pale brown, there are vigorous green plants in full bloom. Some of the local beneficiaries are Queen Anne's Lace or Wild Carrot, which has a deep root and is doing well. Yellow Hawkweed is thriving and pushing above the dead-looking grass. And there is even a blooming Chicory plant near the sidewalk. All of them are drawing water from a many feet below the surface. My lawn grass is on its own, because if it doesn't grow, I don't have to mow it.

While my lawn is in deep dormancy, the vegetable garden, consisting almost entirely of plants not native to Michigan, needs a couple of inches of watering twice a week to maintain itself. Tomatoes and squash and Swiss chard need to be watered almost continuously if they are to survive and thrive without rain. A single tomato plant will evaporate at least 30 gallons of water into the air during its growth period. And a Ragweed plant, if you should have one growing well, can pump almost two gallons of water a day from the ground into the air.

Plants clearly need large amounts of water, and get it any way they can. Without a constant supply of water, most plants will completely stop growth, even before they show signs of wilting. And most garden plants deprived of water for a short time will not resume normal growth for nearly a week. If you want your plant to grow, provide abundant water, and if you want it to stop growing, deprive it.

One more astonishing statistic about plant growth and water. The only way most plants can get the water they need without our help is to grow new roots continuously. The amount of root growth is nearly unbelievable. In 1937, a Russian botanist with entirely too much time on his hands, measured and estimated the total length of all roots that had been grown by a two-year-old wheat grass plant. Averaged over the two years that one plant grew 1.5 feet of new roots each minute. No one root grew that fast, of course, but the total root growth averaged to 6 feet per minute. Next time it seems to you that plants are just sitting there not doing much, consider what is going on below ground.

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Letters to the editor

Keep butts in boat

Editor:

It is mid-July now, and we have picked up approximately 830 cigarette butts from our beach front on Lake Charlevoix.

The folks who enjoy the lake seem to have forgotten that tossing their used butts in the water is littering, and they are not biodegradable.

This is a really terrible desecration of our treasured lake. Just a reminder, please keep your butts in your boat.

Douglas Peters
Charlevoix

Congrats on festival success

Editor:

Thanks to the Venetian Festival committee for their hours of planning and work, culminating in another great festival.

Our down state grandchildren especially enjoyed the fireworks, carnival and street parade.

Maybe it's just the name, but we thought Horton Creek was fantastic. Of course, they play and sing wonderful music, too. We hope the committee will have them back and we hope we get to hear them soon in another setting.

Howard and Rosemary Horton
Charlevoix

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Area law enforcement report a busy Venetian Festival week

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the vicinity of 100,000 people over the course of the week. This population surge multiplied the typical work week of about 50 calls to the city police department.

Out of the 171 calls that city police department received, Halverson said a couple of major incidents stand out. A dangerous situation happened along Bridge Street during the festival when a beer bottle was hurled from the top dining deck at Whitneys of Charlevoix just missing a police officer and smashing the windshield of a nearby car.

A nine-month-old baby was also reported missing during the weekend and was retrieved in the custody of Peter James Shomin, 41, of Suttons Bay.

Shomin was arraigned Monday, July 25 and charged with second offense child endangerment for driving drunk with the child in the vehicle. If convicted, Shomin could face a penalty of one to five years in prison, probation, 30 days up to one year in jail, community service work and between $500 and $5,000 in fines.

On the morning of Saturday, July 23 while Halverson prepared for thousands to line Bridge Street for the Venetian Festival street parade, he was called to Central Drugs where a break-in had occurred Friday night.

He said the perpetrators broke in through the roof of the building and stole a large quantity of prescription drugs focusing primarily on the pharmacy's supply of the pain killer oxycontin.

Due to parade law enforcement commitments by the city police, a detective with the Michigan State Police came in to investigate the break-in. This investigation is on-going and anyone with information is asked to call the city police department at (231) 547-3258.

In spite of these major incidents Halverson described the overall festival crime presence as average.

"It was relatively average. The break-in threw us off balance on Saturday — thousands of people were in town and right in the middle of it you've got a crime scene," he said.

To help maintain the crowds, officers with the city department, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police officers, Boyne City Police Department, the tribal police and the coast guard were patrolling in excess each night.

After dealing with the increase in police activity, Halverson said his department is taking a deep breath, finishing up paperwork, stocking supplies and preparing for court appearances.

Local businesses are also letting the dust settle after a hectic week. Barron said restaurants, bars and hotels usually are the biggest beneficiaries of Venetian week.

Jeff Spreckself, manager of the Weathervane Restaurant said sales were up a record breaking 30 percent from last year.

New business owner Jeff Klosky, who is vice president of operations for Natelsons, Inc., owners of Bridge Street Clothiers, said the increased crowds, did not result in skyrocketing sales throughout the week for his retail store. He said they had a good sale day on Saturday, but it wasn't unlike any other summer Saturday.

"It's not what we projected but we are new to the area as well. We weren't disappointed," Klosky said.

With another festival under his belt, Barron rested Sunday and was back to planning Monday morning when he met with local officials to talk highs and lows of this year's festival.

The start of Barron's summer means the beginning of next year's festival planning.

"Some things (for next year) are already planned," he said.

He and his board members will soon evaluate this year's festival to determine what changes they need to make.

Letters to the editor

LETTERS

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Performing arts fund-raisers

Editor:

On behalf of the Charlevoix High School performing arts students and parent support group, we would like to thank the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to sell water at the craft show and assist the crafters with their setup and tear down. Thanks to all students, parents, families and the community volunteers. Your time and energy are much appreciated. Thanks to our other sponsors for helping patrons and vendors keep cool at the park. We look forward to participating in this event next year. Thank you Lyddy for our beautiful banner.

We would also like to extend thanks to people who donated items and volunteered at our Ferry Beach Garage Sale. The back to back fund-raising events, while hectic, offered opportunity to show the Charlevoix community our commitment to the performing arts at Charlevoix High School. Thank you to Connie Ford and Beth for your commitment. Best wishes to Beth and her family on their new adventures.

A parent meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 1 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The upcoming school events calendar will be reviewed and discussed. An ice cream social is scheduled for current and new performing arts students Aug. 28, at Ferry Beach. Invitations will be in the mail. We welcome community support and would like to remind you that we have an on-going can and bottle drive in place. Please call Cody Morrison at (231) 547-4595 for pickup.

We look forward to seeing you at the theater.

Nancy Beghein
Charlevoix performing arts parent group president

'Thanks' Venetian volunteers

Editor:

Congratulations to Dan Barron and all the volunteers for another successful Venetian Festival. Thank you for all your time and efforts — a job well done.

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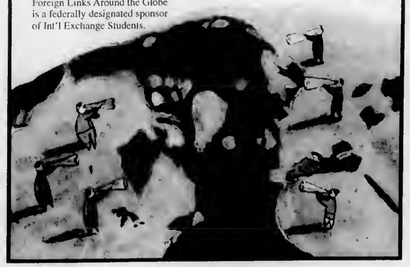

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Anniversary

Chet and Marlene Drenth

Marlene and Chet Drenth of Ellsworth will celebrated their 40-year wedding anniversary July 23.

The anniversary party to celebrate the event is planned for September 2005 at Chet and Marlene's house to be hosted by their daughters Tricia Drenth of Rockford and Nikki (Mike) Louiselle of Charlevoix.

Chet Drenth and Marlene Wynsman were married in 1965 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church by Rev. Guerkink.

The two were born and raised in this area and moved away for a short time while Chet served in the U.S. Army.

Chet is an equipment operator at St. Mary's Cement and Marlene is a controller at Charlevoix Manufacturing.

The Drenth's have four grandchildren, Mason, Ellie, Mabel and Bram Louiselle, all of Charlevoix.

Hospital guild awards scholarships

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild awarded four $500 scholarships to area students pursuing a career in the health field. Pictured (left to right) scholarship committee members Rachel Alberts and Dee Vincent, scholarship recipients Lesley Lundy, Jennifer Fortune and Stephanie Busman and scholarship committee members Carol Starks and Cass Williamson. Missing from picture is scholarship recipient Emily Gray of Beaver Island.

Courtesy photo

Library to host sneek-peek tour at new site on Aug. 10

On Aug. 10 the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees will host a "Hard Hat Sneak-Peek" tour of the library's new facility, currently under construction.

The board members have invited all members of the public to join the tour which will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 10. Participants are asked to meet at the Clark Construction trailer at 220 Clinton Street.

The tour will include a brief update on the building project and then community building tours.

Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library. For more information call the library at (231) 547-2651.

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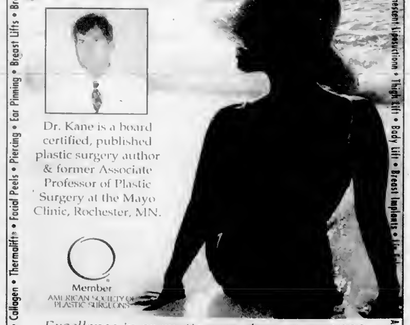

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Authors sign book about Emmet-Charlevoix counties

A historical book signing will take place July 30 at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

The signing will feature a new book about the Charlevoix - Petoskey region titled Vintage Views and written by Charlevoix Historical Society members M. Christine Byron and her husband Thomas R. Wilson of Grand Rapids.

The book was recently co-published by the University of Michigan Press and Petoskey Publishing Company of Traverse City.

This full color 279-page volume is also an official publication of the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Little Traverse Bay Historical Society.

It covers both Charlevoix and Emmet counties with emphasis on the beginnings and subsequent decades of the resort era throughout this area.

Hundreds of vintage postcards, advertisements, photographs, maps, drawings and brochures mainly describe the summer life as it was lived way back when. Descriptive text supports the images.

Byron and Wilson spent hours selecting images from the Charlevoix Historical Society's Bob Miles Photo Collection for inclusion in the book.

Vintage Views is available at the Harsha House Museum store for $45 plus tax.

At 7 p.m. July 30 the authors will be at the Bridge Street Book Shop, located at 407 Bridge Street, for a book signing.

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians names grant recipients

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians is pleased to announce the distribution of their twice a year 2 percent gaming revenue allocation to local units of government.

On July 20, the Tribal Council determined which organizations would receive a portion of the 2 percent gaming revenues derived from slot machines.

Of the 88 applications received, which totaled $2,816,084.13, the council awarded 32 applicants.

Charlevoix area recipients are Beaver Island Emergency Medical Services, Beaver Island Rural Health Center, Charlevoix Community Food Pantry and Charlevoix Public School's Title Seven Program.

Lions Club awards scholarships

Courtesy photo

On July 18, four Charlevoix High School seniors were the guest honorees of the Charlevoix Lions at their weekly club luncheon. These graduates are winners of an annual club monetary award for college-bound seniors. Sonya Plude and Michael Wojan are winners of the club's Irish Coleman Awards, given to two students who excelled at both athletics and classroom activities. Jacklyn Heckendorn and Christina Sanchez are winners of the Don Meggison Awards for students who excelled in school and were outstanding in community service activities. Chris Golski is the first winner of the club-funded Charlevoix County Junior Golf Scholarship Award for a top-notch student who also displayed outstanding skill and sportsmanship on the golf course.

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Obituary

Victor Spaniak: Dec. 22, 1942 - July 18, 2005

Victor "Doc" Spaniak, 62, of Elmira died Monday, July 18, 2005 at his home. He was born in Petoskey on December 22, 1942, the son of Felix and Katherine (Howard) Spaniak.

He had lived in the Boyne Falls/Boyne City area most of his life. He was the owner of Spaniak & Sons Painting for 17 years and from 1993-1995 owned Little Critters Pet Store in Boyne City. He attended both St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne City and St. Thomas Church in Elmira. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and reading and loved the fish pond at his home.

On Feb. 6, 1960 at St. Matthew Church in Boyne City he married the former Linda Hampton, who survives.

Also surviving are his children Brian (Tammy) of Vulcan, Rhonda (Daniel) Rodriguez of Texas and Lance (Caniille) of Charlevoix. 17 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. Sisters Marian Erber of Huffman Lake, Ester Burgess of Boyne City and Virginia (Robert) Stephenson of Florida. One brother Chet Spaniak of Georgia.

A memorial mass was held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2005 at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Victor Spaniak through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Water testing grant awarded to four county health agency

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have awarded competitive grants to the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency to monitor beaches and lake water on Lake Michigan and other inland lakes in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Sampling of area beaches started in late June and will continue through early September. Cayla Tinney, a college student from Charlevoix, samples lake water at 39 beaches three days a week in the Health Department's four-county health district. Collected samples are analyzed at the Northern Michigan Regional Laboratory — the health department's new water quality laboratory in Gaylord. Results are usually reported within 24 hours, which allows for rapid response to water quality problems.

The "2005 Public Bathing Beach Program" includes water testing at 18 Lake Michigan beaches and 21 inland beaches and is sampled for e-coli bacteria, which is an indicator of sewage or fecal contamination from warm-blooded mammals. Fecal contamination in surface waters can carry a number of pathogenic bacteria and viruses and can cause severe illness. "By conducting water quality testing on an ongoing basis, we can monitor the safety of local waters for recreational use by the public," said Scott Kendzierski, director of environmental health. "We're committed to the protection of these waters — they are some of the most valuable natural resources in northern Michigan."

In addition to water testing, Tinney also evaluates health and safety factors for each public beach, such as drinking water supplies, waste and sanitary facilities, and rescue and safety equipment.

"Our beach program is more than just water quality," Kendzierski said. "We are looking at other risk factors that could result in illness or injury to area beach goers."

Beach assessment information is part of the evaluation process for beach closures. It is also included in the health department's geographic information system database.

"As growth and development continues throughout the region, many beaches, which were previously isolated, may now be impacted by expansion of recreational boating, marinas, storm water discharges, and on-site wastewater systems. It is only through continued monitoring that we may measure the impact of these activities as well as protect the public health," Kendzierski said.

Closure information and testing results for public beaches in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties are available on the health department Web site at www.nwhealth.org.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. Its staff is dedicated to preventing disease and injury and promoting healthy communities. For additional information, call Kendzierski at (231) 547-6523 or your local health department office.

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Cayla Tinney, a college student from Charlevoix, samples lake water at one of 39 area beaches.

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Church School	9:00 a.m
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Geocaching catches on in Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Geocaching is a pastime for pirates at heart.

Over the past two years, Charlevoix seasonal resident Tom Hassett has gone Geocaching 82 times, in locations around the world.

"My daughter-in-law got us started Geocaching," Hassett said. "I've cached on Vancouver Island. And, we just got back from Scotland, so they are literally all over the world."

Geocaching, which comes from Geo. for earth and caching for hiding things in a cache, is more or less a high-tech treasure hunt wherein coordinates of the treasure or cache are listed on a Web site or other location and treasure hunters look for them using a Global Positioning System (GPS).

Hassett said his daughter-in-law lives in Seattle, Wash. where Geocaching set its roots.

"Out in the Seattle area there are thousands of sites," he said. "We did some caches with them and I got hooked so I bought a GPS and started caching around here."

Geocaching began in 2003 when select availability was lifted by the federal government allowing all people to use GPS technology.

The main tool to use in Geocaching is the handheld GPS system, a small computer, accurate generally within 6 to 20 feet, which talks to satellites to figure out where you are on earth within given latitude and longitude coordinates called a way point.

GPS can range in price from around $100 to $1,000. Among the many features of these systems are maps of North America, touch screen capability, voice prompts to tell you directions, a remote control and full color display, providing routes to locations with a high degree of accuracy.

Hassett's first Geocaching experience in the Charlevoix area was near Susan Lake.

"What I enjoy most, besides the challenge of finding the cache, is it takes us into areas we probably wouldn't have found or wouldn't have known were there," he said.

According to Hassett, there are over 100 caches within 30 miles of Charlevoix right now.

A cache may contain photos, jewelry, books, crafts or anything one can think of.

"The idea of the cache is that you take something from the cache and leave something of similar value — Hotwheels cars and similar trinkets," he said. "Sometimes if you are a first time finder you get a first-finder prize, that could be a $5 bill or some other first-finder prize."

According to Hassett, cache hunters usually love the outdoors, so they hide the caches in scenic areas.

"In the northwest where they are really serious about these they have overnight ones," Hassett said. "You may go to one cache and get one digit to the final cache and then you go to another cache and get another coordinate to the final cache."

He added, "Those can take weeks. Some of them are quite involved."

Hassett said while he was in Puget Sound in Washington, he had to scramble down a cliff and go through a low tide area to find a small island where a cache was hidden.

According to Hassett, Geocaching is for all age groups.

"It's a real good family activity," he said. "And, all the caches are rated with stars on how difficult the owner thinks it is to find, so you can decide whether you want to go somewhere with difficult or easy terrain."

And, Hassett said, some caches are even handicap accessible.

Hassett said he went Geocaching with a friend in Hale who had lived there for 30 years and never knew it was there until he went Geocaching.

"The bottom line for us is that it's challenging to find them and we visit places we would have never visited," Hassett said.

A cache can be placed in Brazil, Russia or China, either on the top of a mountain or in the bottom of the sea and anyone from around the world may attempt to find the cache.

While Geocaching sounds easy, the location of the cache is usually within a few meters of the coordinates depending on what style of Geocaching you are playing.

Some of the many ways to play the game are virtual caches which are landmarks instead of containers full of goodies. The landmarks can

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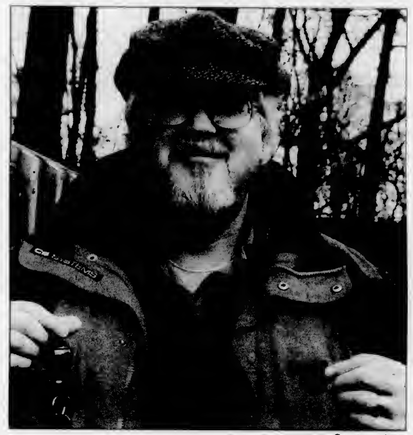

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Tom Hassett with a cache he found while Geocaching in the Charlevoix area. Hassett's two years of Geocaching have taken him to Scotland as well as caches in the United States.

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The GPS hunt for buried treasure is on

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be anything from a monument to a gravestone.

"Virtual caches are fun because they are a monument or landmark," Hassett said.

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This is one of the serialized collectable coins used in Geocaching. The coins differ from state to state and may travel around the world as cache hunters move them from cache to cache.

Offset caches, which are not located right under the coordinates, generally have coordinates near a landmark that you want your cache hunter to visit.

Hassett said, some caches are like puzzles, wherein you must solve a riddle to receive the coordinates to a cache.

Though Geocaching styles differ, the basic rules are take an item from the cache, leave something in the cache and record your experience or at least time, date and name in the logbook in the cache.

Generally, unless there are specific instructions to alter or move the cache they are to be left where you find them and some people have signature items such as wooden nickels or a laminated card with their name on it.

"I found one, it was a little figure of a baseball player. His goal was to have it visit every major league baseball park and have pictures taken of it at the park," Hassett said.

There are also trinkets called travel bugs which have a serialized tag on them.

"When you find a travel bug, you log where you find it and then you move it to another cache," he said.

Many states even have groups who produce serialized coins called geocoins. People can stash the geocoins in their cache and with the help of the Internet, track the different cities, states and countries the coin is taken to.

For more information on Geocaching visit the Northern Michigan Geocaching group on the Intenet at http://mi-geocaching.org/.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, July 18, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

A Public Hearing was held on the initiative action ordinance regarding DDA Amendment No. 5 to the Downtown Development Authority's Development Plan.
A Public Hearing was held on the conflict of interest ordinance.
Motion adopted to authorize the City Manager to enter into a letter of understanding with the CWA that would revise the health insurance caps, with the condition that the MERS plan be the plan of choice among employees.
Motion adopted to approve billing option number two of the Miller-Canfield proposal to represent the City in pending litigation.
Motion adopted to appoint Diana Gully to the Historic District Study Committee.
Resolution 2005-07-02 adopted, certification of authority to acquire property—Charlevoix South Pier Light.
Ordinance 703-05 adopted, amending sections 5.171 and 5.172 and adding a new section 5.172 of Article V, Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code (Site Condo Ordinance).
Ordinance 704-05 adopted, deleting the changing the wording of section 1.57 of the Charlevoix City Code (Conflict of Interest Ordinance).
Ordinanco failed: Initiative action ordinance regarding DDA Amendment No. 5 to the Downtown Development Authority's Development Plan, the item will go to ballot in November.

Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Gourmet picnic to benefit performing arts

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Funding for visual arts programs at Charlevoix Public Schools has been cut to next to nothing, said Sue Acharya, co-owner of Esperance Wine and Gourmet food store in Charlevoix.

Sue Acharya and her husband, Pram, are taking an active approach to curb the financial dilemma, which effects more than 1,500 students enrolled in the district's kindergarten through twelfth grade classes. Partnering with the Charlevoix Council for the Arts, the Acharyas will host a wine tasting and gourmet picnic Aug. 16 at Esperance, located on US-31 North.

Food for the event has been donated by Oleson's and Esperance, while wineries from the Leelanau Peninsula to New Zealand have bestowed their bottles as auction items. All proceeds will benefit Charlevoix Public Schools visual arts programs, whose budget has been steadily reduced over the past three years.

"We have very talented kids up here, in all aspects, and a lot of people don't really see that," said Sue Acharya, a former employee of Charlevoix High School. "There are shop teachers that do woodworking and go to state (competition) every year. The performing arts have placed at state finals every year and our bands always do well at solo ensemble. We have to support the fact that, for some kids out there, this (art) is their passion."

Esperance co-owner Pram Archerya, sensed the severity of budget cuts to area schools when an art teacher gleefully accepted his donation of empty bottles, coffee canisters and large dress shirts for student use.

"This is tugging at our heartstrings," he said, adding that three of his family's four children have graduated from the Charlevoix Public Schools. "Spending a day at the elementary school and watching these little sponges, how they change, it's amazing. It brightens my day."

The Acharyas, residents of Charlevoix since 1995, have already raised nearly $500 for Charlevoix schools' visual art programs this year. In April, they partnered with the Charlevoix Council for the Arts to host a gourmet picnic fair at Esperance. Aside from their own efforts to raise funds and awareness for the apparent crisis in public schools, the Acharyas have donated Esperance goods to the recent D'Art for Art in Bay Harbor, the American Eye Association in Detroit, the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix and the Chaffeevix County Humane Society.

Sue Acharya says these contributions are all part of operating a business in a small town.

"When we live in such an isolated area where access to theater, social-political platforms are limited, the only other expression left to help these kids is art, whether it's performing arts, fine arts, visual arts, music," said Pram Acharya.

John Guirey, director of the art program at Charlevoix High School, is grateful for local businesses like Esperance who have devoted their time, energy and resources to helping keep arts education programs afloat. With four classes at capacity and general electives being axed, Guirey is feeling the pinch of depleting, and essential, supplies for his students.

"The arts are not a frill. They are part of students' education," said Mary Beth McGraw, director of the art program at Charlevoix Elementary School and president of the Charlevoix Council for the Arts. "Unfortunately, supplies are expensive and because of the cuts we're working with the bare essentials."

McGraw reasoned that cuts to the visual arts programs' supply budget, although maddening, are keeping art classes in existence.

"Money for prints to study artists of the past is something I've always had to cut," said McGraw, who oversees the art education of about 400 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. "Because it's a sequential program (art classes are required at the elementary and middle school levels, but are considered electives in high school), we need to prioritize to service so many kids."

Caroline Smith, director of the art program at Charlevoix Middle School and member of the council for the arts,

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, July 11, 2005 – 12:00 Noon.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present with the exceptions of Council members Haggard and Gibson.

The following proceedings took place:

Motion adopted to approve the termination of easement for parcels 15-04-024-013-40 and 15-52-124-010-30 adjacent to Ance Road and authorizing the City Manager to execute the documents. The documents correct a clerical error to original easement documents dated 08/31/82.

Council adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Upcoming wine tasting to benefit arts

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some students' days. For some academically-at-risk students, she said, budding artistic ability keeps them wanting to come to school every day.

Echoing the words of Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Dr. John Sturock, Smith said if visual arts funding continues to stagnate for the next two years, some serious changes will have to be made to the district's art curriculum. Dissolving entire courses may not be out of the question.

"It's a scary time," said McGraw.

Smith, McGraw and Guirey agree that an education in the arts is professionally advantageous and a key component to critical thinking.

"Businesses are looking for students who can think creatively," said Guirey.

Stressing the necessity of the visual arts programs, McGraw said the inventive and analytical nature of art challenges students to "think outside the box and problem solve."

Sturock noted the strength of art electives at Charlevoix High School, but lamented cuts have been made to programs "across the board" and an increase in state funding has yet to be seen.

"With the funding issue we're facing in Michigan, people will have to continue to look for alternative ways to fund programs," he said.

Although the Acharyas share a personal association with the Charlevoix Public Schools and a genuine appreciation for the arts, the upcoming fund-raiser is also a vessel for them to share their good fortune. Their oldest daughter, now studying in Copenhagen, Denmark, was awarded the Waterfront Art Fair and Historical Society scholarships.

"Our children have been recipients of a lot of nice things from the community so we feel we can be responsible in giving something back to the community," said Pram Archerya. "Even the people that just pass through, everyone does something to help us succeed. We just want to do something that says 'thank you.'"

The fund-raiser at Esperance will feature a silent auction during which guests may bid on wine donated from California's McKenzie-Mueller Vineyards and Winery – Sharon McKenzie, the wife of this vineyard's winemaker, teaches art at Napa High School.

Also available to guests is a wine tasting package for three couples from Larry Mawby's vineyards in Suttons Bay on the Leelanau Peninsula. Complementing a day at the winery, Esperance will pack a picnic lunch for the six recipients.

The Acharyas have selected New Zealand winemaker Stu Devine, of Villa Maria Winery, to be an exclusive guest.

"Stu is gregarious. He has a lot of personality," said Pram Archerya. "I want people to be engaged in this. Also, Villa Maria is a winery that has been around for a long time and they have wines at multi-level pricing. So it's a wine for everybody. New Zealand white wines are amazing, but no one really knows the red wines. We want to show people new things."

Exemplary student artwork from area schools will also be on display, said Smith. Also scheduled to attend the event is Trish Morgan, a graduate from Charlevoix High School whose watercolors are a mainstay exhibit at Esperance along with several North Seas Gallery pieces.

"The artists that have either graduated from the public schools or who move up here are very much willing to donate to this cause," said Sue Archerya, adding that the Aug. 16 event is intended to kick off what she hopes will become an annual fund-raiser.

Tickets for the wine tasting and gourmet picnic are available in advance at Esperance. Cost is $20 per person and attendance is limited to 100 guests. Call Sue or Pram at Esperance for further information at (231) 237-9300.

Photo by Nicole Graziano

Sue Acharya (far left) co-owner of Esperance Wine and Gourmet food store will host a benefit wine tasting lunch Aug. 16.

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Charlevoix Public Library
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Budget Hearing
FY 05/06 (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006)

The Charlevoix Public Library will hold a Public Hearing at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2005, at the library, 109 Clinton St., for the purpose of hearing oral comments and considering written comments from the public concerning the Annual Budget for Fiscal year 2005/2006. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the annual budget will be the subject of this hearing.**

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and/or submit comments. The budget is available for review prior to the Public Hearing at the Charlevoix Public Library, 109 Clinton St., Charlevoix, between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday and 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 704 of 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO DELETE THE CURRENT WORDING 1.57 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE AND REPLACE IT WITH A PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS CONTRACTS BY CITY OFFICIAL OR CITY EMPLOYEES WITH THE CITY SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The current provision of Section 1.57 of the City Code shall be deleted and shall now read as follows:

1.57. Contracts with city officials and city employees

A city official or city employee, a member of that individual's immediate family, a firm in which a city official or city employee is an owner or partner, a corporation in which a city official or city employee is a stockholder owning more than 1% of the corporation's stock, or a firm in which a city official or city employee is an employee shall not enter into a contract with the City without prior approval of the City Council. When a proposed contract is for services that are imposed on the city as a regular duty by state law or local ordinance, the requirement of prior city council approval, described in the first sentence, shall not apply to a corporation in which a city official or city employee is a stockholder owning more than 1% of the corporation's stock or to a firm or corporation in which a city official or city employee is an employee. The requirement of prior city council approval shall also apply to sub-contracts between a city official or city employee and a third-party who has a contract with the City. The approval must be made by motion at a public meeting by a vote of a majority of those City Council members who are present and entitled to vote on the proposed contract. If the city official is a member of the City Council, then the consideration of whether to approve the contract shall be made without the vote of that City Council member. When considering whether to approve the contract, the following information shall be disclosed and made a part of the official record of the City Council: the name of each party involved in the contract; the terms of the contract, including duration, financial consideration between the parties; the facilities or services of the City that will be affected by the contract; the nature and degree of assignment of City employees needed for fulfillment of the contract; and the nature of any monetary interest of the city official or city employee in the contract. As used in this section, a "firm" shall mean a sole proprietorship, a partnership, a limited liability company or any other type of business entity except for a corporation. The requirement of prior approval of the City Council to a contract with a city official or city employee shall not apply to:

(a) routine expenditures for goods or services under $ 500.00; or

(b) emergency expenditures for goods or services under $ 1,500.00;

Provided, however, any such routine or emergency expenditures shall be reported verbally or in writing to the City Council at its next regular meeting. All such reports shall be made a part of the official record of the proceedings of the City Council.

SECTION 2. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of July, 2005.

Motion by: Shirley Gibson
Seconded by: Gabe Campbell

Ordinance No. 704-05 was adopted on the 18th day of July, 2005, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Haggard, Timms, Bellows, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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Charlevoix City council adopts conflict policy

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix city council's conflict of interest concerns were laid to rest — at least for now.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson said, "If I see any checks written to council members I will make a motion to limit Mr. Wiesner's spending. I'm going to be watching them like a hawk."

At council's July 18 meeting they voted unanimously to accept a policy that will allow city manager Mike Wiesner to pay city officials, city employees or family members of the two groups up to $500 for goods or services and up to $1,500 for emergency expenditures for goods and services without prior approval from Charlevoix City Council.

This policy was adopted following almost a year of debate and two public hearings on the issue.

Debate started in September of 2004 after city financial auditors with the firm Rehmann Robson operating out of a Cheboygan office recommended to city management a change in the city's conflict of interest policy.

At that time, Wiesner had the power to hire anyone for any job under $10,000, even if they are council members, without informing council first.

However, according to city attorney Jim Young, this was against state law.

According to Young, there is a state law that says the city may not make any purchases or give contracts to firms or individuals that are on council or are city employees without prior council approval. However, there are some exceptions to the rule for a community the size of Charlevoix.

He said council can allow the city to purchase equipment or contract with a council member or city employee for any job under a certain amount of money. Plus, council can make a similar ruling that deals with emergency situations at a slightly higher amount. This was ultimately the direction council took.

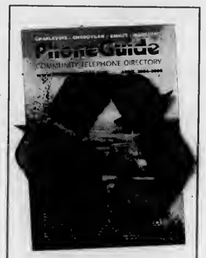
Both rules carry the stipulation that council must be informed of the purchase or work at the next council meeting.

Gibson, who pushed on several occasions for the city to adopt the state law which would allow no contracts to go to the two groups, said, "It's giving them jobs with the appearance of the city manager influencing votes. I don't feel it's restrictive enough but it is as good as we are going to get with the city council and city manager that we have."

Several city department heads had expressed concern about adopting the state law without exceptions, saying, in many cases, businesses owned by council members are the ones that know the most about how the city works.

For example, if the city has a boiler emergency it usually calls Haggard Plumbing and Heating, which is owned by council member Bill Haggard, because that company installed the boiler.

In a previous interview Mayor Norman Carlson said under the newly adopted rule the city can continue to use businesses owned by council members and allow full public disclosure.



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Application for ownership of lighthouse to be submitted

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

This week, the City of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Historical Society plan to submit an application to acquire ownership of Charlevoix's signature lighthouse that sits along the South Pier.

Charlevoix mayor Norman Carlson, said, "The federal government is giving up the lighthouse and the city has the first chance at it. If we decided not to pursue ownership, a private individual could have bought it. We want to maintain it as a public landmark."

On March 7, 2005, the property became available at no cost to federal, state, local and educational agencies, non-profit corporations or community development organizations. The government relinquished ownership as the United States Coast Guard no longer needs the property.

At the city council meeting Monday, July 18, council unanimously supported submission of the application to acquire the lighthouse.

Mike Bergeon, a member of the Charlevoix Historical Society Board of Directors, polished the application and will mail it to the National Parks Service this week.

The parks service has final approval of the transfer of ownership.

The application included council's approval along with letters of support from community organizations including the historical society, the Charlevoix Lions Club, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and Charlevoix Public Schools.

Bergeon said he is expecting the five-person parks service panel in charge of reviewing the application to return it with requests for additions and amendments.

The plan is for the city to maintain ownership of the lighthouse while the local historical society leases it and steers grant writing and fund-raising ventures to maintain and repair it.

"Between the two of us we qualify for more grants to maintain it," Carlson said.

According to Mary Adams, the historical society board member heading up the lighthouse initiative, most federal and state grant opportunities are matches.

This means that whatever funds both governmental entities may provide have to be matched at the local level by private grants and donations.

Grant applications through the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program are due at the end of August. The South Pier Lighthouse will not be eligible this year as it will take about

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City to submit application for ownership of lighthouse

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eight months for the ownership transfer to be complete.

Other state grants are available through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Management Program and through the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Once city ownership of the lighthouse is official, historical society members plan to partner with community residents to plan fund-raisers.

Immediate restoration of the lighthouse will cost around $180,000. Adams said projects will be tackled in phases over a three-year period as funds are available.

Last year, officers with the local United States Coast Guard handled vital stabilization repairs and repainted its exterior.

"That helped us out tremendously," Adams said.

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The theme this year will be, "Charlevoix Community Pool, We take your fun seriously."

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Venetian Festival: people, games, fun

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Charlevoix resident Kari Way, the daughter of Barney and Kris Way, was crowned 75th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival queen at a coronation July 22. Above she rides with her court at the festival street parade July 23. (Below) Alma Highland Dancers were among the entries in the street parade.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Right) The Beatles cover band 1964 The Tribute, from Akron, Ohio rocked East Park Friday night, July 22, ushering in a fabulous night of fireworks

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(Left) Mother and son Kimberly and Colin Stewart enjoy part of their summer residence celebrating Venetian by riding the Ferris wheel.

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Venetian Festival's 75th birthday bash

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(Above) About 30 bulls and a group of professional cowboys showed Charlevoix what a rodeo is all about at the Country Kick-off July 19 at Castle Farms. (Center) Charlevoix County Sheriff's officer Jim Nowka fingerprints Brenda Eggers, 5, of Ellsworth at Kids Day July 21 in East Park.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) About 30 people went for a ride in this World War II B-25 Mitchell stationed at Charlevoix Airport during Venetian Festival. The plane belongs to the Yankee Air Museum in Ypsilanti. Pictured above are its crew. (Below) WAR performed in front of a packed East Park crowd July 21.

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Joseph, Corcoran and Telgenhof firm to dissolve

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The long-time law partnership of Joseph, Corcoran and Telgenhof, P.C. will officially dissolve Aug. 1.

Allen Telgenhof recently left his practice with the law firm Joseph, Corcoran and Telgenhof, P.C. and joined the firm Hayes, Telgenhof, Turkelson and Groat headquartered off M-66 near Ironton.

"From my caseload standpoint, it won't be a huge change. Hopefully all my clients I had there will be my clients here," Telgenhof said.

Both Michael Corcoran and Dick Joseph will also be practicing with other firms, but will operate out of the 203 Mason Street office in downtown Charlevoix where Joseph, Corcoran and Telgenhof, P.C. once functioned.

The building remains under ownership of all the former partners.

Telgenhof was a founder of the firm and spent nearly eight years there, leaving in early June.

"Basically I decided, I had this opportunity to come out here and in my discussion with Mike (Corcoran) and Dick (Joseph), they too felt it was a good idea for us to get a fresh start," Telgenhof said. "We've been good friends all these years and we'll continue to work together in the future."

Telgenhof earned his Bachelor's Degree in 1987 in business administration from East Lansing's Michigan State University and in 1989 received his Juris Doctorate at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing.

He has practiced various forms of civil litigation for 16 years in Lansing, Flint, Clio and in Charlevoix since 1996. He was a founding partner in the firm of Joseph, Corcoran and Telgenhof, P.C.

Corcoran, also a founder of the law firm, will be making a move, even though he won't be moving his office.

"I'm going to be a partner in the Traverse City firm of Running, Wise and Ford," Corcoran said. "And the plan is to be based here in Charlevoix."

He added, "Me, along with the folks that are coming with me, are going to be occupying half the building at 203 Mason Street."

Joining Corcoran will be attorney Katrina Martin who will be an associate, as well as legal assistant Vicki Voisen and legal secretary Sandy Dunson.

"For me it's a great opportunity to expand my practice and have the resources of a 12 lawyer firm that will allow me to better serve my clients," Corcoran said. "Running, Wise and Ford is one of the oldest and most established law firms in northwest Michigan."

Corcoran has practiced law for 18 years.

"It's an extremely good fit from the standpoint of merging the two practices," he said.

Corcoran practiced law with Joseph and Telgenhof for over 10 years.

"They are my friends and I wish them the best of luck," he said.

According to Joseph, Telgenhof's former partner, the firm is sorry Telgenhof left.

"I think he thought that going out and joining that law firm was going to be a better fit for him and the type of law he want's to practice," Joseph said. "He's a really good guy and I like him a lot and I hope to work with him in the future."

He added, "As far as I'm concerned he needed a change. I know that Mike and I intend to stay right here in this building."

Joseph, who has practiced law for 18 years, said the name on the firm will remain Joseph, Corcoran and Telgenhof until the end of July.

"Then Mike and I will see how we want to frame it," he said.

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The long-time law partnership of Joseph, Corcoran and Telgenhof, P.C. will officially dissolve Aug. 1.

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Sunnybank facility to open in fall 2006

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The grand opening of the Sunnybank-Charlevoix assisted living community scheduled for late winter/early spring of 2006 is right on schedule.

According to Sunnybank owner-operator Ruth Bellissimo, who has been in the business since 1984, there will be 49 apartments available at the Charlevoix facility which is currently under construction.

"It's moving along pretty well," she said. "Right now we're putting it together in wings."

The site is located off Petoskey Avenue, across the street from Don's IGA.

Sunnybank-Charlevoix will be an assisted living community instead of a nursing home which means it is more like an apartment complex with amenities including an on-site beauty salon, a library and scheduled transportation.

"It's not as intense as a nursing home. Instead of the medical mode it's a more social mode," Bellissimo said. "Although our residents can have assistance with showers, getting dressed and those sorts of things."

There are also housekeeping, laundry and scheduled activities included in the package.

"You're not alone and there is a security aspect to it as well because we are staffed 24 hours a day," she said. "And, they get three good meals a day."

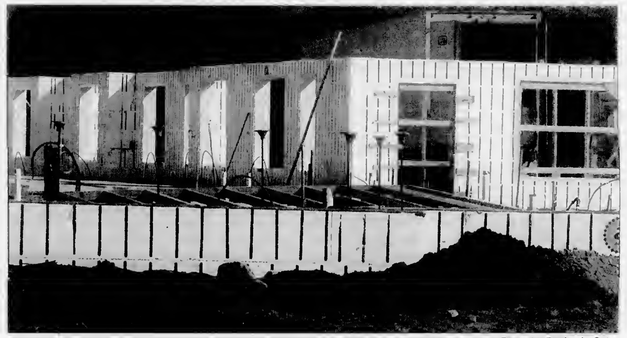
Despite the fact that Sunnybank-Charlevoix isn't a nursing home, there will be a private personal care business operating on site in case residents need the service.

"Residents can contract with them to get care or they can bring in an outside caregiver to take care of them here. And we are active in hospice participation," she said. "We're very flexible as far as tending to the needs of our residents. We can fit whatever care they need to their person."

Bellissimo added there is no age restriction at Sunnybank and as a result she had a young man who had been in a motorcycle accident who stayed at Sunnybank-Petoskey for nearly a month.

Bellissimo said that while the slots will go fast, there are still spaces available at the new Charlevoix location.

She added, "There is considerable interest and we do get calls here every day."



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Sunnybank-Charlevoix is right on schedule with its construction across from IGA on Petoskey Avenue. When completed the assisted living facility will offer 49 units.

For more information on Sunnybank-Charlevoix call (231) 348-2600.

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SPORTS

Venetian Festival soccer tournament results

On Tuesday, July 19, 24 teams participated in the 3 on 3 Venetian Festival soccer tournament at Charlevoix Township's Shanahan Field.

"This was the best turnout so far for the tournament," tournament coordinator, Carol Madison, said.

She explained that the tournament is in its fifth year with profits benefiting the Charlevoix High School Girls Soccer Team of which Madison is head coach.

Soccer tournament results are the following:

For boys in the U8 age bracket, the Belvees took first place. Team members are Alexander Knight, Joe Knight and Mason Bohlmann.

For boys in the U10 age bracket, The Flames took first place. Flames team members are Gunnar Lundteigen, Garret Lundteigen, Sahastian Barahal and Ted Rosenthal.

For girls in the U12 age bracket, Kool-Aid took first place. Kool-Aid team members are Taylor Smith, Hannah Doan and Abby Barnes.

For boys in the U12 age bracket, the Little Giant took first place. Little Giant team members are Evan Kroon, Jesse Drost, Fisher Kitely and Zach Merrill.

For girls in the U14 age bracket, Team Zero finished first. Team Zero members are Kelyse McKeon, Julie Doherty and KC McCary.

For boys in the U14 age bracket, Mr. Soccer took first place. Mr. Soccer team members are Josh Nitchman, John Shea, Ben Myers and Wyatt Drost.

The high school girls bracket was led by Midgets and its team members, Meridith Rich, Katie Withrow, Nicole Cyr and Tammy Potter.

The high school boys bracket was led by Team A.D.D. and its team members, Elliott Ball, Stuart Ball, Mick Culligan and Abigail Wilson.

The adult women's bracket was won by the Belvee Slaves and its members Jenny Kelly, Stevie Murray, Kate Madison and Becca Madison.

The adult men's bracket was won by the team Huge Balls of Fire made up of Andrew Nollar, Scot Carpenter, Brad Stachel and Tom DeWildt.

Courtesy photo

Women's soccer team, the Belvee Slaves took first place in the adult women's group Tuesday, July 19, the 3 on 3 Venetian Festival soccer tournament at Charlevoix Township's Shanahan Field. 24 teams participated in the tournament. The Belvee Slaves pictured above (from left) are Jenny Kelly, Becca Madison, Stevie Murray and Kate Madison.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDMENT OF SIGN ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the City of Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on a request to amend Title VIII - Building Regulations, , Chapter 99 - Signs, also known as the City Sign Ordinance, on Monday, August 8, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chambers in Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

The proposed ordinance will amend the Sign Ordinance in its entirety.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the City Planner's Office.

The public is invited to attend and present its comments on the ordinance. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing or may be sent to the City Planner's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 before the public hearing.

July 18, 2005 Gerry Harsch, City Planner

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SPORTS

The Grand Electrical Boat Parade results from July 23

The following are the results for the 75th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival Boat Parade which took place July 23 in Round Lake — 21 boats participated.

Small boats, less than 35 feet:

First place #21, Luv Shak (31 foot Four Winns), "Will you Marry Me", owned by Mark and Peggy Snyder of Traverse City.

Second place #10, Summer Semester (34 foot Silverton), "Celebrating an Incredible 75 years with the Incredibles," owned by Richard Giddens of Cadillac.

Third place #8, Lady J (31 foot Tiara), "Happy 75 Years", owned by Conrad Jakubowski of Naples, Fla.

Big Boats, larger than 35 feet:

First place #12, Got Bugs (36 foot Carver), "Celebrating a 75th Birthday at the Flamingo Lounge," owned by Gary and Becky Collier of Traverse City.

Second place #19, Lickerish (48 foot Viking), "Swinging in 2005 like it was 75 years ago," owned by Dave Lick of Okemos.

Third place #17, Alexis (45 foot Chris Craft), "Happy Birthday, today is Russ Perry's Birthday," owned by Russ Perry of Saginaw.

Directors Choice given for daylight decoration, dockside presence and hospitality:

First place #10, Summer Semester (34 foot Silverton), "Celebrating an Incredible 75 years with the Incredibles," owned by Richard Giddens of Cadillac.

Second place #13, Nordic Tug (37 foot Nordic Tug), "The Nordic Congratulates Charlevoix for 75 Venetian Years," owned by John Kraft, owner of Bay Breeze Charters and Sales of Traverse City.

Third place #6, Oberon, (30 foot Hunter) "Return of the Hair Bands," owned by John McDonald of Flint.

Venetian Festival Keith Carey golf tourney results

The final matches of the 2005 Keith Carey Cup were completed during last week's Venetian Festival.

This year saw another good turnout with a total of 37 golfers participating and competing in one of four separate match play categories. This year's winners and runners-up are as follows: David Shearer defeated Scott Blechel 2 and 1 to win the Men's Championship Division.

This is Shearer's, third championship in a row and the fourth since 2000.

Jack Barker defeated Kyle Smith 3 and 2 to win the Men's First Flight Division; Jack Niswander defeated Glen Taylor 1 up to win the Men's Senior Division; and Nancy Grunch defeated Fran Marschner 3 and 2 to win the Women's Championship Division.

Unique to Grunch's win is the fact that she is the daughter of Keith Carey, long-time manager of the Charlevoix Golf Club, for whom the tournament is named in honor of.

Slow pitch softball teams wind down season

City of Charlevoix slow-pitch teams recently played a busy schedule.

In game one, July 11, men's slow-pitch team Flight Deck beat Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing 14–2. For Flight Deck, Josh Holochek had an in-park home run

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements had busy bats besting Boss Engineering 16–9. For Boss, Scott Boss had an in-park home run.

In game three, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat D480/St. Mary's Cement 16–9.

The next day, July 12 women's slow-pitch teams faced off.

In game one, Kwikie Duplicating shutout Waterfront Salon 8–0.

In a close game two, Burger King beat Screenmasters 11–10.

Mid-week, the senior girls played a double header against Mancelona.

In game one, Charlevoix beat Mancelona 13–9. For CharJevoix, Stephanie Cornett had a double. In game two, it was Charlevoix again by a score of 14–3. For Charlevoix, Lauren Mielke had a double.

Later that night, July 13, men's slow-pitch teams faced off again.

In game one, Lakeshore Tire beat Boss Engineering 11–4.

In game two, D480/St. Mary's Cement won against Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing 12–10.

Closing the night was Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting who in a close match-up, beat Carlson's Home Improvements 24–22. For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had a home run.

On July 14, women's slow-pitch teams met.

In game one, Kwikie Duplicating beat Burger King 16–5. And in game two, Waterfront Salon took Screenmasters 15–3. For Screenmasters, Natasha Kleiber had an in-park home run.

The women's slow-pitch teams were back on the field on July 19.

In game one, Waterfront Salon bested Burger King hy a score of 16–7. For Waterfront, Waja Dixon had an in-park home run and for Burger King, Lori Reeds also had an in-park home run.

In game two Kwikie Duplicating shut out Charlevoix Screenmasters 14–0. For Kwikie, Linda Chuke had two triples.

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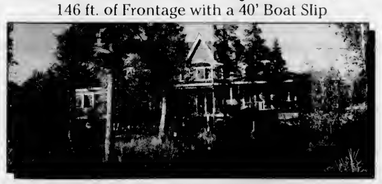

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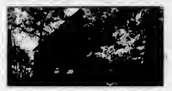

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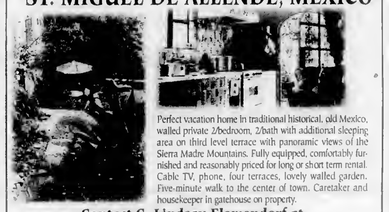

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JUL 2005

City hires attorney to pursue lawsuit

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The City of Charlevoix has hired an attorney that will likely pursue charges against its insurance provider for not covering a check for over $220,000 that was misdirected and cashed.

At city council's July 18 meeting, council members voted unanimously to hire Bob DeJong, an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. DeJong will take the lead in the case the city plans to pursue against Michigan Municipal League Insurance, its insurance carrier.

DeJong's fees include a $290 hourly rate as well as 28 percent of the total amount the city may or may not recover as a result of the judge's ruling.

While council voted unanimously in favor of hiring DeJong they discussed that there is no certain favorable outcome for the city.

First ward councilman Bob Timms, said, "Are we going to spend money to hopefully gain something."

Mayor Norman Carlson responded that he feels DeJong's agreement to honor a contingency fee reflects his confidence in the strength of the city's pending claim.

Council members ultimately agreed that while the fees seem steep, the city stands to lose over $220,000 if some relief is not found.

According to third 3ward council member Shirley Gibson, the city's position in this possible litigation is that its insurance carrier should cover a check for over $220,000 that was misdirected and cashed.

The city has sought coverage from its insurer. But representatives of Michigan Municipal League Insurance did not agree to pay the bill. The city has not yet opted to pursue treasurer's bonds that also cover incidents like the check debacle.

The check at the heart of this pending litigation was written to CCMS, a contractor hired by the city to work on roads and sidewalks. However, the check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then supposed to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

A report given to council in February outlining why the mistake was made pointed to miscommunication.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi, who was on vacation when the check was issued, claims he was not aware United Fire was supposed to be paid instead of CCMS. United Fire claims they sent a letter to Brandi with check writing instructions, prior to his vacation, but Brandi says he never received it.

Brandi's stamped signature as well as that of deputy city clerk Stephanie Brown, appeared on the check.

When Brandi realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment but it was too late, CCMS had cashed the check.

This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the City of Charlevoix. In December of 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United Fire the over $220,000 it already paid CCMS.

City police chief Dennis Halverson has been investigating possible charges against CCMS.

Because the check was cashed in St. Ignace he has been working with a detective from Michigan State Police post there. Halverson said that at this time they haven't concluded whether there was a criminal violation associated with the check cashing by CCMS or not.

At Monday's meeting council also signed a contract with Michael Neihardt, a detective with Michael Neihardt Investigations in Kalkaska to look into what went wrong at city hall to have landed the city in this predicament. Neihardt's fees were approved at $850 or less. This investigation started this week.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 703 of 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 5.171 and 5.172 OF ARTICLE V, CHAPTER 51 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 5.172.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Sections 5.171 and 5.172 of Article V of Chapter 51.
The current Sections 5.171 and 5.172 of Article V of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code are hereby renumbered 5.170 and 5.171, respectively.

SECTION 2. Addition of a new Section 5.172 to Article V of Chapter 51.
Article V of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby amended to add a new Section 5.172 which shall read in its entirety as follows:

5.172. Site condominiums.
Intent: the intent of this section is to provide minimum standards and guidelines for review and approval of site condominium projects so they will comply with accepted planning and engineering standards applicable to similar forms of development. It is further intended that this permitted use encourage a more creative approach to development through the planned reduction or grouping of lots while maintaining the overall density of the Zoning District.

Prior to any site development of a site condominium project as defined in Article II, the plan for the site condominium shall be subject to review and approval in accord with the procedures and standards set out in Article VIII for the issuance of special use permit.

(1) Site condominium project plans shall include:

(a) Condominium Subdivision plan as described in the Michigan Condominium Act, or Development Plan as described in Section 5.188(3) of this ordinance.
(b) A plan delineating all natural features on the site including, but not limited to wetlands and woodland areas.
(c) A copy of the Master Deed and any other restrictive covenants concerning the project.
(d) A copy of any easements, leases or other agreements involving the project.
(e) A report from City Staff indicating the project meets the City requirements for the provisions such as, but not limited to emergency services, streets and utilities.

(2) Site condominium streets shall be developed in accord with the standards set out in Section 5.190.

(3) Master Deed Contents: all provisions of the project that are approved or required by the Planning Commission must be incorporated in the Master Deed for the project.

(4) Zoning District Requirements: the development of all site condominiums shall observe applicable requirements of the zoning district within which the project is located including, but not necessarily limited to yard setback, minimum floor area, density, accessory buildings and permitted uses, but not including lot size.

(5) Set Aside Area: for all areas gained through the reduction or grouping of lots, an equal area shall be set aside for the exclusive common use of the lot owners or residents within the development. This area shall be under legal procedure which shall grant a covenant or deeded interest herein so that it shall be assured of remaining undeveloped.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after enactment.

ADOPTED, this 18th day of July, 2005.
Motion by: Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by: Bill Haggard

Ordinance No. 703-05 was adopted on the 18th day of July, 2005, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:
Yeas: Haggard, Timms, Bellows, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson
Nays: None
Absent: None

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THIS IS TO INFORM Lisa Groh, last known address: 923 Rutger St., FLR 1, Utica, NY, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #185. A brief description would be - mattress, couch, vacuum cleaner, television, monitor, keyboard and chair. You have until August 20, 2005, to re-claim the goods at the Charlevoix mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.

(7-20-2-076)

THIS IS TO INFORM Diana Cole, last known address: 6789 M-66 N., Charlevoix, MI, of disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #046. A brief description would be - shelving, microwave, printer and mattress. You have until August 20, 2005, to re-claim the goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, 06795 US 31 Highway S., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, 231-547-5838.

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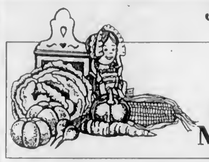

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County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and 54/100 Dollars ($70,115.54) including interest at the rate of 10.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mort-gage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on August 12, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: July 13, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for LaSalle Bank National Association (Assignee), formerly known as LaSalle National Bank, in its capacity as indenture trustee under that certain Sale and Servicing Agreement dated February 1, 1999 among AFC Trust Series 1999-1, as Issuer, Superior Bank FSB, as seller and servicer, and Lasalle Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, AFC Mortgage Loan Asset Backed Notes, Series 1999-1, and any amendments thereto, As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 199.2133 ASAP711777

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond C. Westphal , a single man, Mortgagors, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of December, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of January, 2005 in Liber 664 of Charlevoix County Records, page 190, said Mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four & 92/100. ($121,594.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the **26th day of August, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m.** Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.600% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The South 1/2 of Lot 65, Uprights and Hurlbut's Addition to the Village of Charlevoix (now City), according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 on Page 21 of plats, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 7/27/2005 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 ASAP713839

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

PUBLIC NOTICE-Date: July 27, 2005-Permit No. MI0003158-St. Marys Cement-Charlevoix-The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue a discharge permit to: the St. Barbara Cement, Inc. (formerly known as CEMEX, Inc.) for the St. Marys Cement - Charlevoix Plant (formerly known as CEMEX - Charlevoix Plant) located at 16000 Bells Bay Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. The facility manufactures Portland cement and Masonry cement. The applicant discharges contact cooling water, groundwater seepage, quarry dewatering water, noncontact cooling water, storm water runoff, treated groundwater, cement kiln dust (CKD) pile seepage, coal pile runoff, sump water, and CKD landfill leachate to Lake Michigan, in the SW1/4, NW1/4, Section 28, Town 34 N, Range 8 W, and to Lake Michigan via a drainage ditch, in the SE1/4, NE1/4, Section 29, Town 34 N, Range 8 W, and to Lake Michigan via a drainage ditch, in the NE1/4, SW1/4, Section 28, Town 34 N, Range 8 W, and to an unnamed intermittent creek via a settling pond, in the NW1/4, SE1/4, Section 32, Town 34 N, Range 8 W, Charlevoix County. The draft permit includes the following modifications to the previously-issued permit: A final effluent limitation for Total Mercury of 10 ng/l has been included at Outfall 001, which is the Level Currently Achievable based on a multiple discharger variance from the water quality-based effluent limit of 1.3 ng/l, pursuant to Rule 323.1103(9) of the Michigan Water Quality Standards. The permittee, facility name, and designated name have been changed to reflect a change in ownership. Monitoring requirements for total antimony, total copper, total manganese, total selenium, total silver, total thallium, total vanadium, and total zinc from Outfalls 001, 002, 003, and 004 have been removed because these parameters are not being discharged at levels of concern. Authorization to discharge treated groundwater from monitoring point 002B has been increased from a maximum of 0.03 MGD to a maximum of 0.07 MGD. Effluent limitations for Total Suspended Solids (TSS) through monitoring point 001B and Outfall 004 have been adjusted to comply with federal requirements which are based on annual production. Effluent limitations for TSS have been included for Outfalls 002, 003, and 004. Effluent limitations for temperature have been applied to Outfalls 001 and 002. CKD landfill leachate was identified as a new discharge source. The CKD landfill leachate has been authorized through Outfalls 002 and 003. The CKD landfill leachate is similar to the previously-approved CKD pile seepage. This draft permit authorizes an increased loading of pollutants to Lake Michigan which will lower the water quality with respect to certain parameters. In accordance with Rule 323.1098 of the Michigan Water Quality Standards, the applicant has provided a statement of exemption from antidegradation requirements. As part of the decision process, the Department is proposing that the exemption statement meets the requirements of Rule 323.1098, and that an antidegradation demonstration is not required. Comments or objections to the draft permit received by August 29, 2005, will be considered in the final decision to issue the permit. Persons desiring information regarding the draft permit, procedures for commenting, or requesting a hearing should contact: Sean Syts, Permits Section, Water Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 30273, Lansing, Michigan 48909, telephone: 517-335-4123, e-mail: sytss@michigan.gov. Copies of the public notice, fact sheet, exemption from antidegradation statement, and draft permit may be obtained via the Internet (http://www.michigan.gov/deq and on the left side of the screen click on Water, Surface Water, and NPDES Permits; then click on "Permits on Public Notice" which is under the Permits banner) or at the Water Bureau Cadillac District Office located at 120 West Chapin Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601, telephone: 231-775-3960.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010843-DE

Estate of William R. Maskaluk
Date of birth: October 13, 1913

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, William R. Maskaluk, who lived at 14676 W. Upright, Charlevoix, Michigan died May 19, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathryn R. (Maskaluk) Mongene, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 28, 2005

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Area events

Blood drive

The American Red Cross is having a blood drive from 1 to 5:45 p.m., Wednesday, July 27 at Harbor Industries, 100 Harbor Drive in Charlevoix. Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543). The public is welcome between 3:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Walk-in's welcome. Note-if you have donated within 56 days of the drive date, you are not eligible.

Chair-ity Auction

At 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, the Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church, located at 101 State Street in Charlevoix, will host the 3rd Annual Take A Seat Chair-ity Auction. Over 60 pieces of restored and hand-decorated furniture, including tables, benches, and chairs for adults and children will be auctioned. In addition an heirloom-quality fully-furnished doll house will also be auctioned. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Bergmann Center, Camp Quality, Crooked Tree Arts Center, the Charlevoix Senior Center and Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church. Items may be previewed from noon to 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 26 or from 6 to 7 p.m. July 27. Tickets are $10 and will be available at the door or at Charlevoix Camera, Crooked Tree Arts Center, the Charlevoix Senior Center of First Congregational Church.

Literary Delights

The Charlevoix Zonta Club is sponsoring Literary Delights, an afternoon fund-raiser celebration of Michigan's female authors. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 30 in the Knight's Castle at Castle Farms located off M-66 in Charlevoix. Tickets for the event are $40. They are available locally at the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street or by calling Zonta member Linda Degrow at (231) 547-4109 or fellow Zontian Helen Emmons at (231) 547-2955.

Furniture exhibit

From 4-6 p.m. Saturday July 30, Crooked Tree Arts Center will host the opening of a new exhibit titled "21st Century Studio Furniture – Traditions Honored." Curated by Carol Ross of Boyne City, this exhibit will represent over 25 regional studio furniture makers. The opening is free and open to the public. Many of the exhibiting artists will be on hand to answer questions. Crooked Tree Art Center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey. For more information call (231) 347-4337.

Smoking cessation program

Charlevoix Area Hospital, in cooperation with the American Lung Association, will host a Freedom from Smoking program. The new, eight-week series of classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2 at the hospital. There is no charge for this clinic. To register, call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

Martial arts presentation

Charlevoix Public Library will host a presentation at 7 p.m. Aug. 2 in the lower level of the library at 109 Clinton Street by Northern Martial Arts who will be demonstrating Tae Kwon Do and Hap Ki Do. For more information call (231) 347-2651.

Discovery Day

Raven Hill Discovery Center/ Raven Ridge Nature Preserve (Charlevoix County) is hosting a Discovery Day from 1-3 p.m., on Wednesday, August 3. Explore this nature preserve with some fun activities and then move to the hands-on, science-based Discovery Center. There is a $6 charge to enter the Discovery Center. For those who do not wish to enter the center, an alternate activity will be planned. Call (231) 347-0991.

Book signing

At 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 4 sportscaster Dick Enberg returns to Charlevoix's Bridge Street Book Shop to sign copies of his newest book, entitled "Dick Enberg: Oh My!" At 7 p.m. that night, mystery writer J.A. Konrath will be signing copies of his two latest books, "In Whiskey Sour" and "In Bloody Mary." Konrath is a Chicago area author whose two books are light mystery reads. The Bridge Street Book Shop is located at 407 Bridge Street, in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-7323.

Columnist to speak

Syndicated columnist Georgie Anne Geyer will speak and autograph her latest book, "When Cats Reigned Like Kings," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4 at the Charlevoix Public Library. "When Cats Reigned Like Kings" is illustrated with photos of Geyer's journeys and historical cat images. There is also a section that describes the origins and characteristics of the 41 recognized cat breeds. Geyer will present her story and anecdotes during the session as well as entertain questions from the audience. She will also be available afterwards to sign books. Books to purchase will be made available at the library by the Bridge Street Book Shop.

Rayder golf outing

The Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing 2005 a four person scramble is scheduled for Friday Aug. 5, at the Charlevoix Country Club. Registration will begin at noon and golf is at 1 p.m. Lunch, golf, dinner and Rayder football shirts are included. Cost is $80 per person and deadline is July 29. There will be prizes and drawings. Make checks payable to Rayder Football Outing and mail to 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or fax to (231) 547-3411. For more information call (231) 547-5400.

Blood drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Aug. 8 at Crown Motors located at 06684 US-31 South in Charlevoix.

Veteran open house

An open house celebration for all World War II veterans and the public will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 9 at Moomers Ice Cream located at 7263 N. Long Lake Road in Traverse City. For more information call Del Corner at (231) 632-6955.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15. If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Stratford trip

The Jordan River Arts Council will host its annual trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada Sept. 23-25. Trip participants will leave at noon from East Jordan Sept. 23. For more information, call Barbara Worgess at (231) 536-2092.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

The event is free and open to the public. The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will provide light refreshments.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

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Joe Skerbeck: Life as a fifth generation carnie

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Thousands of people patronized the carnival during Venetian Festival, but few realize the hard work and dedication which goes into providing such a fantastical flurry of flashing lights and thrilling rides.

It was only the tenth year the Skerbeck Carnival has come to Charlevoix during Venetian, but owner Joe Skerbeck's entertainment heritage goes back nearly 150 years.

"I'm fifth generation," Skerbeck said. "My great, great grandfather started back in Europe in 1857 when he opened a circus in Bohemia."

Skerbeck's ancestors eventually came to America in 1881 where they carried on the tradition.

According to Skerbeck, after World War II, people no longer had a strong interest in sideshows and Wild West shows, they wanted rides instead."

"So the carnival became king," he said.

Skerbeck offers over 50 rides, with 14 featured at this year's Venetian Festival.

"It takes about a day and a half to set up," Skerbeck said. "10 hours to set up and about six hours to clean up and get the light bulbs in."

According to Skerbeck, tear down takes about four to five hours depending on the amount of equipment and space available.

The carnival travels a little over six months of the year all over the state of Michigan sometimes doing a couple of days in Ohio or Indiana.

"Generally we open up in Kalkaska in late April and close up generally in late October," Skerbeck said. "I like the traveling, it's a challenge to move this much equipment every week — sometimes more than once a week — so people can enjoy it."

He added, "The best thing is I have my family with me. This is one thing, outside of farming, where you get to see your kids and grandkids everyday."

Because it is such hard work and so much travel is involved, Skerbeck said, his business turns over about 20 percent a month.

"There are always people coming and going," he said. "They either love it or they hate it."

The Skerbeck Carnival has two units so they can service two different cities at one time.

The unit in Charlevoix last week has someone who has worked with Skerbeck since 1988 and the other carnival unit that his brother runs, which is currently in Ohio, has a worker who has been with them since 1955.

He said, "He loves the business, it keeps him feeling good."

Skerbeck has children and even grandchildren working and traveling in the carnival with him.

"It really is a family organization," he said.

The carnival employs some people year-round who work on the equipment

"Every ride gets inspected every day by a state certified inspector," he said. "Anything that needs attention they fix immediately."

Skerbeck said his favorite ride is probably the merry-go-round because he can take his young grandchildren on it.

While Skerbeck has been with the carnival his entire life, his son, Jamie has a business degree and went on to work for a couple corporations before deciding to come back to the family business.

"He likes the family aspect of it," he said. "It gets in your blood — it's just something you feel drawn to."

Skerbeck also said he never gets sick of cotton candy because he never eats it.

Skerbeck said his employees get to be like family because they are around each other all the time for nearly half the year.

"When you break this show up in the fall, most of these people are sad that they won't see their friends the next week," he said. "We're the complete support system."

While traveling, the carnival workers or carnies, live out of RV's and dormitory trucks.

Generally they get their experience on the job, but as long as they have a little bit of initiative and a good work ethic Skerbeck said they can be taught.

Under the supervision of an experienced operator, it takes approximately two weeks to learn how to operate one of the more complex rides such as the ferris wheel.

Skerbeck said all those prizes which people vie for in the midway go fast.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Five-year-old Kelsy Winters takes a gleeful spin on the motorcycle ride Friday afternoon during the Venetian Festival. This is one of many rides offered by Skerbeck Carnival.

"All together this week we'll go through close to a semi truck full of prizes," he said.

He added, prizes offered at his carnival range from $1.50 to as much as $80-$100 retail.

Skerbeck thanked City Manager Mike Wiesner, Street Department Superintendent John Martin and Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc. president Dan Barron among others for being so hospitable.

"It's always been a pleasure to come to Charlevoix. I've made a lot of friends of city employees and they've worked hard to make it a successful cooperative venture," he said. "I can't think of a prettier place I'd rather be this week."

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Timms to face Swayze-Doan and Bennett at Aug. 2 primary

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Timms' time in office has been centered around his close eye focused on city spending.

"I'm trying to protect taxpayers funds," he said.

His most recent mission is to earmark infrastructure millage money for infrastructure projects only.

Timms' competition, Swayze-Doan, is a 44-year-old mother of two, married to Charlevoix City Police officer Gerard Doan, who has lived in Charlevoix for almost 20 years.

This is Doan's second time running for council, in November of 2004 she was defeated by incumbent and current first ward councilman, Bill Haggard. Her interest in politics peaked in March of 2003 when the city planning commission started exploring a zoning ordinance amendment to include assisted living in the single family residential district as a special use.

Since then Doan has attended most council meetings and said she belongs at the big table.

"I've always been involved — I've attended meetings and I know what the current issues are. I think I represent the average citizen well," she said.

The third candidate, Bennett, a 53-year-old father of two and husband of Sandra Bennett is a former long-time City of Charlevoix planning commissioner and a past president of the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Bennett said he decided to run for council this year, for the first time, after attending council meetings and feeling as though constituents are not being well represented.

"The people need to have their voice spoken — and I'm not hearing that much," he said. "I feel I'm capable of being a voice of the people."

Oehs said write-in candidates for the primary will be accepted up to Friday, July 29 at her office located in city hall.

For more information, about filing as a write-in or to vote using an absentee ballot, contact Oehs at (231) 547-3250.

Registered voters who want an absentee ballot mailed to them must submit their application in writing to Oehs by 2 p.m. Saturday, July 30. Her office will be open from noon to 2 p.m. that day to handle absentee requests.

Residents who want to vote an absentee ballot in person must do so by 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1.

Voters who are prevented from attending the polls due to circumstances such as a sudden illness or a family death may request an emergency absentee ballot until 4 p.m. on election day.

According to Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land this election marks the third election under Michigan's new consolidated election law.

"Every election is important whether it's local, state or national," Land said. "Don't pass up a chance to have a say in matters that affect you. This is democracy in action but its success depends on you. I encourage voters to make their voices heard by going to the polls on Aug. 2."

The consolidated election law was signed in January 2004. According to Land, it makes elections more efficient and cost-effective by limiting them to four dates a year. Those dates are the fourth Tuesday in February and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, August and November. The first two elections under the law were Feb. 22 and May 3.

Second and third ward Charlevoix City Council seats will be up for grabs at the November general election. At the general election, second ward councilman Bill Bellows will face Eugene Beer. Third ward council member Shirley Gibson is running uncontested at this time.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Color after the storm

On July 21, this colorful double rainbow appeared after a short rainfall that brought .05 inches to the Charlevoix area. Prior to that it had not rained since July 5. Charlevoix has received about 3 inches less rainfall this year than at this time last year.

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Testimony to be used in murder trial

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Alleged gunman, David Goldstick charged with the late April slaying of Hubert William (Bill) Brady, sought to fight the validity of the confessions he made the day of and following the murder.

On Tuesday, July 26, Goldstick appeared in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court.

At the Walker hearing Goldstick's lawyer, Robert Banner, attempted to have his client's confessions suppressed. But after nearly seven hours of testimony, Judge Richard Pajtas denied the motion.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, the standard for a valid confession is whether the defendant knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily made statements when the right to both counsel and silence are waived.

"That's why the actual substance of the confession isn't an issue, it's the background leading up to the confession," Jarema said.

Banner also requested the hearing be closed to the public as well as the news media in order to maintain an untainted jury pool, but the judge denied that request as well, citing that the Walker hearing would not prohibit Goldstick from getting a fair trial.

"In weighing and balancing these issues before the court, it is the court's decision not to bar the media or the public," Judge Pajtas said.

Pajtas said the actual statements made by the defendant were not the subject of the Walker hearing and therefore the media wouldn't be reporting anything the public shouldn't hear.

Throughout the day, Jarema questioned Det. Mike Wheat, Lt. Charles Vondra and Sheriff George T. Lasater, all of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, as to whether they gave the defendant significant warning of his right not to answer questions before his arrest, as well as his Miranda rights once placed in custody.

"Did you ever threaten Mr. Goldstick? Did you ever coerce him," Jarema said.

Wheat said, "No. Goldstick was very cooperative."

Jarema questioned Wheat concerning Goldstick's first confession.

"I read him his Miranda rights then asked him, 'What made you do this to Brady,'" Wheat said.

Jarema also asked Wheat if Goldstick seemed like he was hearing voices or acting delusional during questioning to which Wheat said, "No."

When Goldstick took the stand Tuesday he testified that he had been under a high level of stress when he made his original statements.

According to Goldstick, he didn't realize the implications of his decision to waive his right to silence and counsel at the time.

He added that police officials he spoke to on the day of the murder and in the days following did not threaten or coerce him into his confessions.

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Public art debuts at local library

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Representatives of Moran Iron Works and Dale Hull set the base for "American Pie," (shown at left) one of seven sculptures to be displayed at Charlevoix Public Library over the next three and a half years in conjunction with the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Art in Public Places project.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix Public Library welcomed a bold new piece of art to its front lawn early this week.

"American Pie," a colorful kinetic sculpture crafted by Cadillac artist David Petrakovitz, will be a fixture on the front lawn at the library for the next six months.

"We are really striving to incorporate art in the library. There are few public places in the city (of Charlevoix) where art can be shown and viewed that aren't retail galleries," Charlevoix Public Library Director Valerie Meyerson, said.

The sculpture is one of seven pieces of public art valued in total at $140,000 touring northern Michigan communities in conjunction with the rotating art collection "Art in Public Places," coordinated through the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

"American Pie" was the last of the seven pieces to be placed. Every six months for the next three-and-a-half years the library will showcase one of the pieces included in the collection. The next rotation will take place in November.

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Timms and Bennett take the first ward city primary

Robert Timms and Steven Bennett came out on top in the first ward Charlevoix City Council primary race.

Nearly 200 voters turned out in all between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Aug. 2 primary election.

Timms, the incumbent received the most support with 82 votes while Bennett wasn't far behind with 76 votes. Rebecca Lynne Swayze-Doan came in last with 36 votes and one person voted for a write-in candidate which didn't count because no write-in candidate was announced.

Charlevoix City Clerk, Carol Oehs, said there hasn't been a primary for city council members in about 20 years.

"For council members with an election for just one precinct, we had a pretty good turnout with 20 percent," she said. "That's nothing to sneeze at."

According to Bennett, he is pleased with the way things are going.

"Well I'm thrilled. I'm happy and I'm ready to take it to the next step," he said. Bennett said he hopes he gets the win in the general election so he can begin serving the city and the people.

"I'm thankful that I had support and that people believe in me," he said. "It's just nice that people heard what I had to say and believed in what my goals are for the position."

It seems Bennett wouldn't want to go up against any other candidate.

He added, "I respect Mr. Timms im-

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were heard recently in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

German James Typpi, 30, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitor with 82 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service in lieu of 10 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Lee Graham, 19, Gaylord. Minor in possession of alcohol. Must serve 60 hours of community service; $100 in fines and costs.

Tiffany Sue VanWormer, 18, Gaylord. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol second offense. Must serve six months probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $300 in fines and costs.

Bobbi Lynn Friend, 36, Whitehall. Disorderly person/drunk. $400 in fines and costs.

Jim Steve Szabo, 51, Kalkaska. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with 30 days held in abeyance, to serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; must serve six months probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Kathryn Rose Sharpe, 44, Maple City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance; must serve six months probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Chad Wayne Stockman, 37, Elmira. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; must serve six months probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Jerry Steven Roman, 25, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; must serve six months probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

James Carlton Lamonse, 61, Charlevoix. Two counts of trespassing. Serve 10 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Stephan Drew Cahoon, 18, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied second or subsequent offense. Serve 12 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 11 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Brian Patrick Dickson, 23, Alanson. Operating while intoxicated first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, must serve 60 days on an electronic monitor, 67 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Lee Bellant, 40, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail with 82 days held in abeyance, must serve 30 days on an electronic monitor; must serve one year probation; $885 in fines and costs.

Kitchi-Kinhap Shonin, 19, Suttons Bay. Breaking and entering/illegal entry of a building without permission; malicious destruction of a building under $200; minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol second offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 33 days, 45 days held in abeyance, to serve 15 days of community service in lieu of 15 days in jail; must serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to write a letter of apology; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Allen Russell Clementson, 27, Indian River. Two counts of check, non-sufficient funds under $100. Serve 15 days in jail; $446.09 in fines and costs.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

James Russell Woolery, 27, Bloomington Hills, Ind. and Katharine Gentry Grace, 27, Chicago Ill.

Brian Lee Tuck, 26, Charlevoix and Ada Mae Pullen, 21, Petoskey

Eric Wayne Everson, 26 and Traci Ann Temple, 29 both of Boyne City

Steven James Russell, 43 and Victoria Rodriguez, 39 both of Charlevoix

James D. Matick, 62 and Ann Marie Nelsen, 44 both of Boyne City

Jeffrey Alan Parker, 46 and Kathryn Ann Wysocki, 39 both of Charlevoix

James Steven Berlage, 48 and Penny Lee Beck, 47 both of Charlevoix

Phillip W. Norris, 21 and Crystal R. Rogers, 22 both of Baltimore, Ohio

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

PaPa Jim's Ice-cream, 3435 Hillview, Boyne Falls, by James Karlskin

Nockout Gel, 602 Jay-Lee Lane, Boyne City, by Kenneth Stephens

C&J's Snow Plowing, 706 State Street, East Jordan, by Judith Vrondran

M.P. Construction, 03575 Pop Road, Charlevoix, by Virgil Amos Munson and Laura Louise Pop

Erno & Martin, 01548 Sumerra Trail, Boyne City, by Lee Erno and Tony Martin

Sterrett Construction Services, 1107 Grant Street, Charlevoix, by Todd M. Sterrett

Births

Ashton Nakota Spang weighing 9 pounds, 12 ounces was born to Dan and Lisa Spang of Charlevoix on July 20, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Peggy Spang of Charlevoix and Lenard and Shasta Burzynski of Sault Saint Marie.

Correction

In the Wednesday, July 27 issue of the Charlevoix Courier, due to a reporter error, the last name of Sue and Pram Acharya, owners of Esperance Wine and Gourmet Food shop, was misspelled. Additionally, the time and date of the upcoming wine tasting fund-raiser, hosted by Esperance in partnership with the Charlevoix Council for the Arts, was incorrectly stated. The wine tasting and gourmet picnic will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19 at Esperance. Tickets are $20 per person, available in advance at Esperance. Attendance is limited to 100 guests.

July 29 Hayes Township property damage under investigation

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating an incident in Hayes Township on Upper Bay Shore Road involving damage to two vehicles and a garage.

The incident occurred during the early morning hours of Friday, July 29.

Investigation has revealed that a Jeep Liberty, a Nissan Sentra and a garage at a residence were struck by BB's. The rear windows of both vehicles were shattered.

The matter remains under investigation.

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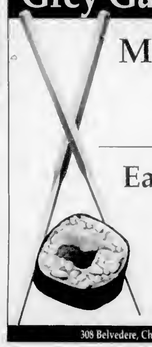

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Judge Pajtas denies Walker hearing motion

GOLDSTICK

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wrote, "I have been advised that I have an attorney. I wish to have a conversation with officer Vondra on/or off record — don't care. I do understand my rights."

Lasater testified that he and the other officers repeatedly reminded Goldstick of his rights on the day of the murder.

"I asked Mr. Goldstick if I or Detective Wheat had threatened him into making these statements," Sheriff Lasater said.

Jaremia asked, "Was he (Goldstick) deprived of food, sleep or water?"

"That wouldn't happen," Sheriff Lasater said.

During Banner's questioning of Sheriff Lasater he asked if it is a possibility a person could lose sleep due to the way the holding cell is laid out.

"It's a possibility," Sherrif Lasater said.

Due to the seriousness of the crime he allegedly committed, Goldstick was placed in a segregation cell so he could be monitored 24 hours a day.

The officers testified that not only was Goldstick not deprived of anything in the days following the murder, he was allowed some extras by the sheriff's department including use of a phone at any time and being able to see his mother in the same room.

Wheat said, "The sheriff is a very lenient man and in stressful situations he often allows some special considerations."

Goldstick's jury trial begins at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 5 in Charlevoix County Circuit Court.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

David Edward Goldstick confers with his attorney Robert Banner during last week's Walker hearing where Goldstick sought to fight the confessions he made in the days following the Brady murder.

Crooked Tree's Art in Public Places featured at library

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Meyerson said the library's sculpture was supposed to be placed on property owned by the City of Charlevoix. A communication failure between Crooked Tree Arts Center and the city ended in the library's favor.

The library, which is currently located at 109 Clinton Street is in the process of building a new facility down the block at the former site of the Charlevoix Middle School at 220 Clinton Street.

The massive 28,300 pound concrete base the art sits on was made, donated and moved by Tom Moran, an artist who owns Moran Iron Works in Onaway. The base will be moved down the street once the new facility is open in the fall of 2006.

The location of the outdoor display at the library's new site has not been decided. But according to Meyerson, it will likely be near the parking lot between Clinton and Mason streets.

Moran's 4 ton butterfly is part of the traveling display and is currently being shown outside of Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Other display sites include the East Jordan Arts Council in East Jordan, Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, downtown Boyne City near the Dairy Queen, the Harbor Springs Municipal Marina and Pellston Regional Airport.

Each of the pieces included in this collection are for sale. Crooked Tree Arts Center director Dale Hull said several potential buyers have already voiced interest but will have to wait to take ownership until the exhibit is complete.

"This is an incredible investment for the artists," Hull said.

He said the foundry bill alone for artist Glen McCune's, "The Stag," currently on display at Pellston Regional Airport, is $20,000.

This summer project started as an idea in the head of Hull when he took his position with the arts group over five years ago.

The project began to take shape in October of 2004 when the center hosted a 3-D Art Show at which a number of outdoor sculptures were shown.

From this show, Hull established a pool of artists he wanted to include in the public display.

In the spring of 2005 he entered a request with the Frey Foundation to fund movement and creation of the bases for the project. After Moran made his generous donation this request changed its form, fit and function.

"With his (Moran's) help this got done a lot sooner than I had originally hoped," Hull said.

The Frey Foundation has agreed to entertain a formal proposal from the center to fund supporting literature for the project.

"We want to invite people to northern Michigan to see Art in Public Places," Hull said.

Hull imagines bike and boat tours organized around viewing these pieces. Aside from this exhibit other notable outdoor art locations include Rogers City, Cheboygan, Mackinaw City and St. Ignace.

Timms will face Bennett in general election

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mensely."

According to Swayze-Doan, she regrets the loss but it won't stop her from keeping active in politics.

"I'll keep going to the meetings and staying involved," she said. "I have always been politically involved."

Swayze-Doan said the reason she entered the race in the first place was so she could get more women involved in local politics as well as represent people who don't own a business.

"I think I represent the average citizen in Charlevoix," she added.

Swayze-Doan wished her opponents the best of luck and thanked all the voters who came out to support her.

Bennett and Timms will face each other at the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Second and third ward Charlevoix City Council seats will also be up for grabs. Second ward councilman Bill Bellows will face Eugene Beer and third ward council member Shirley Gibson is currently running uncontested.

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Eminent domain imminent disaster

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

I've decided I rather enjoy the beauty of East Park in downtown Charlevoix and, as such, have decided to take it for my own under Ben's Rules of Whimsy. Furthermore, it shall be known as Gohs Park, so don't let me catch any of you wandering around in it.

Of course, I merely jest about taking the park, but I don't find it funny when the government takes something from one person, gives it to another and then tells us it's for our own good.

Just over a month ago the United States Supreme Court made a 5-4 decision in the case of Kelo vs. City of New London which, under eminent domain, allows Pfizer Inc. to forcibly purchase several privately owned properties in New London, Conn., where the drug giant will build a large research center.

Eminent domain is commonly known as a government's right to forcibly purchase privately owned land and use it for public works such as roads, schools and bridges. Property owners unwilling to sell are generally given the "market value" of their home.

As if taking private land for public use wasn't bad enough it is becoming commonplace for both state and federal governments to allow the seizure of private property by large private corporations such as Pfizer is doing in Connecticut.

Though many of us have never been directly affected by it, eminent domain is nothing new to many Americans and other peoples of the world.

Throughout history governing bodies have snatched land, livestock and even people from its citizenry.

Several weeks after the Supreme Court's decision on the Kelo case some northern Michigan residents got a civics lesson in their own backyard.

The "condemnation proceedings" began about 40 miles from here near the Pellston Regional Airport. Emmet County officials cite substantial growth in the amount of customers the airport serves. As a result they feel a right and duty to exercise the practice of eminent domain.

But, when the government conjures convoluted notions such as economic development and the good of the people as valid excuses for stripping its citizens of their liberties, an apocalypse of tyrannical transgression isn't far off.

For private property owners, the Kelo decision strengthens an already dangerous precedent. The phrase "economic development," when cited as a reason for exercising eminent domain, is subjective because these developers are in no way forced to guarantee any type of economic growth once they possess the property.

And the people who receive land seized by the government often do so at bargain basement prices because the current market value may be much different than future market value.

The U.S. government oppresses its people in many ways under the guise of our own good, but that doesn't make it right. If I wanted to be treated like a child I would move back into my parents basement and exercise my right to permanent migraine.

Those performing the Pellston land-grab matter-of-factly claim they need the land to better serve the public.

Some say that, since the property they're taking was littered with unsightly billboards, they did the community a great service by swiping the land and making it more presentable.

Will the government also steal my car when it is dirty or hold me down and shave my chin whiskers when I have stubble?

I find it tragic to see so many law-abiding taxpayers pigeonholed under the iron fist of this government. The more tragedy I see, the more I wonder how close to home these travesties must occur before something is done.

I own no land, but I hope to some day, and the idea of losing something I may work a lifetime for scares me. On the other hand, what is the incentive to buy a home when eminent domain potentially reduces us all to renters and lease holders?

How many of you with an ancestral home, vacation house or family farm will be content with "market value" when Uncle Sam looks at you with dollar signs in his eyes?

Somehow I don't think a drugstore, restaurant or research facility has more right to your land than you do.

You may be saying, "Gohs, Gohs, Gohs, don't get excited, history is just one convoluted land-grab after another."

No free country tolerates forced labor. Neither does a governing body serve its people by taking their land. But, to our everlasting shame, this country is guilty of both.

Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in her dissent on the Kelo case a warning for us all.

She said, "The specter of condemnation hangs over all property. Nothing is to prevent the state from replacing any Motel 6 with a Ritz-Carlton, any home with a shopping mall, or any farm with a factory."

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Listen closely, good parenting is good karma

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

As parents of toddlers and young children we focus our attention on their wants and needs so we will have responsible adults in the future.

All too often, by the time our children reach the high school years we back off on our involvement. This may be due to conflicting schedules, feeling that we are done raising our children or maybe our teens are telling us to just "back off." The high school years may be our last chance to help form their character before they leave home for a job, college or marriage. During this chapter of their lives you can stay involved, which is really what they want you to do.

Believe me, they really do. You have captured their attention before they go out on their own. They look to you for sound advice and even though they say they can't wait to get out on their own, inside may be that little child asking, "Will everything be OK, will you be there for me when I need you?"

Yes, they are a bit nervous about leaving though you'd never know it by their actions. You can still teach them to be great people in a mediocre world. With your guidance and role modeling they can become leaders, not followers. This is your investment in the future. Don't disappear. Don't think you're finished with your parenting when ninth grade comes around.

When your child does leave home, your influence diminishes, so the high school years are a perfect time to help them through the rites of passage into the "real world." You don't need to get a tattoo or know the lyrics to the latest song to show your teen you care. You are their parent not their buddy.

Remember that things we consider minor issues are major to them, so treat them that way. Never miss the opportunity to listen and avoid making them feel immature because you feel it's not a big deal what they are upset about. Their feelings are real. You may get rejected, but get over it, you're the parent.

In a world that's running at such a fast pace and with such a high divorce rate, your children need you even more so at every age. They need you to attend their plays, games and science fairs. They need to have your attention and interest for one meal during the day. They need the security that mom and dad love them. It's not over 'til it's over.

Your children are a gift to be enjoyed. Mistakes are a natural part of growing up — they are expected. As grownups we like to be noticed and appreciated — our children do too. Parenting is a tough job but its benefits are priceless. We need to remind ourselves that the effort is worth it. Good parenting is good karma. Our children become the adults we admire, respect, and who care for us in the later years of our lives if we do the same for them in their formative years. Parenting is the best job you'll ever have.

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Letters to the editor

Donate harvest excess

Editor:

Driving around the area we can see the beautiful gardens edging closer and closer to the time of harvesting. Have you ever left produce in the garden because you just couldn't eat any more tomatoes? Think about your local food pantry. Many of them would love to have the produce to distribute to their clients. Let's try to get these wonderful fresh vegetables to someone that would enjoy them. If you are not sure where the closest pantry is located call the Manna Food Project at (231) 347-8852 and we will direct you.

Kathy Hart
Executive Director of The Manna Food Project
Harbor Springs

Practice safe skating

Editor:

Having just enjoyed the wonderful Venetian Festival in Charlevoix with my family, I wanted to extend my gratitude to not only my in-laws for hosting us but also to the committee for providing the venue for good clean family fun. We thoroughly enjoyed the bands, carnival, fireworks and parade. A job well done.

I must however take great exception with the skate board park float. I understand the joy of sport and hope my children continue to participate in activities that create physical and mental fitness for life. While promoting a worthwhile endeavor such as the skate park, I could not believe that these skilled athlete's were actually skating without helmets and other appropriate safety precautions. Shame on them that during a family event during which they were trying to raise funds, that they would be so smug to not promote that safety is being practiced at a public supported facility.

As a parent who insists on his children wearing protective equipment, I was at a loss for words to explain to my children why they did not wear helmets while going down a very steep hill. I have never seen the skateboard idol Tony Hawk without a helmet and the representatives of the skate park should not have been allowed to participate in the parade without helmets either. To all who participated in the skate park float without a helmet, be a role model for your sport, show the younger kids the safe way of enjoying a great activity and then "live to ride and ride to live."

James Atkinson
Bloomfield Hills

Lose the meters

Editor:

My husband and I visit Charlevoix at least twice a year, usually in the summer. It is one of our favorite destinations. We usually stay at one of the condominium resorts, and eat, drink, shop and enjoy all Charlevoix has to offer. We were there July 22 for an afternoon on our way to a convention in Traverse City. We ate lunch, shopped and walked along the lakefront. It infuriated us to see a parking ticket on the windshield, which we didn't even notice until we were already on the road, headed for Traverse City. We didn't have the correct amount on us, didn't want to turn around, get change, etc. What a hassle.

On our way back from the convention on July 25, I shopped again. In total, we spent over $500 in your shops and restaurants in two afternoons. And I forgot to pay the parking ticket. My own fault, but now my $2 oversight has increased to $20.

Please do not penalize your visitors, not to mention your local residents, by having metered parking. Most communities have done away with metered parking because of the ill will it causes, not to mention the expense to the city to maintain and monitor the meters. With the affluent visitors who visit and live in and around Charlevoix, your city must certainly be able to find other, friendlier ways to make up for the revenue that you make by charging your downtown visitors to park. For such a beautiful community, metered parking seems beneath you.

We'll be back in August, but we'll try to leave our car in our hotel parking lot and walk the main street without worrying about another ticket.

Jenifer Creighton
Manistique

Protect Second Amerndment

Editor:

While I listen to the media, as they report on the pros and cons of the Second Amendment, I can't help but be amazed that those against guns continue with their positions even when they're proven flawed.

In Washington, D.C., for 15 years, it has been illegal to posses any gun, even for the defense of your home, and Washington, D.C., is the murder capital of our nation. These same people, and their organizations, are taking gun manufacturers and gun dealers to court, holding them liable for crimes committed with guns they make and sell legally. This reasoning is about as logical as holding automobile manufacturers and car dealers liable for every accident and death caused while using their lawfully built and sold products. Cars don't kill people anymore than guns kill people. People kill people. Cars and guns are inanimate objects that do nothing without people to operate them. If all the guns in the United States were confiscated and destroyed by our government, guess who would still have guns besides the military and law-enforcement? It would be those among us that already illegally posses guns — the criminals.

Having said the above, I have searched for an alternative motive that would explain the anti-gun movement in our nation and their desire to disarm law-abiding citizens. What I have found is both chilling and frightening and I fear for my children and grandchildren should our course as a sovereign nation not be altered. I allude to the "one world government" and everything it stands for. It has been stated that no army is large enough or powerful enough to invade and take over any country where the citizens are armed. Just ask the British about their failed attempt in the 1700s in America or we need only to look to Iraq at the present time. The only way to make a country submit is to disarm its citizens, eliminate God and moral standards and confound the language by introducing multiple languages. Is this why our Second Amendment is under attack by our own government and international special interest groups? Are we giving away our sovereignty to the anti-American United Nations?

Thomas Jefferson said "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" and those words were never more true than today. Become knowledgeable and involved in our country's affairs because "we the people" are responsible for the future of our nation and preserving the liberties we all share.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

Defining merchant marine

Editor:

In a recent Courier you had a picture of Capt. Gene Bridge and described him as a member of the "Merchant Marines." This is a common mistake but for a town on the Great Lakes is a no-no. "Merchant marine" is a collective noun applied to any vessels engaged in commercial shipping; also a singular noun describing a person working in that industry as an officer or crew member on a commercial ship, both men and women. Check your unabridged dictionary.

We have a son who is a deck officer in the merchant marine, so I know how murky this is to the general public. We have often been asked "How is your son in the Marines?" And, "Is your son still in the Navy?" It seems as though only people who are or have been in the merchant marine, or know someone who is employed on a commercial ship, knows the difference.

Do the Calcite or the Myron B. Taylor, of Inland Steel, still come into Charlevoix with cargo for destinations in Lake Charlevoix? The people who crew those ships are merchant marines serving in the merchant marine. Got that? The term also applies to the ships and crews working for the cement plant in Charlevoix.

To complicate things still further for you, the merchant marine crews are licensed by the Coast Guard, but Coast Guardsmen are not in the merchant marine though they are often called out to aid commercial ships in trouble.

This is about as clear as I can make it and perhaps I have only confused things still more. Maybe Gene Bridge can explain it better. We knew him when he was growing up in Charlevoix, as the son of long-time Mayor Robert Bridge and were interested to read about him in the Courier. Even after our long absence from Charlevoix, we still enjoy reading about whatever is going on there.

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Garden Club honors long-time members

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club recently honored eight members at a luncheon that took place at Stafford's Bay View Inn. The combined service of the honored members totals over 300 years. (Front row, from left) Marge Dinwiddie and June Couse. (Back) Joyce Hosmer, Nancy Wood, Maggi Wilson and Nancy Fowler. Not pictured are Edith Close and Wilma Stabnick.

Concert to benefit local music prodigy Andy Tuck

Andy Tuck

Members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will join 14-year-old Charlevoix resident Andy Tuck under the direction of conductor David Holland to perform a benefit concert.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. Aug. 11 at Castle Farms.

Pre and post concert gatherings will take place with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres provided by Esperance.

Tickets are $25 and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop. Proceeds will go to help fund Tuck's education at Interlochen Arts Academy.

Golf outing to benefit Habitat for Humanity

The 2005 annual golf fund-raiser of Northern Michigan Habitat For Humanity will take place Monday, Aug. 29 at Boyne Mountain Resorts in Boyne Falls.

Registration fee for the golf outing and dinner is $150. Registration will begin at noon at the Alpine Course and includes golf balls. Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Beach House. Dinner alone is $52 per person and includes tip.

For reservation forms call Doug Boor at (231) 348-0486, Lyn Ann Reid at (231) 348-0469 or Scott Paquette at (231) 348-0609. Or order on-line at www.cedarhomes.com/events.

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Windy II to be in Round Lake Harbor Aug. 8 and 9

The tall ship, "Windy II" will be making a stop in Charlevoix's Round Lake harbor Aug. 8.

The 150' traditional four masted Gaff topsail schooner has 7,380 square feet of sail.

The ship was launched June 16, 2000 in Charleston, S.C., with a home port in Chicago.

The Windy II will be offering three opportunities for the public to get a rare opportunity to sail on this unique vessel including a sunset cruise starting at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8 and two cruises at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9.

All cruises will originate in the Charlevoix City Marina.

Tickets for a sail are $25 for adults and $20 for seniors and kids.

Tickets may be purchased dockside, 15 minutes before sailing or at the Bridge Street Book Shop in downtown Charlevoix starting Monday morning, Aug. 8.

Additional questions may be directed to Dennis Halverson at the Charlevoix City Police Department at (231) 547-3258.

Charlevoix Public School Board of Education meetings

The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at Charlevoix High School on the following dates for 2005: Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12. Board meeting dates for 2006 are as follows: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12.

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Miss Michigan Teen Pageant

Charlevoix County resident Amanda Neill has been selected to represent Boyne Falls as a contestant in the Miss Michigan Teen Pageant USA, to take place Sept. 15-17 in Port Huron. Anyone wishing to sponsor Amanda can call (231) 549-2162. Sponsors' names will be mentioned in the pageant brochure. Amanda's parents are Ann Marie and Leon Boettger of Boyne Falls and Don and Terry Neill of Petoskey. Grandparents are Fritz and Ann Puffpaff of Charlevoix, Max and Mary Boettger of Conway, Bud and Pat Winters and the late David and Joyce Neill all of Petoskey.

Calvin College Dean's List

The following Charlevoix students attending Calvin College in Grand Rapids have been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2005 school year. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average or better. Charlevoix recipients are music major Laura S. Borths, the daughter of John and Maryann Borths of Charlevoix and English major, Sarah K. Mays, the daughter of Jonathan and Kathryn Mays of Charlevoix.

Spring Arbor University graduate

Laura Kemp of Charlevoix graduated from Spring Arbor University May 14 with her Master's Degree in Arts and Organizational Management.

Monster garage winner

Overhead Door Company of Traverse City won the Monstrous Garage Contest sponsored by the International Door Association. The winning project was installed at Bergmann Marine of Charlevoix and featured a specially engineered Hanover lift system. The door is over two stories tall and makes maximum use of the tight space available.

Grand Valley State University graduates

In April Corey Bascom and Thomas Kennedy of Charlevoix graduated from Grand Valley State University in Allendale. Bascom earned his Bachelor of Business Administration graduating cum laude with a cumulative grade point average between 3.770 and 3.868. Kennedy earned his Bachelor of Science degree.

North Central Michigan College graduates

Of the 211 students that graduated from Petoskey's North Central Michigan College the following are from Charlevoix: William Barrett, Penny Craig, Isaac Gilmore, Kelly Himebauch, Laura Maltese, Mark Newman, Larry Nunemaker, Pete Schwartzfisher, Sheena Sitzema, Marsha Steward and LeeAnn Struthers.

UpNorth Big Band to perform at Ferry Beach

Jump, jive and wail and cut a rug or relax and watch youngsters and old timers show off their moves at an upcoming UpNorth Big Band swing dance event to benefit Alano Serenity House.

The 18 piece UpNorth Big Band invites the public to join them for a concert and summer swing dance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, August 13 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix.

Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair while listening to the magic of Glen Miller, Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw and more.

All donations will be directed to the Charlevoix Alano Club "Serenity House" for their building fund. The historic Serenity House at 106 Mason is in need of upgrades and repair. Serenity House has served the Charlevoix region for 24 years and has been a welcome beacon of hope, offering experience strength and hope to friends and families and to those suffering from addiction.

The Alano Club is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Courtesy photo

Lots of locks of love

A former Charlevoix resident, Ethel Grunch, now living in Houston, Texas, has cut her hair and given it to Locks of Love. Two braids of over 21 inches were cut and donated. According to representatives of Locks of Love, it takes between three and four ponytails to make a wig. All hair goes to the headquarters for Locks of Love in Florida and they send it to Indonesia where wigs are made and sent back to Florida from where the wigs are distributed to cancer patients. The average length of hair given is 10 inches.

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Obituaries

Mary Jo Henderson: Nov. 4, 1928 - July 9, 2005

Mary Jo Henderson left this earth, but not our hearts, on July 9, 2005.

Mary Jo was born to Hazel and Victor Look on Nov. 4, 1928 in Detroit.

She married Arthur Robert Henderson who preceded her in death in 1983. She is survived by her children Gregory Henderson (Penny) and Janet Snowden and Anne Kantola (Jonathan); two grandchildren, Gregory Henderson (Jennifer) and Nicole Henderson (Xiaomin Wang); and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Jo moved to California in the early 1990s to begin a new life of peace and harmony and found it there amidst a circle of wonderful, spiritual friends. It was in California that Mary Jo found her soul and was able to be free.

Health concerns forced Mary Jo to return to Charlevoix where she was cared for and ministered to on a daily basis by Anne and Jonathan Kantola and, in the last year, by her faithful caregiver, Martha Luce.

Mere words cannot describe the legacy of Mary Jo. She appeared to succeed in everything she endeavored to do. She returned to school at the age of 40 after her first bout with breast cancer, graduating from the University of Detroit 'summa cum lauda' with a degree in political science.

Mary Jo had a dream to change the world as she entered the University of Michigan seeking a master's degree in social work. Another bout with cancer kept Mary Jo from receiving a master's degree, but it did not keep her from changing the world of all those who knew and loved her. Her perseverance and deep spirituality continue to impact the lives of all who knew her and always will.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate her life at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Michigan Beach pavilion. A brunch will follow at Anne and Jon Kantola's located at 09110 Quarterline Road in Charlevoix.

Brian Lapp: Dec. 9, 1971 - July 25, 2005

Brian K. Lapp, 34, died unexpectedly July 25, 2005 in Charlevoix.

He was born on Dec. 9, 1971 in Lansing. He graduated from Traverse City Central High School in 1990. He attended Michigan State University and Lansing Community College. He was studying towards a social work degree.

Brian is survived by his loving parents Don and Judy Arnold of Traverse City, and Keith and Mary Ellen Lapp of Alanson; three sisters Wendy (Jim) Sommerville of Traverse City, Karen Graves of Nelsonville, Ohio, and Heather Lapp of Brighton; one brother, Jason (Angie) Lapp; one niece and one nephew Brittney and Brandon Sommerville; and two grandmothers, Mary Warner of Charlevoix, and Euleta Lapp of Corfu, N.Y.

Brian was preceded in death hy his two grandfathers, Jasper Warner of Charlevoix and Earl Lapp of Corfu, N.Y.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Margaret Duerr: July 25, 1908 - July 26, 2005

Long-time Charlevoix resident, Margaret Duerr, passed away July 26, 2005 at the Springs Nursing Home in Kalamazoo. She had celebrated her 93rd birthday with family the previous day. At the end, Margaret's body failed and her mind lost its sharpness, but her love for her family, friends and all of humanity remained strong.

Margaret was born in Flint, daughter of John E. and Donna Belle Wellwood. After graduation from Flint Central High School she continued her education at Alma College and then at the University of Michigan where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in French.

In 1937, Margaret married University of Michigan classmate Charles Duerr of Grand Rapids. After short stays in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Flint and Grand Rapids, the couple moved to Charlevoix in 1940 and made it their home.

Margaret was a member of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix for over 50 years. She belonged to the Mary Brewster Circle, sang in the church choir and was an organizer of the Congreteens Youth Group. Margaret was active in community affairs as a Girl Scout leader, Parent Teacher Association president, chairperson of the Charlevoix Community Chest, an early chair of the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair and a member of the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Margaret had a lifetime interest in books and maintained a significant library in her home. She was a long-time member of the Dickens Club, and often presented book reviews at meetings of the group. She served as librarian of the Charlevoix Public Library. It was during her tenure that the library moved from the old Carnegie building to its current site. Margaret was instrumental in the establishment of the library's Michigan Room. For many years Margaret organized the Project Chico used book sale benefiting Native Americans. The Margaret Duerr Book Award is presented annually in her honor.

Margaret was dedicated to world peace and worked hard to achieve this elusive goal. She was engaged in several national and local peace advocacy groups including Ground Zero, Billboards to Washington, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Amnesty International and was the author of the "Peace Is At Hand," a column that appeared in the Charlevoix Courier in the Vietnam era. Although her dream remains unfulfilled, her efforts succeeded in encouraging others to be more aware of the importance of reducing the level of political tensions in the world and to seek unconventional grass roots means to this end. She inspired many with her beliefs and her actions in pursuit of peace.

Margaret's interest in the continuity of the human race manifested itself as an enthusiasm for genealogy. She spent countless hours doing research and made several trips to the eastern United States, Canada, Scotland and Ireland to visit churchyards, inspect church records and visit with shirttail "cousins" in search of information about various ancestral lines. She succeeded in tracing her lineage back over 500 years.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Robert Wellwood; and her husband of 62 years, Charles Duerr. She is survived by her sister, Gail Curtis of Tipton; her four children, Carol Venema (William) of Kalamazoo, Susan Logie (John) of Grand Rapids, Charles Duerr Jr. (Jane) of Ypsilanti, and John Duerr (Jeri) of Ann Arbor; 11 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 5 nephews and one niece.

Margaret's remains will rest in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. A memorial service is planned for a future date in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Public Library, the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix or the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Karen Vincent: Feb. 2, 1943 - July 30, 2005

Karen Sue (Pierce) Vincent, 62, of East Jordan died on Saturday, July 30, 2005 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

Funeral services will took place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. The Rev. Dennis Stilwell officiated.

She was born on February 2, 1943 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Charles E. and Dorris (Struthers) Pierce. She grew up in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1961. On Sept. 23, 1962 in Charlevoix, she married Jack G. Vincent. She was the co-owner/operator of Vincent's Yamaha (now known as T. & R. Yamaha) in East Jordan. She retired in 1998.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Professional Business Women, Women's Softball Slow-Pitch League and Bonnie's Clip and Curl Softball Team as catcher. She enjoyed restoring antiques, mostly oak furniture, snowmobiling, motorcycling,

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Karen is survived by her husband, Jack G. Vincent of East Jordan; two sons, James (Lora) Vincent and Keith Vincent, both of East Jordan; two grand daughters, Alyssa and Brianna Vincent; her step-father, Claude Pearsall of East Jordan; three brothers, Charles (Judy) Pierce of Alanson, Clifford (Charla) Pierce of Woodstock, Ill. and Barry (Karen) Pierce of Charlevoix; one sister, Joy (Jim) Price of Sylvania, Ohio; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be given to Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Lila Hoeksema: Died July 25, 2005

Lila Marie (Sineway) Hoeksema, 57, of Charlevoix, went home to be with her Savior surrounded by her family on Monday, July 25, 2005.

Her funeral took place at 11 a.m. Friday, July 29, at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Carla Sineway and Rev. Sam McClellan officiated and burial followed in Greensky Hill Cemetery. Lila was born at Graves Crossing in Antrim County, the daughter of Titus John and Gladys Helen (Paul) Sineway. She has lived in the Charlevoix area her entire life and was an elder of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. She worked as a maid for the Lodge Motel for 27 years. Lila was known for her kindness and her love for others. She enjoyed putting puzzles together. But the joy of her life was spending time with her grandchildren.

Lila is survived by her daughters, Cindy M. (Jeffery) McCallum of Petoskey, and Linda M. Shafer of East Jordan; six grandchildren; sisters, Elsie Rummel of Traverse City, Mary L. (Philo) Garza of Charlevoix; brothers, Robert Paul of Charlevoix and Stanley (Carla) Sineway of Mount Pleasant.

Lila's brother, Kenny Sineway, Jr., preceded her in death.

Edward Wolschleger: Nov. 15, 1921 - July 23, 2005

Edward M. Wolschleger, 83, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, July 23, 2005, at his daughter's home in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Mass of the Resurrection took place at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Gerard Hunko officiated and burial followed at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Ed was born Nov. 15, 1921, in Huron County, the son of Michael and Anna (Booms) Wolschleger, and grew up in Harbor Beach. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. On June 25, 1949, he married Virginia Priemer in Ohio. They made their home in Port Huron where he worked for American Cement Company before moving to Charlevoix in 1967. Ed was General Mill Forman for Medusa Portland Cement Company in Charlevoix retiring in 1984. He was a member of Saint Mary's Church, and VFW Post #1153 in Charlevoix. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the U.S. Landing Ship Tank (LST) Association, and was a plank owner at the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Virginia preceded Ed in death on Feb. 24, 2002. Ed is survived by his daughter, Lu Ann and Mike Beebe of Altamonte Springs, Fla.; sons, James E. and Susan E. Wolschleger of York, Pa., Michael S. Wolschleger of DePaul, Manitoba; step-daughter, Shirley Milhoan and Howard of McCormick, S.C.; step-son, Larry Tenbush and Barb of Port Huron; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by brothers, Albert and Helen, Norman and Doris, Ben and Vange Wolschleger all of Harbor Beach; sister Marie and Ervin Kubacki of Bad Axe.

Memorial contributions can be sent in memory of Ed Wolschleger to Vitas Hospice, Attention: Valerie, 5151 Adanson St., Suite 200, Orlando, FL 32804.

Death notice

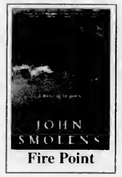
Ivan Joel Witthoeft, 64, passed away peacefully at his home Aug. 2, 2005 after a brief battle with cancer. Family and friends are invited to visitations from 7 to 9 p.m. Aug. 3 and 4 at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. A funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Charlevoix's First Congregational Church. A complete obituary will follow.

Memorial service

A graveside service for Walter W. "Turk" Jarvis, 92, of Charlevoix, who died March 26, 2005, will take place at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 5, at Brookside Cemetery in Charleyoix. The Rev. Neil Turner of the Community Church of God in Charlevoix will officiate, and a luncheon will follow at the church.

Little Traverse Community Reads to host John Smolens

Little Traverse Community Reads will host a book discussion with author, John Smolens.



Fire Point

Smolens will join a discussion of his latest novel, "Fire Point", at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

"Fire Point is a fun, suspenseful read that will open the floor for some interesting discussion," said Valerie Meyerson, director at the Charlevoix Public Library.

"Fire Point," a suspense novel taking place on the shores of Lake Superior, pulls in element of mystery, intrigue, love and betrayal.

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Charlevoix Township man was arrested on multiple felony charges

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has arrested a 70-year-old Charlevoix Township man on multiple counts of felony weapons charges.

Arthur Kirk has been charged by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office with purchase and possession of firearms by a felon and false statements on a concealed weapons permit application. The above are charged as habitual felon, which increases the maximum penalty to life in prison. The above are also state charges however, there is also the possibility of a "federal" indictment on similar charges.

Kirk is under contract with the Charlevoix/Emmet Intermediate School District as director of the federally funded American Corp. Program, the Domestic Peace Corp.

The investigation began after Kirk applied for a concealed weapons permit in late May, and his fingerprints were submitted to the FBI and Michigan State Police for analysis.

This check revealed numerous prior arrests, including felonious assault and sex offenses beginning in 1964 through 1980 in Oakland and Macomb counties, and at least three prior sex offense convictions all under an alias name, Arthur Kirkeby.

The last conviction was for a second offense of first degree criminal sexual conduct with an 8-year-old boy when Kirkeby was sentenced to serve five to 25 years in prison.

A lieutenant with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and a police officer with the City of Charlevoix Police Department executed a Charlevoix County 90th District Court search warrant at Kirk's condo in Charlevoix Township on July 30. During the search, three handguns were seized including two .357 caliber revolvers and one .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

Kirk was arrested on the above felony charges. A district court bond hearing took place July 31, and Kirk's bond has been set at $10,000 cash or surety by a magistrate. He has been ordered not to have contact with children under the age 17.

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Charlevoix marina permit two weeks away

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

"I know the city was expecting them earlier. But you can't control the permit process."

John Schlak,
Charlevoix Municipal Marina project engineer

In mid August the City of Charlevoix will know whether fall construction of the Round Lake municipal marina is a go or if city officials will head back to the drawing board.

According to Patricia Borden, project manager with the regulatory division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the corps' decision whether or not to issue a permit for the project should be ready in two weeks.

According to city mayor Norman Carlson, this permit which the city expected to be approved last summer is the last piece in the puzzle before the project can be let out for construction bids.

"I know the city was expecting them earlier. But you can't control the permit process. We deal with this quite a bit with projects and it varies from job to job," said John Schlak, the city's sea wall and dock engineer with the firm United Design Associates of Cheboygan.

The focus of the permit from the corps is environmental. Borden said in assessing the project and preparing the decision packet they will look at both existing environmental conditions as well as the project's possible environmental impact.

The other permit required prior to construction was issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on Feb. 24, 2005 and expires on Dec. 31, 2006.

According to Roxanne Ramirez, an environmental quality analyst with the MDEQ, Charlevoix's initial proposal did not meet the state's permit guidelines. The city issued a modified project plan that was reviewed and accepted.

The marina planning process, which was finalized in September of 2002, proposed replacement of the sea wall, removal of the existing 17 docks which at the furthest point extend 75 feet into Round Lake and replacement of those docks with a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220 feet into Round Lake at the furthest point.

Ramirez said the city's use of space was a major MDEQ concern in evaluating this initial proposal. MDEQ officials told city management the plan did not stay within the city's riparian interest area.

The newest design keeps boaters from impeding on Ward Brothers operations on the marina's south end and on the Coast Guard area on the north end.

Pier width was also reduced. The initial proposal for the northernmost pier extends 12 feet wide 186 feet into the lake with a 30 foot wide viewing pier running perpendicular to it.

Plans for the viewing pier were scaled back to 16 feet wide. This 12 foot docking pier was the only one whose width was not reduced. The other three piers, which extend 195 feet, 220 feet and 175 feet were all reduced from 12 feet to 8 feet wide.

The plan to run a new sea wall in front of the existing wall to minimize disruption of contaminated soil was nixed as it would require a substantial amount of back filling, disrupting habitat.

Ramirez said this new plan will likely cost the city more as construction crews will have to properly dispose of the contaminated soil but will result in less lake fill.

In December of 2003, 75 percent of this $4.8 million project was secured from the Michigan Waterways Commission and it was announced that Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority would pay for the rest.

Mayor Carlson said pending corps approval, construction will begin this fall and will likely wrap up in the spring of 2006 before the summer boating season begins.

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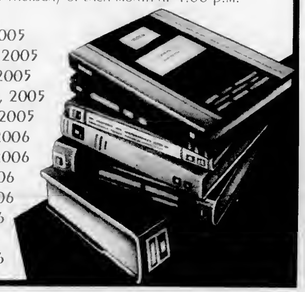
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Beach reopened after E. coli shutdown

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A beach in the Village of Norwood recently closed after a test found it to contain higher than allowable levels of E. coli.

According to Scott Kendzierski, director of environmental health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, on July 19 a water sample was taken at Norwood Park. Sample testing revealed late the next day that the allowable levels of E. coli were too high and township officials were forced to close the beach.

"We look at test results and we're required to react to all body contact exceedences," he said.

Kendzierski said, with new technology, his department can respond to incidents in a more timely manner than in the past.

"We have our own water quality lab in Gaylord now, so our response times are quicker," he said.

The beach was closed for less than 24 hours.

"There are lots of different sources the E. coli could have come from," he said. "We don't know what the cause was on this particular event."

Kendzierski said watertowl, a sewage spill or even a loose fitting baby diaper could cause E. coli levels to rise enough to cause a beach closing.

"There was E. coli in the water and we are required to take action on that," he said. "Our response is to close the beach and do an assessment."

Kendzierski said his staff again tested the water on the morning of Friday July 22 and the beach was reopened when the water was found to be safe.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A young boy and girl head out to the Norwood Park to do some swimming on a hot Thursday afternoon now that the beach is once again open.

Safety award given to Charlevoix Public Schools

The Charlevoix Public School District has distinguished itself as one of the safest school districts in the state.

To recognize this achievement, the district was honored with a 2005 Michigan Association of School Board's Property/Casualty Pool Safe School Award. The district has been a member of the pool for nearly 11 years, and has a very low incidence of property and liability claims.

Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. John Sturock credits good employees and effective training with the district's low occurrence of claims.

When a claim does arise, school employees review the cause and brainstorm ideas to prevent the same type of incident from happening again. The district also enacts preventative measures that keep claim occurrences low. For example, all bus drivers receive random drug testing; any parent, staff or community member who transports students must undergo a driver's license check; and all employees undergo a criminal background check prior to their hire.

Sturock said such actions contrib-

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Charlevoix Public School District wins safety award

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ute to the school's low loss ratio, which indicates that claim experience is well below average.

In addition to proactive loss control among all district employees, Charlevoix Public custodians are specially trained to provide a safe environment within the schools. Building and Grounds Supervisor Mike Pearsall is responsible for the training of custodians, and maintains daily contact with employees. Because Pearsall is accessible for questions or concerns, the district maintains open communication about safety and loss control issues.

Sturock credited the success of the Charlevoix Public School District to the contributions and teamwork of all its employees.

When asked to advise other districts on how to improve their loss control efforts, Sturock said, "Hire good people who care about the place they work."

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Mustang raffle

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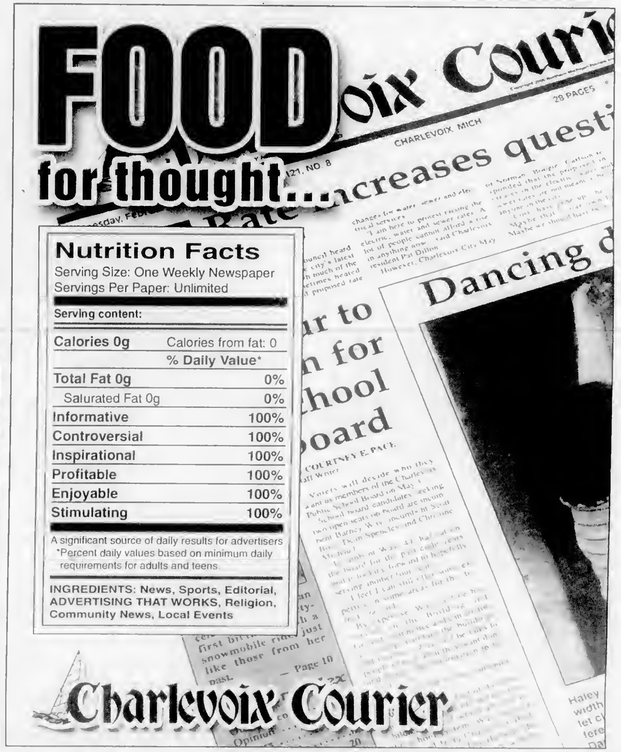

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Pier jumping, a risky summer pastime

Courtesy photos

(Above) A brave diver risks life and limb for the thrill of jumping from the South Pier Lighthouse this summer. (Below) A group of pier jumpers make their descent into a heavily traversed Pine River Channel.

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Perhaps it's the balmy bouts of heat. Perhaps it's the rush of a renegade moment. Or perhaps it's the pressure of following your peers in queue.

Whatever the reason, Charlevoix residents and out-of-towners continue to plunge into the Pine River Channel from the South Pier.

According to City Police Chief Dennis Halverson, pier jumping appears to be a younger person's activity, popular among both males and females. Although he hasn't issued any citations to thrill-seekers this year, Halverson said there are more swimmers in the narrow waterway now than in the past.

"The hot weather has encouraged more of this activity," he said, adding that only one minor injury has been reported this year as a result of pier jumping — a cut to the hand.

Ike Boss, recreation director for the City of Charlevoix, said jumpers aren't solely teens and young adults — he's witnessed 10-year-old children hurling themselves into the channel.

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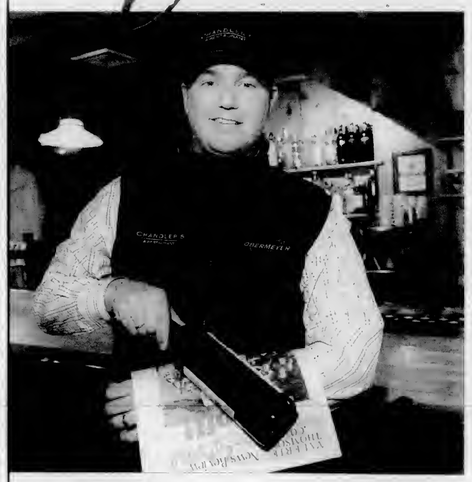

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Law enforcement tangle with pier jumping regs

JUMP

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"I've seen local parents down there encouraging their kids to dive in, and they all know we can't enforce it (rules against diving)," he said.

The reason for the recreation department's removed stance is simple — the site doesn't belong to them. The South Pier has been owned and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers since they built it in 1879.

From a police officer's standpoint, Halverson said the applicable laws against pier jumping and channel swimming aren't so transparent. State and marine safety laws may be enforced by any police officer, he said. These include interfering with boating traffic, disrupting fishing activity and leaping from the Bridge Street drawbridge — an activity that is altogether illegal because it takes place on state-owned property.

Otherwise, Halverson said, "Regulating activity on something that doesn't belong to you is difficult."

Halverson said if the circumstances allow a city police officer to cite an individual for pier jumping, the district court would assess any fines, which vary with the nature of the activity.

It must be understood that a pier jumping offense exists on several degrees, said Janet Potter, Charlevoix County District Court administrator and magistrate.

An individual may simply be issued a civil infraction and are usually settled between the police department and the individual. The greater the infraction, the greater the chance of the citation landing on Potter's desk in district court. Should a pier jumping citation reach her, Potter estimated the fine to be around $200. This is roughly the same amount one would have to pay if caught jumping from the drawbridge.

If a juvenile is seen jumping from the pier, Halverson said, he may either be taken into custody and then turned over to his parents or cited in Charlevoix County Probate Court.

Tom O'Bryan, civil engineer with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Grand Haven office, admits enforcement of Corps' rules on the South Pier is challenging.

"We are not going to enforce it (rules). We have five people to cover the whole west side of the state," he said, adding that his Grand Haven office doesn't even have park rangers to patrol the region. "It really has to be something adopted by the community — a local ordinance that doesn't allow swimming or jumping.

"In accordance with our rules and regulations, swimming, diving, snorkeling or scuba diving at one's own risk is permitted except at launching sites, designated mooring points and other areas so designated by the District Engineer. Diving or jumping from bridges and other structures which cross project waters is prohibited." O'Bryan said.

The corps' rules and regulations further state, "Individuals who are boisterous, rowdy, disorderly or otherwise disturb the peace on project lands or waters may be requested to leave the project."

The Pine River Channel falls into the category of "project waters," O'Bryan said, because it is considered to be a federal navigation channel.

With so much apparent gray space surrounding the issue of enforcement, Halverson hopes the city police may assume greater authority over channel activity in the future. He has enlisted the help of the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema, who is now reviewing applicable laws in the Marine Safety Act.

"We're searching for a legal application to restrict this activity," he said. "It is an unsafe practice."

Boss agrees that the channel waters pose a serious threat to swimmers, citing unpredictable rip currents and rocks beneath the surface.

"I know those currents are faster than two mph," added O'Bryan. "People think they can swim faster than that, but before they know it they're taken out to Lake Michigan.

"Lots of people think they can fight a current and you can't do it," he said, explaining that the Pine River Channel possesses a continuous current that is constantly fluctuating in severity. "Typically, people get in currents, get trapped, then panic, exhaust themselves, then drown. The correct way to handle a current is to let it take you, then get out. It may take you out several hundred yards from shore."

According to Charlevoix Fire Chief Paul Ivan, pier jumpers not only face the threat of choppy currents, they are putting themselves in the harmful path of slow-moving boats.

"Because they're going so slow, it reduces their ability to navigate well," Ivan said. "It's just a dangerous situation. Barely a year goes by when we're not called because a bypasser notices someone in the channel in distress."

Jeff Stevens, EMT specialist and lieutenant with the City of Charlevoix Fire Department works at the Department of Natural Resources station and observes individuals jumping into the channel daily.

"A lot of times, the kids will jump from the pier, but now they're jumping from the railing, which is 13 or 14 feet above water," he said. "That concerns me. The channel is only about 12 feet deep at the ladder (near the lighthouse)."

O'Bryan said the rough nature of the channel makes it difficult for the Corps to perform regular sounding tasks which measure the depth of the channel.

"We're not going to enforce NO-SWIMMING signs (at South Pier)," O'Bryan said, adding that advisories are currently in place at the site. "Once we put up a sign, somebody needs to enforce it. People just need to realize that it's (the pier) a navigational structure, not a recreational structure."

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Ride the Charx bike event to take place Aug. 6

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Put some baseball cards in the spokes and don your knee length spandex, it's time to bike around the lake.

According to Paul Servais, director of the fifth annual Ride the Charx which will take place Aug. 6, the nonprofit bicycle ride around Lake Charlevoix grew out of his love of biking.

"I've been riding for a number of years now," he said. "It just started as a fun bike ride and that's what it is still."

Servais said there were about 300 attendees last year and he expects even more for this year's ride.

Distances of rides range from a leisurely 20 mile ride from Boyne City to the Ironton Ferry and up to the 105 mile ride "for the truly crazed," which consists of a 62-mile ride before lunch and ends the day with a 43-mile loop.

Regardless of distances, all rides will begin and end at the pavilion in Boyne City's Veterans Park.

From noon to 2 p.m. this Saturday there will be a catered lunch of barbecue and vegetarian meals in Veteran's Park as well as free refreshments on the road for all routes. People who wish to join the riders for lunch may register for a $10 non-rider fee.

"We're known as the bike ride with the great food," Servais said.

Servais said the Charx ride is for anyone.

Courtesy photo

Participants in last summer's Ride the Charx bike ride around Lake Charlevoix take the Ironton Ferry across the south arm on their return trip. This year's Ride the Charx will take place this Saturday.

"We get parents pulling their kids on trailers on the 20-mile ride and we get some people in their 20s who ride the 105-mile ride," he said. "It's a great family activity, something (they) can do together."

He added, "The 43-mile ride is for people who just want to get out and see the country."

And, Servais said, no need to worry about breakdowns because, until 1:30 p.m., there will be a sag service with air pumps, tools and repair kits for minor flat tires.

"Sag service is a van that follows the bikers in case somebody gets tired or has a major equipment breakdown," Servais said. "It's a vehicle that will bring them back to the park if they just can't make the ride."

Cost for the ride is $20 and the luncheon and ride will take place rain or shine.

"The cost is very low so we try to run it with making no profit at all," Servais said. "What we're about is promoting healthy lifestyles and bringing people into the Charlevoix area."

"It's just a way to get out and see the lakeshore and get some exercise — get out and play a little, that's what it's about," Servais said.

Servais said proceeds are distributed to local nonprofit organizations.

"We did accidentally make a little money last year so we used the money to buy a bicycle for the Boyne City Police Department," he said.

There will also be showers available as well as maps of the designated rides.

There are four rides on three routes which have been designated each with differing difficulty to match all levels of riders, from intermediate to expert.

Helmets are required and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration for the 20-mile ride begins at 10 a.m. with departure of no later than 11:30 a.m. Registration for the 43-mile begins at 7 a.m. with departure no later than 8:30 a.m. Registration for the 62 and 105-mile rides both begin at 7 a.m. with departures of no later than 8:30 a.m.

For more information on Ride The Charx call (231) 582-3468.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS
July 13, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 1:20 p.m. in Charlevoix on July 13, 2005. Commissioner Barnes was absent.

Minutes of the June 8, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

Commissioner Frykberg introduced Andy Hayes, President of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, who spoke to the Board.

Chairman Victor R. Patrick appointed Ron Reinhardt the MERS Delegate and Randolph Frykberg as Alternate.

The Board authorized a letter to be sent to Governor Granholm encouraging her to appoint new members to the MVNPC.

Jerry Evans was appointed as Alternate to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

The meeting was adjourned.

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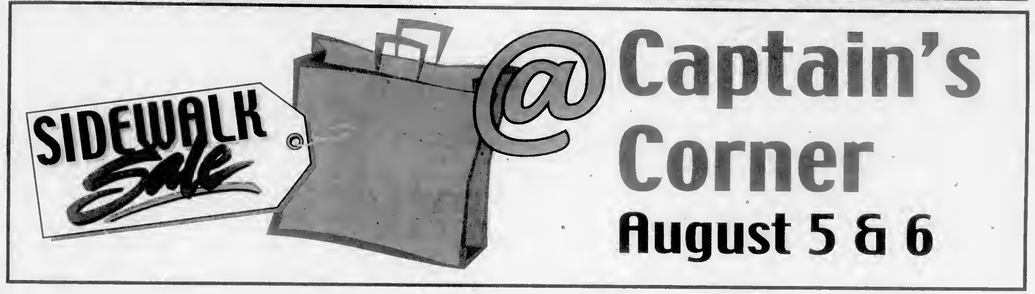

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Local designers embark on business venture

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The current "soft market," or buyer's market, may seem a curse for homeowners, but it is a favorable trend in the eyes of interior designers, said Mary Pollard, of Charlevoix.

Pollard and friends Andi Gerring, of Ellsworth, and Keriann Yohler, of Rapid City, have developed a prospective company, "Sold by Design," patterned after the hit HGTV program "Designed to Sell." The three women are offering their services to homeowners who wish to update and accentuate their property's features.

The women have just finished their first undertaking as a trio: decorating and remodeling a vacant, 2,880 square foot home at 203 Prospect Street in Charlevoix. The property will be open for public viewing from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. The designers will be on-site to discuss their business concept and to describe their approach to interior remodeling.

The project, completed at the request of Prospect Street homeowner and close friend of the group Cathy Agnello, was twofold. It decluttered the home to exhibit its natural space and provided subtle accents to present its potential.

Charlevoix's Vacation Properties Network is listing the four-bedroom, 3.5-bathroom property. Alicia Mosher, Vacation Properties real estate agent and host of the upcoming open house, said "Sold by Design" presents a "fresh approach" to interior design.

"This is a business that people are looking for," she said. "We can give people insight on how to sell their property."

Using a ragging technique — dabbing a rag in paint and then on a surface to achieve a soft, two-toned look — Gerring transformed the interior of the home from cold and barren, with white walls, to warm and tasteful, said Mosher.

Framed pictures were hung around the home, lighting fixtures were updated, windows were washed, wallpaper was stripped and select furniture was positioned in rooms that were once bare.

"They're amazing," said Agnello of the designers. "They're fast workers. They're reliable. I've been really impressed."

The women spent only five days sprucing up the Prospect Street home. After an initial consultation with Agnello, the women got down to business. Small vases were placed here and a rocking chair was positioned there. One bedroom's walls were painted pale blue and its bed adorned with a complementary pastel quilt. Striped earth tones replaced loud wallpaper in the downstairs bathroom. New knobs were secured to kitchen cupboards and window treatments were retired.

"We like to play up certain points in a room," said Pollard, who accompanied Agnello on shopping trips to acquire small fixtures and complementary decorations. "We spent $10 to update the glass globes on a ceiling fan."

Gerring even painted panels on a metal door that leads

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Photo by Nicole Graziano

Andy Gerring (front) and Mary Pollard stand in the dining room of the home they recently assisted in remodeling, located at 203 Prospect Street in Charlevoix.

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BUSINESS

New yacht dealer locates in Charlevoix

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales has been catching the eye of Bridge Street shoppers.

The boat dealer opened its Charlevoix location at 224 Bridge Street this summer to offer northern Michigan residents and visitors a taste of the boating lifestyle. Attached to the windows are plenty of shots of luxurious boats for sale to lure in passersby.

The boat sales and service company which is headquartered in St. Claire Shores, relocated its Bay Harbor store, which operated for six years, to Charlevoix.

In January the company purchased the 1,400 square foot commercial, street level building which occupies the former Appletree lot.

The reason for a move to Charlevoix — a change of venue.

"We go where the boaters go and who doesn't know Charlevoix," said Jim Kehrig a sales representative for Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales.

Kehrig a Clinton Townhip resident, who together with Ron Montoya of Torch Lake mans the Charlevoix office, said the company's decision to locate here was made before marina renovation plans were finalized.

He said now, with a new marina likely being installed before the next boating season, the Jefferson Beach crew is looking forward to the opportunities the coming system will bring for business.

Kehrig said transient boaters will be more easily accommodated by the overhaul to the marina which should bring more money to Charlevoix businesses.

While sales haven't been earth shattering this summer, Kehrig said this season brought an opportunity to get the word out that Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales is here to stay.

"We are here to meet people and greet the community," he said.

The company represents four lines of boats including Viking Yachts, Viking Sport Cruisers, Cruisers Yachts and Sunseeker Yachts.

Other Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales locations include Grand Haven and St. Claire Shores. Sales reps are also located in Ohio.

The new boat sales and service location will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday or by appointment. For more information call (231) 237-0957.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Jim Kehrig, a sales representative for Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales in Charlevoix sits at his desk at the dealers new Bridge Street location.

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SPORTS

Venetian Festival tennis tourney winners

The annual kickoff for the Venetian Tennis Tournament July 17 featured tennis professionals who live and work in this area.

The featured pros were: Jim Rich from the Chicago Club and Charlevoix Country Club, Thomas Meinac and Charlie Drury from the Bay Harbor Country Club, Eric Lundteigen from the Belvedere Club and Charlevoix High School and Lansing's Larry Letwin.

The Sunday afternoon event began with a singles and doubles exhibition among the pros. It continued when six local players teamed up with the pros to play additional doubles matches of men's and mixed doubles play.

The tennis professionals were very gracious when playing with the local players.

According to Venetian Festival games commissioner, Dean Davenport, it is the desire of festival organizers to increase the awareness of tennis talent in Charlevoix and let those interested in improving their level of play interact with the professionals.

The results of the Venetian Tennis Tournament 2005 are as follows:

Frank Hagelshaw was the winner in four divisions.

Girls and boys 11 and under singles winner Stephen Holmes.

Girls ages 12-15 singles winner Whitney Powel.

Boys ages 12-15 singles winner Andy Holmes.

Girls and boys 11 and under doubles winners Austin and Paul Holmes.

Boys ages 16-18 doubles winners Mitchell Klooster and Cody Crain.

Women's singles winner Emily Wierda.

Women's doubles winners Karen Peters and Tracy Summers.

Men's singles winner Frank Hagelshaw.

Men's doubles winners Frank Hagelshaw and Nick Kling.

Mixed doubles winners Emily and Craig Wierda.

Senior women's doubles winners Lucy Witthoeft and Judith Pettijohn.

Senior men's doubles winners Frank Hagelshaw and Nick Kling.

Senior mixed doubles winners Frank and Connie Hagelshaw.

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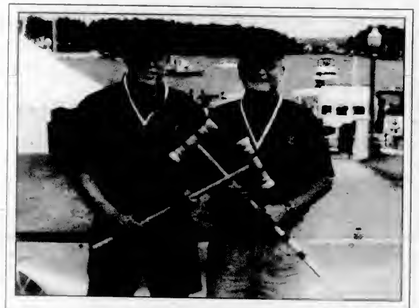
Boy's ages 16-18 doubles winners Mitchell Klooster and Cody Crain and finalists Mike Greyerbiehl and Cody Wheat.



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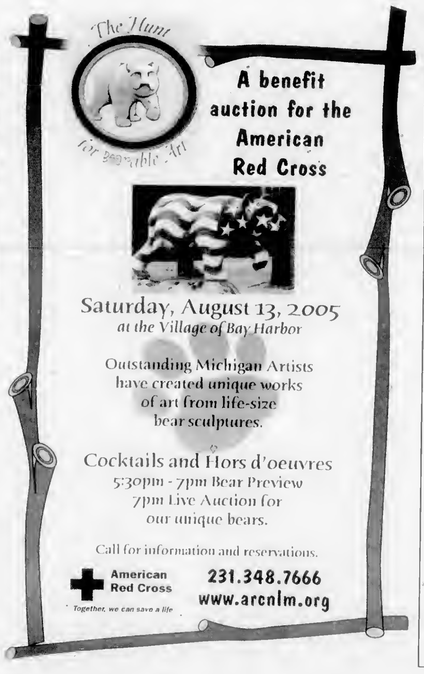
Croquet champs

The Venetian croquet tournament which took place July 20, saw three flights of competitors. In the all-important match pitting the City of Charlevoix employees playing the Charlevoix Township team for the right to go first in the Venetian street parade, the township team emerged the victor. It was close all the way but the final shots went the township's way. In the service club division, the Kiwanis team pictured above of Dave Burzyck and Terry Edger defeated the Lions team and then edged the defending champion Rotary Club team of Susan VanWieren and Chris Turkelson to claim the crown. In the Open Division it was a family affair as Kevin and Vicky Greyerbiehl slipped by Sam Williamson and Garth Jackson in the finals.



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Drenth Memorial Foot Race winners in mile, 5K and 10K

Official results for 2005 Venetian Games Drenth Memorial Foot Race which took place July 23 and in which 458 people participated, are as follows:

1 mile champion female, Molly Jeakle, 11, Charlevoix, 7 minutes 13 seconds.

1 mile champion male Mike Irwin, 49, Haiko, Hawaii, 5 minutes 47 seconds.

5 km champion female Jane Stieber, 20, Boyne City, 18 minutes 55 seconds.

5 km champion male Blaise Henning, 15, Harbor Springs, 15 minutes 30 seconds.

5 km master champion female Tawnya Hays, 41, Temperance, 23 minutes 32 seconds.

5 km master champion and third overall male Ron Zywicki, 44, 15 minutes 56 seconds.

10 km champion female Julia Higby, 41, East Jordan, 39 minutes 44 seconds.

10 km champion male Ryan Newsted, 25, Petoskey, 32 minutes 36 seconds.

10 km master champion female Liz Hendersholt, 43, Ortonville, 43 minutes 49 seconds.

10 km master champion male Craig Higby, 42, East Jordan, 36 minutes 8 seconds.

Other local first place winners include:

1 mile Emma Buday, 3, Charlevoix, 14 minutes 47 seconds.

1 mile Nicholas Plude, 8, Charlevoix, 7 minutes 4 seconds.

1 mile Matthew Klooster, 12, Charlevoix, 6 minutes 34 seconds.

5K Liz Ulrich, 20, Charlevoix, 24 minutes 30 seconds.

5K Jan McKay, 59, Charlevoix, 30 minutes 36 seconds.

5K Ben Myers, 12, Charlevoix, 21 minutes 3 seconds.

5K Brandon Stevens, 16, Charlevoix, 17 minutes 12 seconds.

5K Bill Crook, 32, Charlevoix, 17 minutes 55 seconds.

10K Laurie Keller, Charlevoix, 50 minutes 12 seconds.

10K Jacob Wimmer, Charlevoix, 37 minutes 29 seconds.

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City rec league softball teams battle it out on the diamond

The following are the results for the City of Charlevoix recreation league softball teams from July 25 through July 28.

Men's slow pitch teams played three games July 25.

In game one, Carlson's Home Improvements beat D480/St. Mary's Cement 16–2.

In game two, Boss Engineering beat Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing 11–6.

In game three, Lakeshore Tire beat the Flight Deck 17–3. For Lakeshore, Bob Williams and Craig Napon each had a home run.

On July 26 women's slow pitch teams played two games.

In game one Charlevoix Screenmasters beat Burger King 14–10. For Screenmasters, Michelle Belinsky had an in-the-park home run.

In game two, Kwikie Duplicating beat Waterfront Salon 12–8.

Men's slow pitch teams met again on July 27.

In game one, Lakeshore Tire beat Carlson's Home Improvements 31–4. For Lakeshore, Bob Williams had two home runs.

In game two, Flight Deck beat Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting 13–4. For Flight Deck, Nick Cole had a home run.

In game three, D480/St. Mary's Cement beat Boss Engineering 10–7. For D480, Ryan Amesbury had a grand slam.

Women's slow pitch teams met again on July 28.

In game one, Waterfront Salon beat Charlevoix Screenmasters 11–2.

In game two, Kwikie Duplicating – beat Burger King 12–7.

Golf tryouts Aug. 11-12

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VFW in need of furnishings for new building

Photo by Julie Withoeft

Fire destroyed the more than 50 year old VFW post building 1153 on Dec. 10, 2004. The new building is expected to be complete by the end of August when a rededication ceremony will take place.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

As reconstruction of the Charlevoix Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post nears completion, its members look to furnishing it.

According to VFW Post 1153 Charlevoix Commander, Charlie Butcher, the VFW would really appreciate any donations the public can give.

"We lost all of our internal property," he said. "We didn't salvage anything."

The post needs to raise between $25,000 and $30,000 in order to replace some of what was lost to the Dec. 10, 2004 fire.

Many of the items at the VFW post are irreplaceable including a roster of lifetime members and some original cartoons by famed Stars And Stripes cartoonist Bill Mauldin as well as some retired flags.

"We had four of his cartoon ink printings on the walls in the meeting room," Butcher said. "I don't know how we'll ever replace those."

Some items the post needs for operation are tables, chairs, kitchen equipment and a computer.

Members of the post have managed to replace a few things, Butcher said.

"We have replaced our flags," he said. "We had them in the Venetian parade for the first time."

He added, "We also replaced our portable public address system."

The fire which destroyed the more than 50-year-old building in the early morning hours of Dec. 10 was ruled accidental, most likely due to a failure in the electrical system.

The post is expected to be completely enclosed by Aug. 1 with hopes of being finished by the end of the month when a rededication ceremony will take place. Anyone interested in helping can send donations to VFW Post 1135, P.O. Box 753 Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Butcher said no decision has been made on what types of services the post will offer the community such as bingo and dinners.

"We haven't crossed that bridge yet," he said.

VFW Post 1153 received its charter on June 16, 1937 and has served the veteran community by donating to veteran's hospitals among other organizations as well as helping local charities with yearly financial contributions.

The building which was home to VFW Post 1153 was formally dedicated in 1953.

Charlevoix Public Library will host children's art event Aug. 13

Charlevoix Public Library presents Children's Art Fair Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Charlevoix Public Library. The art fair is open to children of all ages and any artistic medium. There is no limit to number of entries per child. Art work must be dropped off at the Charlevoix Public Library between July 12 and Aug. 11. Call (231) 547-2651 for any questions.

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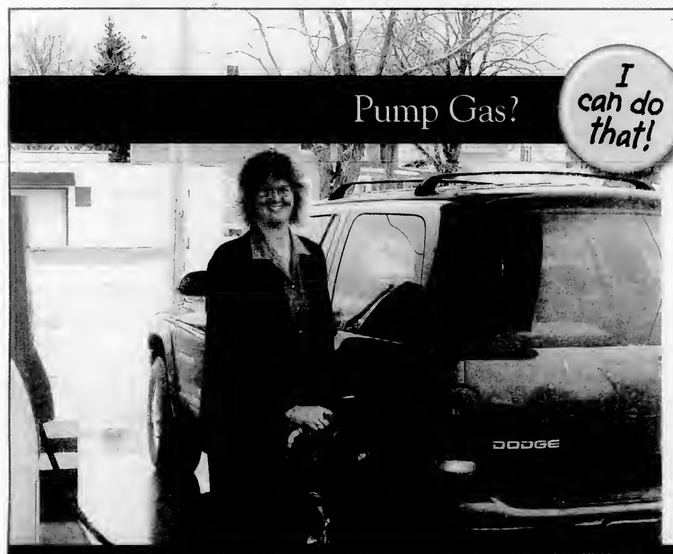

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ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a recitation of the Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at 6:05 p.m., Tuesday evenings at St. Mary's Church, 1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix.

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HOUSEKEEPING POSITION-Apply at Fairway Motel. $8 per hour. Call 599-2202.

(7-27-2-085)

HELP WANTED 086

BUSINESS FINANCE Consultants-No experience required, will train. $60K-$350K per year. Charlevoix Office. Visit http://www.globalbusinessfunds.com/ for information or call 231-547-0155.

(7-27-2-086)

SECURITY OFFICER-The Wackenhut Corporation is seeking qualified applicants for part-time positions in Boyne City at Honeywell, Inc. Security. Experience preferred but not necessary $8.50 to $9.00 per hour. Health Insurance benefit option. Uniforms furnished and paid OJT. Must have HS degree or GED and pass a background check and drug screen. Call 231-582-3977 M-F, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at Honeywell Security at 375 N. Lake Street, Boyne City, MI EEO.#

(7-27-2-086)

RETAIL POSITION for a farm market in Atwood now through December. Call Sarah 231-599-3222.

(7-27-2-086)

GRANDVUE MEDICAL Care Facility is looking for relief staff to expand our dietary, housekeeping and laundry departments. If you are interested in joining one of our friendly neighborhoods, have a flexible schedule and can work both day and afternoon shifts, please stop by 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, and fill out an application. Wages start at $8.69 per hour with an increase after 90 days. If you have qustions, please call Jane Korthase at 231-536-2286.

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ARTFAIR EQUIPMENT KD Kanopy Tent, display screens, cable etc. all like new. $350. 231-547-0871.

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FIREWOOD FOR sale. Will deliver split and stack. Call Mike 231-547-4288.

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LOOKING TO buy Petoskey Stones in bulk. Need lots. Call 231-256-7049.

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TEN ACRES with beautiful mixed hardwood, gorgeous view of Susan Lake on Shrigley Road. Septic and well in place. Must see $89,000. Contact Ty Conklin at 231-547-9670.

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CHARLEVOIX 2,500 sq. ft., office/retail, 1204 Bridge Street. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

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APARTMENTS FOR RENT 169

CHARLEVOIX, ONE BEDROOM contemporary, close to downtown, laundry area. $445 per month. Rent includes trash pick up and snow removal. NO PETS/NO SMOKING. One year lease. Call 231-547-6052, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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COTTAGE FOR rent on Lake Charlevoix. Sleeps 8. Reduced Rental. August 6 to 14. Call 248-813-9577. Cell 810-813-5531.

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RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate $1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

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STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-347-7225.

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SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

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STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

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FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

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1999 CHEVY EXPRESS conversion van. Great towing and family vehicle. 5 point 7 liter, seats 7. Air, T.V. VCP, 2nd Radio, 87,000 miles $8,300. Call 231-547-6124.

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BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT 203

1976 CARVER MARINER 28 foot. FG Hull 10 foot beam. Sleeps 6, new canvas, lots of teak. $10,200. Call 231-377-9165.

(7-27-2-203)

BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT 203

BOAT AUCTION

Lake Charlevoix Mariners Boat Auction absolute sale, August 13, 10 a.m. at Irish Boat Shop Ferry Avenue Dock. Boats and boating accessories will be auctioned. Other fun stuff too! Over 40 boats sold last year. It's not too late to donate. Call Jeff Glenny at Irish Boat Shop 231-547-9967. Tax Deductible.

(7-6-6-203)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond C. Westphal , a single man, Mortgagors, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of December, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of January, 2005 in Liber 664 of Charlevoix County Records, page 190, said Mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four & 92/100. ($121,594.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.600% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The South 1/2 of Lot 65, Uprights and Hurlbut's Addition to the Village of Charlevoix (now City), according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 on Page 21 of plats, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 7/27/2005 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.-Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 ASAP713839

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Kenneth Goodrich and Janee Goodrich a/k/a Janie Goodrich, husband and wife to First National Bank of Gaylord, organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2003 and recorded March 12, 2003 in Liber 523, Page 876, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through **mesne** assignments to: Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, by assignment dated January 20, 2005 and recorded February 10, 2005 in Liber 666, Page 454, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Five Cents ($330,615.05) including interest 4.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, September 2, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 32 North, Range 4 West. Commonly known as: 5325 and 5303 Kuzmick Rd., Elmira MI 49730 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: JULY 26, 2005 Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Postetivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-36500 ASAP714401

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Korkus, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002 and recorded March 1, 2002 in Liber 460, Page 517, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seven and 19/100 Dollars ($336,307.19) including interest at the rate of 8.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 167 and 168, Villa De Charlevoix, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 174 through 178, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 3, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.3306 ASAP715019

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS DECEDENT'S ESTATE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FILE NO. 05-010816-DE

Estate of Donna Leone Elzinga
Date of Birth: November 28, 1931

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

ON May 18, 2005 the undersigned was appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, Donna Leone Elzinga, who lived at 314 W. Robinson, Charlevoix, Michigan, died April 28, 2005.

Creditors and Interested Persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate, or interest in the matter will be forever barred unless presented to Brenda Skop, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FILE NO. 05-010842DE

Estate of Kenneth L. Pflieger
Date of birth: January 31, 1918

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kenneth L. Pflieger, who lived at 2340 Nowland Lake Trail, Charlevoix, Michigan died April 4, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sharon Ferris, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 27, 2005

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Sharon Ferris
22207 Reinhardt Drive
Woodhaven, MI 48183
(734) 675-0342

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 28th day of September, 2001, by Debra J. Hinton, a single woman, to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, n/k/a Northwestern Bank, and recorded on November 8, 2001, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 442, page 529, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINE AND 48/100 DOLLARS ($71,409.48) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, September 16, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 9, NETTLETON'S ADDITION to the Village of South Arm, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof. Also, the West 8 feet of alley which was vacated in Liber 221, page 278, Charlevoix County Records abutting said lots. City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: July 25, 2005

NORTHWESTERN BANK

Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
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Area events

Northwest board meeting

Special school board meeting for all members of the Northwest Academy Public School Board of Directors.

Please take notice that a special meeting of the Board of Northwest Academy will take place at 5 p.m. Aug. 3 at Northwest Academy located at 115 Hurlbut in Charlevoix.

Family reunion

The Hull-Shore Family Reunion at Wooden Shoe Park in Ellsworth is from 12 to 8 p.m., August 13. Meat is provided.

Bring a dish to pass, your own table setting and drink. Stems family auction, and quilt square for family quilt. Contact Bonnie Lemieur 536-3086 and Eveyln Hull 544-6644.

Ancient Charlevoix exhibit

The Charlevoix Historical Society exhibit on Charlevoix's Native-American residents, "Ancient Charlevoix," will be on display through Labor Day at the Depot Museum.

The display includes recovered artifacts from the Pine River Channel dig on ground under the LaCroft condos date back to circa 1500 B.C.

The display is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Labor Day weekend.

Geneological society meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 4, in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St., Boyne City.

Patrick McCleary will be the featured speaker. He will tell how he discovered more of his family history while on the "Quest for Grandma's Silver Pattern."

McCleary is an interesting and entertaining speaker with years of experience in researching family history. The public is cordially invited to attend. Please contact Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Book signing

At 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 4 sportscaster Dick Enberg returns to Charlevoix's Bridge Street Book Shop to sign copies of his newest book, entitled "Dick Enberg: Oh My!"

At 7 p.m. that night, mystery writer J.A. Konrath will be signing copies of his two latest books, "In Whiskey Sour" and "In Bloody Mary."

Konrath is a Chicago area author whose two books are light mystery reads.

The Bridge Street Book Shop is located at 407 Bridge Street, in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-7323.

Rayder golf outing

The Charlevoix Rayder Golf Outing 2005 a four person scramble is scheduled for Friday Aug. 5, at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Registration will begin at noon and golf is at 1 p.m. Lunch, golf, dinner and Rayder football shirts are included.

Cost is $80 per person and deadline is July 29. There will be prizes and drawings. Make checks payable to Rayder Football Outing and mail to 08385 Shrigley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or fax to (231) 547-3411. For more information call (231) 547-5400.

Amvets pig roast

American Veterans are invited to an Amvets pig roast to take place at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Holy Cross Hall off Main Street on Beaver Island.

Charcoal grilled pork, beans, corn and potato salad will be served. Refreshments will include lemonade and a cash bar.

A free will donation will be accepted. For more information call John Haggard at (231) 448-2948.

Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class "Low Maintenance Gardening" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. Call (231) 599-2824 to register. Pine Hill Nursery is located on U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

Blood drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Aug. 8 at Crown Motors located at 06684 US-31 South in Charlevoix.

Veteran open house

An open house celebration for all World War II veterans and the public will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 9 at Moomers Ice Cream located at 7263 N. Long Lake Road in Traverse City.

For more information call Del Corner at (231) 632-6955.

Children's art fair

Charlevoix Public Library presents Children's Art Fair Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The art fair is open to children of all ages and any artistic medium. There is no limit to number of entries per child.

Art work must be dropped off at the Charlevoix Public Library between July 12 and Aug. 11. Call (231) 547-2651 for any questions.

Benefit concert

Members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will join 14-year-old Charlevoix resident Andy Tuck under the direction of conductor David Holland to perform a benefit concert to help fund Tuck's education at Interlochen Arts Academy.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. Aug. 11 at Castle Farms. Pre and post concert gatherings will take place with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres provided by Esperance.

Tickets are $25 and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15.

If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Stratford trip

The Jordan River Arts Council will host its annual trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada Sept. 23-25.

Trip participants will leave at noon from East Jordan Sept. 23. For more information, call Barbara Worgess at (231) 536-2092.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Luau

The Fifth Annual Charlevoix Luau will take place at noon Aug. 6 at the home of Lucy Witthoeft off Old Orchard Road in Charlevoix Township.

Hundreds of area islanders of Polynesian descent, from across the country attend the event.

Participants are asked to bring a dish to pass and seating.

A silent auction and raffles will take place. This year's event is dedicated to the memory of Ivan Witthoeft. For more information or to donate to the auction contact Lei Nahinu at (231) 582-0616.

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Oscar Stroud attends annual Republican picnic

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix resident Oscar Stroud, "Mr. Republican," took over the Republican party here nearly 70 years ago and has been working the political scene ever since.

The annual Republican picnic, which took place July 10 at Whiting Park in Eveline Township, marked the 67th year that Stroud attended the picnic to support county Republicans and their efforts as well as to help raise funds for the party.

"I took the Republican party over and did a lot of work with it to raise funds," Stroud said.

According to John Haggard, Chairman of the Charlevoix Republican Party, the Republican picnics date back nearly to Lincoln, but before Stroud got involved support in the area wasn't as strong.

He said, about 125 turned out for the annual picnic, including chairman of the Michigan Republican Party, Saul Anuzis.

Haggard said, Stroud, 92, started the annual picnic 67 years ago to bring state and local Republicans together.

"To my knowledge, he's (Stroud) never missed one picnic. And the years that we've been doing the spring Lincoln Day dinners, he never missed one," Haggard added.

"His service to the community, Charlevoix city and township, has been one of the greatest things that's happened to Northwest Michigan. He's been instrumental in his leadership getting water and sewers to the area and his own township got a nice township hall paid for with funds that he was able to accumulate without increasing millage. People owe him gratitude and respect."

Haggard explained that Stroud has been instrumental in working with the party as a township supervisor who "promoted a good, conservative way of government."

Stroud was the longest running township supervisor in Northern Michigan, resigning his post in 2003 after 34 years.

"It didn't make a difference which party you were — both parties like him," Republican party member Bob Drebenstedt said. "He's just one of those guys that's 'Mr. Charlevoix Township.' He isn't in it for moving up to county commissioner, or governor, he just pushes for the best for Charlevoix Township."

Drebenstedt said politicians from all over the state have come just to meet Stroud and shake his hand.

And, he added, in Stroud's 70 years of work with the party, he always had a sense of humor.

"He'll tell more jokes about himself than anybody," Drebenstedt said. "I don't see people like that anymore."

Drebenstedt said he hopes the Charlevoix area has Stroud around for another 67 years.

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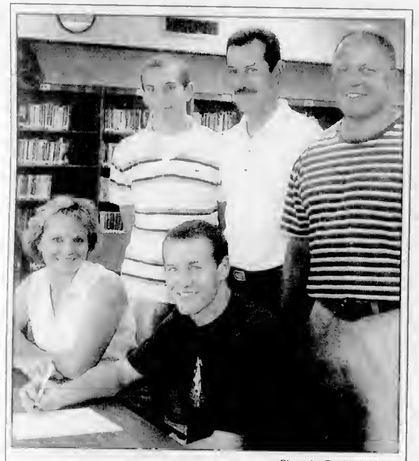

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Scholarship winner

Jared Hunt's younger brother, Jacob, his father, Lindy, Charlevoix High School basketball coach, Keith Haske, and his mother, LeeAnn, (front) watch as the 18-year-old Charlevoix High School graduate learns of his partial basketball scholarship to Ferris State University. Hunt plans to study broadcasting.

Design business offers home sellers a new edge

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to the garage.

"Paint can take on marble or wood looks. We like to use soft, neutral colors so the home is move-in friendly," she said, adding that the group's approach to remodeling a home contrasts the staging techniques often used by real estate agents. "Sometimes staging is too much. We like homes to retain that airy feel."

The women painted a total of eight rooms in the Prospect Street property. Supplies, however, were always contained in one area of the home, said Pollard.

"We're very neat, even to the point of vacuuming," she said. "What distinguishes us is that we get dirty. We advise customers, but we'll actually take it to the next step for them."

The prospective company, whose name was suggested by Beth Strawbridge, will charge customers an hourly fee — each woman's labor is included, as well as supplies and merchandise acquired during shopping trips with the women.

"Sold by Design" is flexible when it comes to their potential clientele, assuring the public that homes need not be vacant or even on the market to be considered as projects. Similarly, the women aren't limiting their prospective clients to those living in Charlevoix.

From remodeling homes in Detroit, to Miami, Fla. to Mackinaw Island, the group has set lengthy boundaries for their passion.

Yohler, a former set designer in Virginia, has been involved in home renovations for nearly 15 years.

Pollard, who worked alongside her father as a child when building their home, has pursued a freelance career in painting and renovating for nearly 20 years.

Gerring, who earned a master's degree in art history and has studied with a decorative painter in New York City, N.Y. has been painting for nearly 20 years as well.

The women, who all possess second jobs, agree that a future devoted totally to "Sold by Design" is ideal.

"This is what we all love," said Gerring. "We all work so well together. We all bring something different to the table."

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City police now armed with tasers

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

They're not Robocop or the Terminator, but citizens of Charlevoix may soon notice a more futuristic look to the local police department.

Charlevoix City Police Chief, Dennis Halverson, has yet to use his firearm while on duty in Charlevoix, but in the interest of a less lethal option in crime fighting, the city purchased three new Tasers.

"The hope is eventually all officers will be assigned one (Taser)," he said.

According to Halverson, over the course of a year the Charlevoix Police Department has as many as 25 or so physical altercations.

"We're hoping this reduces any potential injuries to our officers and potential perpetrators," Charlevoix Deputy Police Chief Scott Hankins said.

Taser is an acronym for the Thomas A. Swift Electric Rifle, a weapon from a collection of futuristic kids books from the early 1900s. While generally used to describe all Electronic Control Weapons (ECWs), Taser is merely the brand name.

According to Charlevoix City Treasurer Richard Brandt, the three Taser brand ECWs Charlevoix recently acquired cost a total of $3,804. Of that, $2,415 was for the stun guns and the rest was for air cartridges, alligator clips, holsters and other accessories.

Once the weapons were purchased, Hankins trained on their use and instruction at Shanty Creek in Bellaire.

"There were probably about 30 of-

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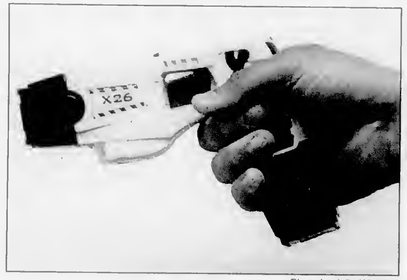

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The City of Charlevoix Police Department recently purchased three Tasers which will be carried by all on duty officers once training is complete. (Above) deputy police chief Scott Hankins holds a Taser.

Going once, going twice

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Auctioneer Rip Hayes explains the evening's auction procedures to the 220 people in attendance at the Charlevoix Area Pool Auction Sunday, Aug. 7 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Approximately $51,000 was raised at the annual event. Bids are being taken for a minivan that did not sell. The car is on display at Southpoint Auto off U.S. 31.

S.A.N.E. leads crack bust off Kipke Road near school

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Late last week, a major crack cocaine bust shook down in the City of Charlevoix.

As the result of a continuing investigation into cocaine sales in the area by Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (S.A.N.E.) two Charlevoix residents were arrested during the afternoon of Aug. 5.

"This underscores how important S.A.N.E. has become to communities similar to ours. These individuals were allegedly selling crack in the shadow of one of our schools," City of Charlevoix police chief Dennis Halverson said.

Using a warrant, the enforcement group, along with patrolmen with the City of Charlevoix Police Department, executed a search of a duplex off Kipke Road, near the Charlevoix Middle School.

Inside the house, detectives seized 25 pea-sized rocks of crack cocaine, worth between $10 and $20 each. They also seized a handgun, cash and a vehicle.

The two residents at the duplex were arrested.

One of the suspects arrested is a 22-year-old Charlevoix male. He is being charged with three counts of delivery of crack cocaine in a school zone, one count of possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine in a school zone, one count of conspiracy to deliver crack cocaine in a school zone, one count of felony firearm possession and one count of maintaining a drug house.

The second suspect, a 24-year-old female from Charlevoix was arrested for one count of possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine in a school zone, one count of aiding and abetting the delivery of crack cocaine in a school zone, one count of felony firearm possession and one count of maintaining a drug house.

Both subjects were lodged in Charlevoix County Jail pending arraignment in Charlevoix County District Court.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Dr. John Surock said that while the news of the bust is disconcerting, he wasn't entirely surprised.

"There is no place that's sacred I don't care where you are. Because we live in northern Michigan some people think those things does happen here. But they're wrong," he said.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

David Joseph Lavake, 32, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Steven George Cusic, 61, Canyon Cutry, Calif. Disturbing the peace. Serve 12 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve five days in jail; not to enter Don's IGA; $350 in fines and costs.

Daniel Scott Hall, 40, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated and operating while license suspended/revoked/denied second or subsequent offense. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 42 days in jail; serve one year probation; must submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Amie Marie Nellnett, 24, East Jordan. Check non-sufficient funds less than $100. Serve 93 days in jail, with credit for one day, to serve 12 days in jail, 70 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to open any checking accounts; must write a letter of apology; $854.69 in fines and costs.

Roderic Lee Tipton, 45, Alpena. Operating while license suspended first offense. Serve 16 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve five days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

Gary Fred Boiocco, 51, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/Urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Jamie Benjamin Eichler, 30, Levering. Possession of prescription forms. Serve 365 days in jail.

Demetrius Alexander Burks, 18, Boyne Falls. Aggravated assault. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/Urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Joshua Steven Stutzman, 23, Boyne Falls. Controlled substance/maintaining a drug house. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for 22 days, to serve 180 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Adam William Jones, 29. Controlled substance —delivery/manufacturing narcotics/cocaine, less than 50 grams. Serve 270 days with credit for 28 days, to serve 270 days; $300 in fines and costs.

Bradley Allan Baker, 42, Frederic. Controlled substance possession of marijuana second or subsequent offense. Serve 60 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Steven Daniel Ingersoll, 37, Ellsworth. Operating while intoxicated with an occupant under 16 second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 64 days, to serve 365 days in jail, serve 480 hours of community service work; serve 36 months probation; $1,120 in fines and costs.

Matthew David Pelosi, 34, Petoskey. Police officer fleeing third degree vehicle code. Serve 330 days in jail with credit for 21 days, to serve 21 days in jail; serve 21 days probation; $2,495 in fines and costs.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Mark Phillip Bookholder, 26 and Cassandra Doris Dunston, 21 both of Phoenix, Ariz.

David Mitchel Kilmer, 26 and Ashley Kristine Olsen, 25 both of Boyne Falls

Robert Daniel Steed, 25 and Amanda Lynn Hoaglund, 23 both of Boyne City

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Dry Harbour Marine, 06357 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Mark Way and Kenneth Boss

A+ Home Improvements, 5857 Horton Bay Road North, Boyne City, by Allen R. Cadarette

Robert Bunting Construction, 5787 M-66, Charlevoix, by Robert Bunting

From Old to New, 06190 Old U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Christopher Rauszer Sr.

Twisted Ink Tattoos & Body Piercings, 801 State Street #3, Charlevoix, by Andrew Bailey

Creative Staging and More, 305 West Main, Apartment #A-8, Harbor Springs, by Judith M Lentz

Mark Staley Builder, 08511 Gaunt Road, East Jordan, by Mark Staley

R & M Contracting, 1573 East Deer Lake Road, Boyne City, by Rex Smith

Home Sweet Home Pet Sitters, 13553 Stover Court, Charlevoix, by Bernadine Hetler

Births

Graidee James Buning weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces was born July 29, 2005 to Jody Shaw and James Buning of Mancelona at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Graidee has a sister, Kassidee.

Olga Lydia Burton weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born July 29, 2005 to Carol and Danny Burton of Beaver Island, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Olga has siblings Cameron, Nathan, Emily and Elsie as well as grandparents Delva and Janet Burton of Mecosta, John and Carol Wiggers of Holton and great-grandfather Ed Griffin of Lakeview.

Alex Scott Calcaterra weighing 9 pounds was born July 29, 2005 to Randy and Christina Calcaterra of Boyne City, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Alex's sibling is Pete, 13.

Rennea Violet Krussell weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces was born July 29, 2005 to Travis Krussell and Lisa Scott of East Jordan at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Rennea's siblings are Tyler and Jeramiah. Grandparents are Stanley Jr. and Kimberly Scott of East Jordan and Eddie and Pearl Cole of Grand Rapids as well as great-grandparents Stanley Sr. and Constance Scott of East Jordan.

Amelie Elyse, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces was born July 13, 2005 to Dr. Roque and Heather Ruggero of Austin, Texas. Her sibling is Elliot, 2. Grandparents are Bill and Janis Dietrich of Charlevoix. Dr. Pedro Ruggero of Austin, Texas and Beatriz Ruggero of Corpus Christi, Texas. Great- grandmothers are Lola Peckham of Lake City, Yolanda da Mosca of Corpus Christi, Texas and Violeta Marin de Ruggero of Rio Tercero, Argentina.

Claire Alexis Torres weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces was born Aug. 4, 2005, in Tampa, Fla. to Jesus (Skip) and Hayley Torres. Paternal grandparents are Jesus (Chuy) and Bethany Torres of Charlevoix. Maternal grandparents are Lauren Shiver and Rick Nelson of Orlando, Fla., and great-grandmother Gloria Loveless of Pelham, Ga. Paternal great-grandparents are Lóula and Robert Escajeda, Jesus Torres, Sr., Fidel and Pauline Torres, and Amparo Armendariz, all of El Paso, Texas.

Habitat for Humanity golf outing to take place Aug. 23 in Boyne Falls

The 2005 annual golf fund-raiser of Northern Michigan Habitat For Humanity will take place Monday, Aug. 29 at Boyne Mountain Resorts in Boyne Falls.

Registration fee for the golf outing and dinner is $150. Registration will begin at noon at the Alpine Course and includes golf balls. Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Beach House . Dinner alone is $52 per person and includes tip..

For reservation forms call Doug Boor at (231) 348-0486, Lyn Ann Reid at (231) 348-0469 or Scott Paquette at (231) 348-0609. Or order on-line at www.cedarhomes.com/events.

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Two arrested following crack bust at city home

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"So, we need to prepare our kids and the community needs to be aware of what's going on and help the authorities. With that in mind I hope we can try to keep these activities out of our community and most importantly away from our kids."

Halverson said the first time he came across crack cocaine in Charlevoix was about 10 years ago. And added that drug use and the sale of drugs are problematic and the fallout is also a major issue.

"The residual effect of drug use is a corresponding increase in criminal activity and behavior," he explained.

Red Cross bear art family day to take place Aug. 12 in Bay Harbor

Family Day, taking place in conjunction with the 2005 outdoor art project Hunt for Bearable Art, will take place Aug. 12.

Glen's Markets of Northern Michigan and the American Red Cross invite families and friends to be their guests from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Village at Bay Harbor for Family Day.

This will be the only opportunity to view all of the bears in one location. Activities, refreshments and snacks will be provided free of charge. The afternoon will also include the opportunity to contribute to the design of the Family Day Bear, which will be auctioned to the highest bidder Aug. 13.

For more information, contact the American Red Cross at (231) 348-7666.

Electronic control weapons bought by city police

TASER

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ficer/instructors there literally from across the State of Michigan," he said.

Approximately 135,000 of these less lethal devices are being used in the nearly 6,000 law enforcement offices throughout the country.

The Taser uses a burst of air to shoot two pins up to 25 feet. The pins, which can penetrate clothing up to five centimeters thick, are connected to the Taser with thin copper wire. When the pins are embedded in a persons skin the controller of the weapon can deliver up to 195 five second blasts of 50,000 volts each.

According to Hankins, as a part of his training he volunteered to take a hit from the Taser.

And, despite being over 6 feet tall and around 200 pounds, Hankins said he fell to the floor, flopped uncontrollably and screamed out like a little girl when he was zapped.

"It's the longest five seconds of your life," he said.

Hankins said the Taser is better than pepper spray because once the electricity stops flowing to the victim, the person can get up and start moving around while pepper spray affects an individual for long after the spray is administered.

And, he said, pepper spray doesn't discriminate — citing that he has been on the receiving end of an accidental, but well intentioned shot of the spray by one of his partners while trying to subdue a suspect.

According to Hankins, there is no exact explanation for when a Taser will be used, but there are some universal guidelines for the use of force.

"The standard is the amount of force necessary to (make) the arrest," Hankins said. "Our policy is any use of force considers the totality of the situation."

Hankins said the Taser has been used in many situations where it de-escalated the situation from use of lethal force to one of merely subduing the suspect.

The national standard for police officers employing the use of deadly force is there must be 21 feet or less between the officer and suspect before they are supposed to initiate deadly force.

"It's an alternative but not a replacement (to firearms)," Hankins said. "The Taser can malfunction like any other weapon."

CBS, CNN and others have reported on alleged Taser related fatalities with numbers of deaths ranging from five to 100. Every news source has a different number but, so far, none of the sources were able to prove conclusively that an Electronic Control Weapon was responsible for any of the deaths.

In addition, to help curb potential abuse of the Electronic Control Weapon by law enforcement as well as prevent suspects from making bogus claims of officer abuse, the Taser has a built-in computer which monitors when, how often and for how long the weapon was used.

The Taser records time, date and number of deployments which can be uploaded to a computer via a USB cable.

According to Halverson, from the statistics he's seen, the Taser is an all-round positive addition to good policing.

"The Taser is an alternative to physical contact. It's a weapons system that I think you have to back up with policy, training and monitoring," he said.

Halverson said the main downside to the Taser is many people's assumption that it is a negative tool for law enforcement due to some recent publicity.

But, overall, he feels it will be an enhancement to his department's ability to protect local citizens and his officers.

"I've been watching the development and implementation of these things for years," Halverson said.

According to statistics reported by Taser International, the Cincinnati Police Department which has full employment of Tasers, is down 70 percent in the category of officer injuries, down 50 percent in citizen complaints and 40 percent in suspect injuries since they began using the Electronic Control Weapons.

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The First Amendment

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Parenting page to join the Courier line-up

Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

It's time for the chitlins to head back to school and for parents to start thinking outside the sandbox.

With weather cooling off and kids returning to school — that forlorn look of boredom in the eyes of our children will also return.

And with it come other fun facets of the school environment which include a heavy concentration of germs kids are exposed to daily.

It seems that during the school year there is always a "flavor of the month" illness parents tackle. Whether it be lice, croup, the flu or a cold — the battle is fast and furious.

In recognition of the school year rat race the Charlevoix Courier will publish a parenting page monthly. Headlining the section will be a column written by an area health practitioner with the skinny on symptoms and treatments for that month's most common ailment.

A dietician will write about healthy eating habits and an athletic trainer will offer insight into treating common injuries.

Also to be included in the section will be a children's events listing with low-cost ways to wipe the boredom away.

No one knows better than parents about what is hot and what is not in Charlevoix. So, the success of the events listing is in your hands. I would like to ask readers to clip the box at right of this column and send in event ideas for families to partake in. Please include the time, date and place where the event will occur, as well as an associated name and contact number.

These events can be anything from play groups to an ice cream social at the library, a fall tug of war at the beach or a recent outing you took that was a great fit for the kids.

Hopefully, this addition to your local newspaper will have you searching for your Courier next time your wee one has a sniffle or a bored whine.

Julie Witthoeft is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Parenting page event idea

Event title: _____

Time, date: _____

Event location: _____

Event appropriate age group: _____

Contact name: _____

Contact phone: _____

Please send submissions to: Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117 Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail information to news@charlevoixcourier.com with "parenting" as the subject of the message.

The tiniest things can be the most amazing

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

For nearly all of human history our view of the world was bound by what we could see with our unaided eye.

On the largest scale, we could see the stars and planets and speculate about exactly what they were and where they were located.

The smallest things accessible to our normal vision are the smallest of bugs, usually called mites, which we can see only as tiny moving dots.

Until the early 1600's no one knew that a world of smaller things was waiting to be discovered. That world was revealed by the microscope, a device with one or two ground glass lenses that magnified things as much as 100 times.

When examined with a microscope, that tiny mite appeared as a nightmarish monster, and most wonderful of all, what seemed to the naked eye a drop of clear water from any pond was filled with previously invisible, teeming life.

Arguably the availability of microscopes changed our view of the world more than almost anything else that had happened in all of human history.

Before the microscope, blood was only known as a bright red fluid, coincident with life. With a microscope, blood can be seen as a clear liquid with small red discs floating in it.

The wings of a butterfly with all their striking colors are revealed as sets of overlapping scales, like shingles on a roof. The causes of many diseases previously assigned to bad air or invisible spirits were found to be tiny living things called bacteria.

Maybe most remarkable of all, every living plant and animal could be seen as composed of what Robert Hooke called "cells," because the first ones he saw in a slice of ordinary cork looked like miniatures of the rows of small rooms that housed the residents of monasteries. Those rooms were called cells and the name has been applied to microscopic cells ever since.

Knowing about those cells has made much if not most of biological science useful in the human quest to understand the world around us, to cure disease and to develop better crops.

For some decades after microscopes were available, they were the toys of the wealthy. An evening's entertainment in Victorian times might have consisted of looking at almost anything through an ornate microscope, with oohing and aahing like that we usually associate with the response to spectacular fireworks. More serious and scientific microscopists were busy changing almost everything about how we understood the world.

I have known hundreds of professional biologists over the years and nearly all of them can recount with great pleasure the first time they looked at pond water through a microscope and saw clearly what had been invisible.

My first microscope was purchased for 97 cents from an ad on the back of a comic book, and while the images were far from clear and were surrounded by haloes of rainbow light, I could see what Robert Hooke had seen. I could see the teeming life in a drop of water, and I could see that ordinary paper was made of unbelievably tiny wooden sticks stuck together, and I could see the "cells" in a thin slice of cork.

Looking at a photograph taken through a microscope is not nearly as amazing as looking directly at a drop of pond water and seeing what had been invisible.

Simple and inexpensive microscopes better than those available to Robert Hooke in the 1600's can be had for a few dollars.

No child should ever grow up without the experience of seeing what had seemed invisible. It is not too late for any adult who might have missed out to have the same experience.

Almost all of the life on earth is in forms too small to be seen without a microscope. Explore the window to that world and encourage others to do so.

Your appreciation of life can only grow, and we could use more appreciation of life.

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Author Suzy Farbman to speak at library Aug. 23

Author Suzy Farbman will be at the Charlevoix Public Library Aug. 23 to discuss her book, "Back from Betrayal: Saving a Marriage, a Family, a Life."

The program will take place at 7 p.m. Aug. 23 in the basement of the library.

Farbman, a summer resident of Charlevoix and four-time guest on Oprah, will be available to sign her book at the end of the evening. Bridge Street Book Shop will have books available for sale at the event.

"Back from Betrayal," is a brutally honest account of marital infidelity and the long journey back to reconciliation. Farbman's personal odyssey is one of the first published by a woman who confronted infidelity and went on to save her marriage.

During the author's appearance at the Charlevoix Public Library she will discuss her experiences and what she learned about rebuilding a relationship.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Letters to the editor

No 'fudgie' complaints

Editor:

Let's make a deal — you don't complain about "fudgies" in the summer and we won't complain about "snow birds" in the winter.

Linda Foy
Ocala, Fla.

Public radio coverage

Editor:

I read with great interest the article in the July 13 issue of the Courier concerning improved coverage from Interlochen Public Radio. The article, somewhat misleadingly, stated that the addition of the FM station broadcasting on 88.5 in Mackinaw City will improve reception of IPR in Charlevoix. Actually, Charlevoix County is already well served by WICV, 100.9 FM which broadcasts from the East Jordan area. This station has carried IPR for years. I know from experience that it transmits a strong signal to Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan and areas between. Broadcast of IPR on 88.5 from Mackinaw City will certainly improve reception in the Straits area, including the Upper Peninsula. I welcome that. My wife and I travel to Charlevoix frequently, coming through the UP. We will be pleased to listen to IPR all the way from the UP into Charlevoix.

John R. Nickelsen
Racine, Wis.

Letters Policy

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

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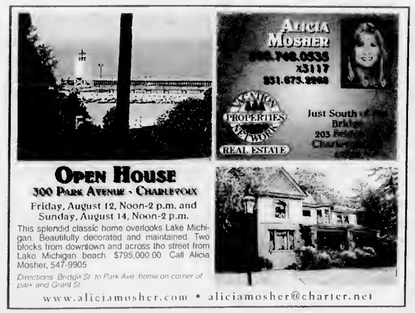

Kite sale underway to benefit Charlevoix Children's House

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

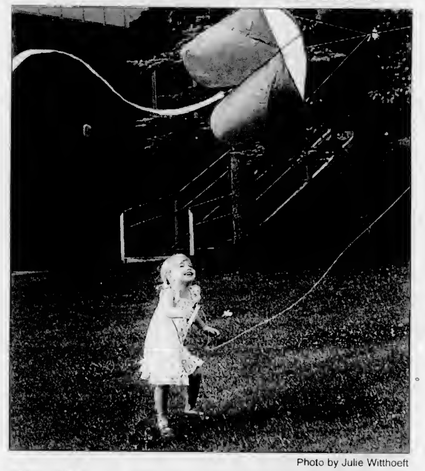

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Kiley Mann, a three-year-old student at Charlevoix Children's House flies a kite in Chamber Park in downtown Charlevoix. These kites are being sold to raise money for her school.

Charlevoix residents Tonya, Dan and Kiley Mann pack a kite wherever they go.

The Sky Pilot, a kite in the Discovery Toys learning trinket entourage, is a staple in the Mann family travel bag.

Three-year-old Kiley can even run and launch the durable fabric kite on her own.

"These are the easiest kites in the world to fly," said Tonya, a educational consultant and sales representative for Discovery Toys.

She added that the best part is it's lightweight and collapses to 10 inches so it travels easily and carries a lifetime warranty.

Tonya's experience with the family kite prompted her to spearhead a fund-raiser for Kiley's school, the local Montessori preschool Charlevoix Children's House, that started Aug. 1.

"I want this fund-raiser to encourage families to get away from the TV and spend some time together outside," she said.

The school, which educates between 20 and 25 area students annually, aims to sell 200 of the $20 kites and hopes to raise about $1,000 to help pay for new playground equipment and further staff training.

To purchase a kite, contact Tonya at (231) 237-0360.

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Engagement

Drost — Yager

Taryn Cherese Drost and Mark Aaron Yager are announcing their engagement and plans for a Saturday, June 24 wedding, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. The reception will be held at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Chris and Danya Drost of Charlevoix. Taryn is a senior at Hope College. She will graduate in May with a degree in psychology and communications. Drost plans to pursue a public relations position around the Knoxville, Tenn. area.

Her fiancé is the son of Deborah Yager and the late Mark Yager. Mark graduated from Western Michigan University in 2003 with a degree in political science and plans to attend law school in the future. He is currently employed as a Project Manager for the BR2 Building Company of Knoxville, Tenn.

Lions Club White Cane Safety Days Fund Drive Aug. 12-13

Charlevoix Lions club members will hit the streets of Charlevoix this week for their annual White Cane Safety Days Fund Drive.

The drive will take place Friday and Saturday, Aug. 12 and 13 at locations around town.

Initiated 75 years ago in Peoria, Ill., the red banded white cane is recognized worldwide for identifying and protecting those with little or no sight.

As a symbolic reminder to the public, each Lion collecting donations will be carrying an official "White Cane".

Donations to the Lions help support the Michigan Eye Bank and Transplant Center; The Michigan Leader Dog Training Center and its Puppy Search and Development Program; and the Lions Welcome Home for the Blind in Grand Rapids.

Locally, the club helps support the low vision reading center at the Charlevoix Public Library and pays for glasses for the needy with special eye problems. The club will also help those who need assistance with special hearing problems. Lions also collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third-world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses.

Currently used glasses can be dropped off at the Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, Optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton Street or Doctor Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Avenue.

Rotary 'Porker' golf outing is set for Thursday, Sept. 1

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Billed as "The Affordable Golf Tournament," the entry fee is only $40 per person.

"We have had players comment that it is almost as if we are paying them to play because of the amount and quality of the prizes distributed at the tournament," said tournament director Tim Petrosky. "Last year we distributed gifts with a retail value of more than $3,000 to golfers. Everyone went home with a prize."

The event is a four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a buffet dinner at Giuseppe's Restaurant and oodles of prizes. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, as well as to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

"This tournament is more about fun than competition, although we do have strong teams every year," said Petrosky. "Year after year area businesses generously donate great prizes that pretty much assure everyone goes home with a smile on their face no matter how they golfed."

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop. The event is limited to the first 20 teams that register.

An optional skins game and "niulligans" will also be available to teams.

The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

Rotary uses proceeds from the event to benefit the community with an emphasis on area youth.

For more information contact Petrosky at (231) 547-8177.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, August 1, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A Public Hearing was held on an ordinance proposing to ammend the City Code to renumber Subsections 5.7(8)-(10), amend Section 5.5, Section 5.7, Section 5.82, Section 5.214 and add new Sections 5.65 and 5.103 of Chapter 51 of Title V (Assisted Living Ordinance).
- Motion adopted to accept the low bid from Brenda Toton d/b/a Mama T's for restroom cleaning from Sept. 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006 with a not to exceed amount of $17,500
- Motion adopted authorizing the City Manager to enter into a letter of understanding with the CWA for the Electric Dept. lineman rates presented to Council.
- Motion adopted naming Rick Brandi as delegate and Dennis Halverson as alternate for the Michigan Employee Retirement System (MERS) annual meeting.
- Motion adopted to vote for the five candidates on the ballot for the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) Risk Management Board of Trustees.
- Motion adopted to appoint Bill Bellows as voting delegate and Bill Haggard as alternate for the MML Annual Convention.
- Resolution 2005-08-01 adopted, legislating format of City Council meeting minutes.
- Ordinance 705-05 adopted, amending the City Code to renumber Subsections 5.7(8)-(10), amend Section 5.5, Section 5.7, Section 5.82, Section 5.214 and add new Sections 5.65 and 5.103 of Chapter 51 of Title V (Assisted Living Ordinance).

Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Scholarship recipient

Michelle Kay Fritsch, daughter of John and Nora Fritsch of Charlevoix and the Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2005 at Charlevoix High School was awarded a $2,000 scholarship from St. Mary's Cement, Inc.

The scholarship is renewable for up to three years. She will be attending Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colo. this fall. Her father, John has been employed at the local cement plant for 25 years.

National Honor Roll induction

The National Honor Roll recognizes high school and middle school students who have achieved exceptional academic success. The following students from Charlevoix High School were recently inducted — Michelle K. Fritsch, Danielle Lackaff and Caroline Slocum.

Grand Valley State University Dean's List

The following Charlevoix students attending Grand Valley State University in Allendale have been named to the Dean's List for the winter semester of the 2005 school year. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Charlevoix recipients are Molly A. Arnold, Gina E. Attee, Corey R. Bascom, Shawna M. Flowers, Tess L. Hoaglund, Thomas R. Kennedy, Marjorie P. Romig, Brittni M. Simonti, Shawn M. Trudeau, Danielle R. Wager and Kelly L. Zimmerman.

Northern Michigan University Dean's List

The following Charlevoix students attending Northern Michigan University in Marquette have been named to the Dean's List for the winter semester of the 2005 school year. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned between a 3.25 and 3.99 grade point average.

Charlevoix recipients are Robert L. Boss, Peter M. Gorkiewicz, Sarah Jones, Philip J. Morris, Devin H. Post, Benjamin D. Speigl and Luke P. Whitley.

Watershed council asks for volunteers to monitor streams

This fall, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council will add a new element to it's repertoire of water quality monitoring programs.

After more than 20 years of coordinating a volunteer lake monitoring program in the northern Lower Peninsula, the Watershed Council is expanding horizons and will undertake a volunteer stream monitoring program.

As with lake monitoring, stream water quality data will be used to rate the overall health of the stream and to collect baseline data for determining changes over time, but the similarities between the two programs end there.

As opposed to collecting data on specific water quality parameters, volunteer stream monitors will collect 'critters,' which are used as bio-indicators to gauge the health of a stream.

Volunteer stream monitors will have less of a time commitment than their counterparts in the lake monitoring program, collecting field data only twice a year, in the fall and spring, and then participating in follow-up indoor identification sessions.

"Anybody interested in volunteer stream monitoring should think of it as educational aquatic field trips, two times a year, getting out and mucking about, exploring the fascinating aquatic ecosystems that literally surround us," said Kevin Cronk, Monitoring and Research Coordinator at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

The Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program will start next month with a training session for new volunteers scheduled to be held at the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council office in Petoskey on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The first field data collection will take place the following week on Saturday, Sept. 24 and the follow-up session to identify aquatic insects, crustaceans and other macroinvertebrates collected in the field will be held two weeks later on Saturday, Oct. 8. Each session will take approximately a half-day. The program will continue in May of 2006 and then indefinitely into the future, each spring and fall.

This year the Watershed Council will start the program by monitoring tributaries of Lake Charlevoix, Mullett Lake and Torch Lake. Regardless of whether you live in or around those lakes, you can still participate in the program. No experience is required, only a desire to experience first-hand the magnificent stream ecosystems of northern Michigan.

Interested individuals should contact Cronk at (231) 347-1181, extension 109 or by e-mail at kevin@watershedcouncil.org.

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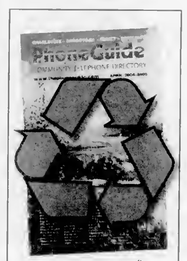
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Obituaries

Linda Gravelin: died Feb. 17, 2005

Linda Maxine Gravelin, 94, passed away Feb. 17, 2005 in Clovis, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband Theodore Gravelin and sons Teddy and Max, her parents George and Edith Meggison of Charlevoix, her brother Clarence B. (Sadie) Meggison, sisters Florence (Vern) McGhan and Beryl (Grant) Mudge.

She is survived by a son, Rex of Anchorage, Alaska.

A memorial service was held at the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2005 with Rev. Todd Thompson officiating.

Those in attendance were nieces Fran (Ken) Wilson, Beth (Jack) DeWildt, Helen (Don deceased) Meggison, Jim (Faye deceased) Alger, Jim (Virginia) Mudge, Jodi Lyons and Jaci Susscher.

Ivan Witthoeft: Sept. 29, 1940 - Aug. 2, 2005

Ivan Witthoeft

Ivan Joel Witthoeft, 64, of Charlevoix died the morning of Aug. 2, 2005 at his home after a brief battle with cancer.

Ivan was born Sept. 29, 1940, in Hubbard County, Minn., the son of Marvin E. and Eleanor L. (Lanum) Witthoeft.

He grew up in Michigan, N.D.

On May 19, 1962 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waianae, Hawaii, he married his beloved wife, Lucille E. Figeroa, who survives. Father Elkmeir officiated.

The couple met while Ivan served a tour of duty in Hawaii with the United States Navy as an EMFN (E-3). He was both an electrician and a fireman for the Navy.

After finishing his time in the service, Ivan went into the energy business, where he happily worked his fingers to the bone until his death. He went from a telephone repairman to building rocket fuel and acting in a supervisory role for Consumer's Power at nuclear power plants around the country.

This energy bug eventually led him to start his own business, Charlevoix Electrical Service, which he owned and operated with his three sons at his side until his death.

His hobbies included, fishing, boating, hunting, camping and spending time with his nine beautiful grandchildren.

He was an active member of the Charlevoix Street Legends Classic Car Club and the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; daughter, Rebecca (Tom) Wanek; sons, August (Michelle), Marvin (Amber), Charles (Julie), all of Charlevoix; nine grandchildren, Jasmine, Taylor, Mikaela, Juliann, Lukila, Stirling, Isabella and Mailie Witthoeft and Celina Wanek; a daughter-in-law Ember Witthoeft; his mother, Eleanor Witthoeft of Lake George, Minn.; brothers Dennis (Judy) Witthoeft of Clemson, S.C., Steven Witthoeft of Lake George, Minn.; Bill Witthoeft of Sioux Falls, N.D.; a sister, Liz (Brudee) Rydin of Troy; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin E. Witthoeft.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Camp Quality or the family.

A funeral took place at 10 a.m. Aug. 5 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix man injured in personal water craft accident

At approximately 12:47 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, a personal water craft accident occurred on Lake Charlevoix near Young State Park.

Eighteen-year-old Sean Thomas of Charlevoix was injured while riding his personal water craft as he encountered a large wake at which time Thomas was lurched forward into the handlebar receiving a severe laceration to his chin.

Thomas was knocked unconscious and fell into the water. A passing vessel operated by Bart Wangeman of Boyne City notified the Coast Guard and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Marine Patrol and then transported the victim to the Municipal Launch in Boyne City where Thomas was then transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by EMS.

Thomas was treated and released from Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sheriff George Thomas Lasater reminds all person water craft users to use the utmost care and caution on this type of water craft by never traveling alone.

The accident was investigated by Marine Deputies Brian E. Brachel and Nick Rewald and it remains under investigation.

Christian women's retreats planned for Mackinac Island

Win-Some Women Christian Retreats celebrates its 34th year with three back-to-back retreats for women at Grand Hotel this fall.

Participants are invited to a day and a half retreat where you will join other women for fellowship, encouragement and inspiration as God's love comes alive. This fall's retreat theme is "Wait on the Lord."

Registration is currently underway for the 2005 fall retreats to take place Oct. 18-19; Oct. 19-20; and Oct. 20-21.

Gloria Gaither and Dr. Anthony Campolo, two nationally known keynote speakers are featured during main assembly times as well as break out sessions. The Talley Trio will inspire and entertain us at the evening assembly concert. A dramatic performance highlighting biblical stories will be offered as a break out session by the group Women of the Bible.

Brochures containing registration forms for the October Win-Some Women's Christian retreats on Mackinac Island are available at Country Clutter and Promises & Praises in downtown Petoskey, Rainbow Christian Bookstore in Traverse City, or by contacting Win-Some Women at P.O. Box 503, Petoskey, Michigan 49770.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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11906 US-31 North

Divine Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

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State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	7:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	9:00 a.m.

Church Office 547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.

Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

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Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

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Norwood

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

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Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

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Lake Charlevoix Mariners auction set for Aug. 13

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The Lake Charlevoix Mariners will host their summer boat and equipment auction to benefit the 4-H Youth Sailing School Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Irish Boat Shop on Ferry Avenue.

Powerboats, sailboats, dinghies, trailers, excursions, services and marine equipment will be offered to the public during the nonprofit organization's major annual fundraiser.

All proceeds from the auction will go directly to the Lake Charlevoix Mariners, the fund-raising arm of the nearly 20-year-old sailing school.

Last year, more than 40 boats were sold, said Jeff Glenny, an employee at the Irish Boat Shop. These watercraft included both private and business donations.

An official list of boats to be auctioned off will not be made available to the public until the time of the event, he added.

The live auction, which will be facilitated by auctioneer Scott MacKenzie of the Boyne City Chamber of Commerce. This will be complemented by a silent auction — a new feature this year, said Gina Attee of the Lake Charlevoix Mariners.

Attee said the silent auction will include prizes such as a cruise with Sunshine Charters, a three-month pool pass to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, gift certificates to Village Inn Pizza and Whitney's Oyster Bar, and an overnight stay-on Beaver Island.

The 4-H Youth Sailing School — which runs for another week at Charlevoix's Depot Beach — is offered to youth ages 8 to 19 each summer at Boyne City and Charlevoix facilities. During the nine-week program, U.S. SAILING-certified instructors teach participants skills such as knot tying, rigging a sailboat, small boat handling, weather and environmental awareness, docking and departing, basic racing and good sportsmanship.

The school currently operates with 21 boats, including the three safety powerboats used by its five instructors, said Linda Orlow, a 4-H Youth Sailing School program leader along with her husband, Tom.

Boats available for student use include 10 JY15 sailboats, which are 15-foot rig boats, and eight OPTI sailboats, which are 10-foot prams ideal for younger sailors and solo practice. A JY15 sailboat was recently donated to the school for student use, said Orlow.

"We are in need of a new dock system and grounds improvement," she said, adding that the school's maintenance and operating expenses are mounting alongside the steady increase of participants each year.

Registration for the Lake Charlevoix Mariners boat/equipment auction is at 9 a.m. at the Irish Boat Shop on Ferry Avenue on Saturday, Aug. 13. The auction begins at 10 a.m.

A sneak peek, where guests may pre-register for the event, will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at the Irish Boat Shop.

For more information on the auction or to donate an item, contact Jeff Glenny at (231) 547-9967.

Photo by Nicole Graziano

4-H Youth Sailing School students work as a team while preparing their boats for an afternoon lesson at Depot Beach. Students, aged 9 - 18, are supervised by five U.S. SAILING-certified instructors during each weekday session. An auction to benefit the program will take place Aug. 13.

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Waterfront Art Fair celebrates 46th year

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Artists from across the country will converge on East Park Aug. 13 for the esteemed Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair.

Who: Charlevoix Council for the Arts
What it is: Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair
When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 13
Where: Downtown Charlevoix's East Park

On Aug. 13, many of the nation's finest artists and craftsmen will be coming to the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair to exhibit their works.

The famed show, which is the second oldest juried art fair in Michigan, will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 13 in downtown Charlevoix's East Park.

Considered one of the most visually exciting art fairs in the country, the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair, now in it's 46th year, has a reputation with critics and collectors because of both the quality of the work and the unparalleled location.

The exhibiting group was chosen from a pool of over 1,000 applicants who submit their work to the jury for review.

The artists who show at this prestigious fair come from the area as well as from thousands of miles away for the pleasure of Charlevoix's summer visitors and the local residents.

The quality of the show is evidenced by its audience — the fair draws over 25,000 art lovers to Charlevoix.

The fair's focus of bringing fine arts and crafts to northern Michigan hasn't changed since a group of Charlevoix residents coined it and began the fair in 1958.

All profits collected in fees are used to invest in the children of the Charlevoix area to provide exposure to cultural activities not usually available in northern Michigan.

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Local artist returns to Waterfront Art Fair

Photo by Anne Kelly

Charlevoix resident Edith Pair will display her painted furniture which has "an eclectic, contemporary-pop flair."

By ANNE KELLY
Special to the Courier

In 1991, Edith Pair, a senior at Charlevoix High School, was invited to be a featured student artist in the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair. She never dreamed she would return 14 years later as an exhibitor.

Upon graduation from Charlevoix High School, Pair enrolled in the School of Art at the Art Institute of Chicago in Chicago, Ill.

Graduating five years later with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a major in fashion design, Pair engaged in an assistant buying job at Montgomery Ward in the windy city.

She was soon disenchanted with retail and decided to regroup.

It was during this time that she worked for the chi-chi Bistro 110 café-restaurant in Chicago, Ill. and the artist in her reemerged.

During her sojourn at Bistro 110, Pair dabbled in freelance art work there and at other venues in the restaurant district. At Bistro 110, she painted wall murals, menu boxes, window boxes and decorated tables with her bright pop art.

Word of her talent spread to other eateries like Jake Melnick's Corner Tap where she painted beer logo table tops under the sponsorship of several beer companies, and the Ritz Coffee House where she painstakingly hand painted the entire menu along the walls of the shop.

"I love transforming plain surfaces from the mundane into el-

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Charlevoix native Edith Pair to exhibit at fair this weekend

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egance," said Pair, whose tables now grace the new deck area of the Weathervane Restaurant.

Edith Pair

"I believe that the ambiance of any restaurant or business can make or break its success, and I can help."

Working in the medium of acrylics, Pair paints furniture with what she would describe as "an eclectic, contemporary-pop flair."

Pair's dream is to open a gallery in Traverse City, perhaps by next spring, but she is mindful of the challenges involved in such an endeavor, not only in stockpiling salable artwork, but in mastering the business side of art.

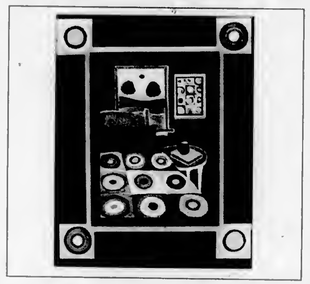
She is presently working for her father at Midwest International in Charlevoix, where she is learning the ins and outs of the business world.

"I'm trying a little bit of everything," she explained. "To learn as much as I can about accounting, marketing and sales."

Pair has exhibited her work at the Arts and Crafts Show in Charlevoix from 2000-2003, Bay Harbor in 2001 and Petoskey's Art in the Park in 2001.

She will be showing her furniture and introducing a new series of mix and match paintings on epoxied wood at the Aug. 13 Waterfront Art Show.

Laura Meddaugh returns with 'Rooms with a View'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Laura Meddaugh, a veteran exhibitor at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair, whose "Rooms with a View," are a favorite with art fair enthusiasts returns this weekend.

"I have been showing at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair for 15 years," Meddaugh said. "I love seeing repeat customers and get a kick out of the fact that even boaters come up and buy."

Meddaugh creates her three-dimensional watercolor rooms painted on molded watercolor paper.

"In many of my 'Rooms with a View,' I also incorporate pastel pencil, fabric paint and water soluble crayon to get the effect I desire," she explained.

Her husband, a computer graphics and animation teacher at Waunakee High School in Wisconsin helps her with framing and in executing the 15-18 art fairs she participates in annually.

He has also added a technological dimension to her miniatures by scanning images of famous paintings and then using computer software to repaint them. These miniature paintings

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An art lovers delight

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About 25,000 art enthusiasts will flock to town this weekend to view (above) and buy beautiful art like these glass pieces (below).

Meddaugh expands offerings for Waterfront Art Fair Aug. 13

MEDDAUGH

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become the starting point for the evolution of her enchanting rooms.

"I think these pieces are something that both husbands and wives can agree on," Meddaugh said. "Even children recognize some of the featured artists in my rooms. They often bring their parents to my booth to show them their discovery of an artist they recognize."

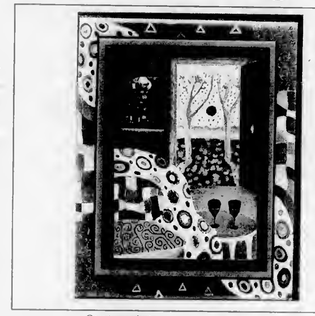
Meddaugh's family also includes two teenage children who, along with her husband, accompany her to the various art shows each year.

"I've been showing my work in galleries and doing art fairs in the Midwest since 1982, and starting in 1986, I've been making this my full time job," she said.

Her work is presently represented by the Johnston Gallery in Mineral Point, Wis. and in the Frogtown Gallery in Bailey's Harbor, Wis.

This year, Meddaugh will introduce something new for her clientele at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair.

She will bring bright and whimsical acrylics-on-canvas "Rooms with a View" to complement the miniatures. Every one of her works are one-of-a-kind originals.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Laura Meddaugh, will exhibit and sell her signature 'Rooms with a View' at this weekend's art fair as well as acrylics-on-canvas.

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Chamber Action

47th Annual Waterfront Art Fair is August 13

Many of the nation's best artists are exhibiting and selling their finest works of art on August 13. It is the second oldest juried art show in Michigan and many consider it the finest. This Art Fair draws over 25,000 spectators annually and it is a perfect time to come downtown and enjoy wonderful art.

Bier Art Gallery offering Demonstration Day August 13

There will be a pottery and watercolor demonstration at Bier Art Gallery & Pottery Studio from 10 am to 5 pm on August 13th. Bier Gallery is located at the red and white schoolhouse 6 miles south of Charlevoix on US 31. This will be a great event to attend. For questions call the gallery at 547-2288.

Sidewalk Sales are August 18-20

Charlevoix area merchants host their annual Sidewalk Sales, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 18-20. It is a shopper's bonanza when everyone looks forward to fantastic sales!

Red Cross Bearable Art Auction is August 13

This auction to benefit the Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan is at Bay Harbor. Bear Preview is from 5:30 pm to 7 pm and the Live Auction starts at 7 pm. There will be cocktails & hors d'oeuvres. For ticket information or to leave a sealed bid call (231) 348-7666. The Chamber office has a supply of the brochures, "The Hunt for Bearable Art Bear Locator."

The Bluedogs performing at Antrim Dells Golf Course August 13

Back by popular demand The Bluedogs, a popular rhythm and blues band from Chicago, will be playing from 7 pm until midnight and will have their CD's available. A light dinner menu including prime rib, shrimp, and a salad bar is available 6 pm to 9 pm. There is no cover charge but dinner reservations are requested by calling 599-2113. Antrim Dells is located on US 31 in Atwood 12 miles south of Charlevoix.

Suzy Farbman program and book signing at Charlevoix Library Aug. 23

Suzy will speak of her trials and tribulations and her book "Back from Betrayal" at the Charlevoix Public Library on August 23rd at 7pm. Suzy will entertain questions and sign books.

C2 Gallery hosting Enchanting Designs for Faerie Fanciers on August 13

Come join C2 Gallery for fairies Marchella of Gossamer Glen. Marchella is an artist of Irish descent and has always centered her art on the fantasy world. In 1996 she began sculpting her fairies from clay. Marchella has a degree in cosmetology, which gives her fairies their uniquely perfect make-up and hair. Her fairies, which are between 1 1/2"-8", are sold internationally including England and Germany. The show will be held in an enchanted forest inside C2 from 3 to 7 pm. There will be appetizers, wine as well as a meet and greet with the artists.

Wine Tasting Fundraiser is August 19 at Esperance

Friday, August 19th from 6 to 8 pm at Esperance, 12853 US 31 North. Featuring Stu Devine of New Zealand's award winning Villa Maria Winery. $20.00 per person includes wine tasting and gourmet picnic fare. All proceeds from this event to benefit Charlevoix Public Schools visual arts program in partnership with the Charlevoix Council for the Arts.

Chamber Car Raffle Fundraiser is September 15th.

Our big car raffle fundraiser is September 15th at the Belvedere Club. For those of you who have not purchased your raffle ticket there's still time. This beautiful Ford Mustang convertible is displayed in front of the Chamber of Commerce. We hope you will support your Chamber by purchasing a ticket.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Aug 11	Chris Daminic Concert, downtown East Park 547-2101
Aug 12-13	The Hunt for Bearable Art 348-7666
Aug 12	Annual Meeting for Little Traverse Conservancy 347-0991
Aug 13	47th Annual Waterfront Art Fair 547-2675
Aug 13	Auction at Bearable Art – American Red Cross 348-7666
Aug 13	Cycling Salamander Demonstration Day 547-2333
Aug 13	Sail & Power Boats Auction 547-9967
Aug 13	Lions Club White Cane Weekend 547-2101
Aug 15-17	Crooked Tree Arts Center Yarn Dyeing 347-4337
Aug 17	Farmers Market at Castle Farms 237-0884
Aug 18	Mudbugs Concert, downtown East Park 547-2101
Aug 18-20	Charlevoix Sidewalk Sales 547-2101
Aug 19	Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre Steel Magnolias 877-616-2289
Aug 20	3rd Annual Odawa Jiimaan Challenge 348-3311
Aug 24	Farmers Market at Castle Farms 237-0884
Aug 25	University at Michigan Professor of Piano Dr. Louis Nagel Concert, downtown East Park 547-2101
Aug 31	Farmers Market at Castle Farms 237-0884
Sep 03	Evening Garden Club "Plant Sale" 599-3390
Sep 03-04	Royal Craft Shaw Castle Farms 237-0884
Sep 06	Annual Ice Cream Social – Historical Society 547-0373
Sep 07 & 14	Farmers Market at Castle Farms 237-0884
Sep 15	Chamber Raffle Fundraiser 547-2101

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Charlevoix resident joins African mission trip

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

You may have seen people on television pleading for 60 cents a day to help a starving child in Africa, but some local residents find they can help for a lot less.

According to Charlevoix resident, Al Simon, who is a volunteer with Joint Aid Management (JAM), the group provides food, clean water, education and skills training to hundreds of thousands of children all over Africa who otherwise might not have a chance — and they do it for $50 a year per child.

"These children would die, and they were dying," Simon said.

He added, "Even if they could survive, their mental capacity is so diminished many of them can't make it."

Genocide, poverty, war and famine are among the reasons there are so many orphaned children in Africa, not to mention the AIDs epidemic.

Thanks to the management program and it's many supporters, approximately 450,000 children have been fed, educated and given fresh water in places like Angola, Mozambique, Rwanda and South Africa.

Simon was one of a group of 25 from the Walloon Lake Community Church who traveled to Africa last October to help by stripping military vehicles and turning them into food hauling vehicles.

And, he added, "We grind food for ourselves and for the U.N. (United Nations) and they donate part of the food back to us."

They provide biscuits and dehydrated soup which has been enriched with vitamins and minerals then the huge military trucks haul the food to schools and orphanages.

Some members of the group, including Kevin Klevorn, who is the missions committee chairman and church board chairman at Walloon Lake Community Church, worked on securing the perimeter of the compound where they stayed.

"If it's not nailed down it's gone. We helped build an 8-foot high security fence with electrification on top," he said.

Klevorn said there is a 40 percent unemployment rate in South Africa and an extremely high rate of crime.

"There are two huge problems," Klevorn said. "One is the AIDs epidemic and the second is unemployment."

According to Simon, in spite of the turmoil the African people are facing, there haven't been any fatalities among the volunteer group he works with.

"We've been blessed," he said.

There have only been a couple incidents in the over 22 years the organization has been in existence.

"We had a rig blown apart in the Congo during an uprising," he said.

But, luckily, no one was injured.

Getting out of the area to help people who are in need is an important part of what the Walloon Lake Community

"We try to make it a habit to get out to keep missions on the forefront of what we do," he said. "The trip to (Africa) was probably the furthest we've gone as a church body."

Klevorn said there were people as young as eight or nine years old.

The organization's main goal is to educate while feeding the children so the kids can grow up to lead happy, productive lives.

"There are people in the government in Mozambique who came out of the orphanage," he said.

"Our intent was to get the kids to learn so we're not feeding them for the next 100 years," Simon said.

But, Simon added, while the organization was started to help children, no old, blind, crippled or pregnant individuals are ever turned away.

The program hopes to feed and educate one million children in the regions in which they operate by the year 2007.

JAM also helps find families for many of the orphaned children and drills wells for fresh water with a little over 200 wells being drilled and completed last year alone.

The area of South Africa they were in, about two hours from Johannesburg, is a 21 hour journey one-way but Klevorn said he wouldn't have given up the arduous and rewarding journey for anything.

"Walloon Lake is a church that has a heartbeat in the gospel," he said. "If we can keep it in front of the congregation that God is not a North American God he is a red, yellow, white, black in-between God, that's a good thing."

Klevorn said the mission group is looking into possible locations for their next mission. And, while he isn't sure where that will be, he knows there will be another.

"We always have something in the hopper," he said. "It really is an eye-opening experience to appreciate how much we really have in the United States."

Courtesy photo

Volunteers from the Walloon Lake Community Church take a break after turning what was once a military vehicle into a food hauling truck.

Klevorn said there are several ways to help needy kids, including sponsorships and volunteering.

"I think it's more than just feel good about doing something nice, it's definitely bigger than that, the opportunity to serve someone else and to be a servant to a full-time missionary on the mission field just has tremendous benefits in terms of seeing or having a different perspective on how good we have it here."

For those who would like to help JAM with a monetary donation, you can mail them to: JAM International, P. O. Box 455 Euless, TX 76039 USA or visit them on the web at www.jamusa.us.

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Accident reports show 10 dangerous intersections

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Intersections with traffic lights may be no safer than those with a stop sign.

According to a report drafted by officials with the Charlevoix City Police Department, traffic accidents in 2004 at the 10 major intersections in town were about even with years before.

"Some people think that a light at an intersection makes it safer, but I think these statistics show that signalized intersections are more dangerous than a non-signalized intersection," Halverson said.

Halverson said he hopes people will take notice of higher risk areas and keep that in mind when they are driving.

"Use that information to your advantage," he said. "Those intersections are high frequency accident areas, keep that in mind and keep a highly defensive driving posture."

Intersections drivers should be on the defensive at include Bridge Street and M-66, Garfield and Carpenter Streets, Park Avenue and Mason Street where there were 15, 10, nine, seven and five crashes respectively.

The accidents occurred at or near the intersections listed.

None of the 15 crashes near the Bridge Street and M-66 intersection involved bicycles or pedestrians, three involved commercial vehicles and 11 were rear end collisions.

"Obviously with rear end collisions most of those (drivers) are not paying attention," Halverson said.

Prospect at Petoskey Avenue, State Street at Mason Street, Michigan Avenue at Pine River Lane and State Street at Garfield Street each had four crashes.

"I think what we can learn from those statistics is that you should be in more of a defensive posture than an offensive posture when in that area to keep from becoming one of those numbers," he said.

According to Halverson, conflicts such as stoplights, driveways and stop signs tend to increase the chances of an accident.

"Mile for mile the expressway is the safest because of the lack of conflict," he said.

Halverson said some of the main distractions to drivers people should watch out for are talking to passengers, changing radio stations and talking on the phone.

Another thing people can do to reduce their chance of a serious car accident, is to lower their speed.

"Just because it's posted 25 or 35, you don't have to go that fast," Halverson said. "A lot of time it's the optimum speed but there are times where reduced speed is safer — sometimes you should go much less than that."

In 2003 in the State of Michigan there were 1,172 traffic related fatalities, with four occurring in Charlevoix.

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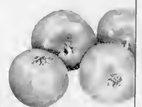

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Study of women's issues in the county released

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The Michigan Women's Commission in Lansing recently released "The Status of Michigan Women at the County Level," the group's first intensive study of women's issues in the state's 83 counties.

"The important thing about the report is that it expresses women's issues. There's still inequality that exists and needs our attention," said Judy Karandjeff, executive director of the women's commission, since May 2003. "Whether it's encouraging our daughters and granddaughters to get into professions with higher pay and benefits or gaining greater access to health care, there are a lot of issues women should be concerned about."

The categories and methods used in the report were developed by the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) last year and sponsored by the Ann Arbor-based James A. and Faith Knight Foundation.

The study's results are broken down into six concentrations per county including demographics; political participation; employment and earnings; social and economic autonomy; reproductive rights; and health and well-being.

According to the Women's Commission, there are 13,186 women living in Charlevoix County, 96.37 percent of which are classified as white. American Indian or Alaska Native women account for 1.49 percent of the county's female population, while those with mixed race account for 1.30 percent.

The percentage of county women, aged 15 or older, who are married is 61.81 percent, the study found. Divorcees make up 11.19 percent of county females, while widows make up 9.92 percent.

The employment and earnings category of the study states that the median annual income for women in Charlevoix County is $22,447. Women also make up 58.35 percent of the county's labor force.

In the social and economic autonomy category, the study found that 90.80 percent of women in Charlevoix County have health insurance. Also, the report states that 18.70 percent of county businesses are owned by women. The percentage of women in Charlevoix County living below the poverty line is 8.98 percent, the study reads.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent poverty report which was completed in 2003 and is available at www.census.gov, the poverty threshold for a family of four is an annual income at or below $18,660. For an individual over the age of 65, the poverty threshold is an annual income at or below $8,825.

Karandjeff said she hopes community members find enough significance in the study's figures to initiate discussion or spawn activist organizations.

"Where we need to work on most of these indicators is at the local level," she said. "In 2004, the biggest issue was men-to-women earnings and the fact that we (Michigan) ranked 49th in the nation."

The "Status of Women in Michigan at the County Level" states the ratio of female-to-male earnings in Charlevoix County is 69.16 cents for every $1.

In the reproductive rights category, the study found Charlevoix County's health plan for civil service employees does not cover infertility treatments or contraceptives. The percentage of women in the county receiving prenatal care in the first trimester of birth is 87.50, while the infant mortality rate in the county is 5.20 per 1,000 live births.

In the final health and well-being category, the study states women's mortality rate from heart disease in Charlevoix County is 214.51 per 100,000 women; from lung cancer is 96.16 per 100,000 women; and from breast cancer is 29.59 per 100,000 women. An estimated 830 women in the county aged 18 or older have diabetes, while less than 5 women aged 13 or older are living with HIV.

Intended as a "community research tool," the Women's Commission has made the study available online at www.michigan.gov/mdcr.

Two interns, one from the Women's Commission and one from the foundation, were responsible for the study's preliminary research, which took about six months to complete. Data was retrieved primarily through public records — the U.S. Census Bureau, Michigan Uniform Crime Reports, and county and health care association statistics. Cold calls accounted for a small portion of the research, mainly in the reproductive rights category.

A peculiar matter this year, Karandjeff said, is women's political participation — the study states that 81.52 percent of women in Charlevoix County were registered to vote in the 2004 general election, but only 56.73 percent cast ballots.

The primary benefit of the Women's Commission study lies in

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Study reveals women in county paid less than men

STUDY

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its publication of women's needs, said Linda DeGrow, former president of the Charlevoix Zonta Club – a nonpolitical advocacy group that addresses the plights of women worldwide, from educational opportunities to abuse and disease.

"We come off as a fairly affluent community," she said. "People with needs may not be so apparent. There is still a lot of need when it comes to issues such as abuse, neglect, domestic violence. The numbers certainly aren't dwindling with abuse rates."

Although appreciative of the study's intentions, DeGrow found its correlation between women's college education and professional occupations "hard to believe." According to the study, 28.80 percent of women in Charlevoix County are employed in management, professional and related occupations, but only 18.20 percent of women in the county have completed four or more years of college.

Karandjeff explained that data used for both statistics was derived from the 2000 U.S. Census. Even at the state level, she said, 31 percent of women hold professional occupations, but a lower percentage — about 20 percent — are reported to have finished four or more years of college.

Regardless of this explanation, DeGrow said the percentage of Charlevoix County women who hold bachelor's degrees or higher is "really low."

Karandjeff said the county-level study will be updated as new data becomes available, but highly doubts "The Status of Michigan Women at the County Level" will be initiated as an annual report. The U.S. Census, after all, is only taken every 10 years, she said.

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Courier receives award from state for coverage of veterans

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Michigan American Legion has awarded the Charlevoix Courier a plaque for continuing excellence in media coverage of American Legion events and news.

Last week, Bob Drebenstedt, director of the Charlevoix County office of veteran's affairs and vice commander of the American Legion, brought the plaque to the paper's Mason Street office.

"The paper has always been so generous toward coverage of veteran's affairs," Drebenstedt said. "We are a society of takers but we should give a 'thank you' back to the people who support us."

Coverage he pinpointed as evidence of the paper's commitment to area veterans includes publication of Sept. 11 ceremony information and pictures, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day event publicity and military news.

"You keep the names of veterans out there," he said.

Drebenstedt submitted paperwork for the award in early July to the state governing chapter of the American Legion veterans organization and received information and the plaque early this month.

"This shows that Charlevoix ranks right up there with the big newspapers in recognizing veterans organizations," he said.

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Courier editor Julie Witthoeft accepts an award from Bob Drebenstedt, vice commander of the American Legion, for continuing excellence in media coverage of American Legion events and news.

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Coldwell welcomes new Realtor, Trip McNamara

Trip McNamara has joined the Charlevoix office of Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors.

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"I'm very excited to be with Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors," McNamara said. "The firm has an excellent reputation, and the tools that I have access to now, from the Internet and Intranet sites to mailing lists, will make it very easy to build my business and assist my clients."

McNamara has generated over $100 million in sales in northern Michigan over the course of his career. Most recently he was with Bay Harbor, which he helped open in 1994. He specializes in project developments.

"I'm really happy to be with the team that Mark Knapp is building here in Charlevoix," McNamara said. "After meeting with him and with (company CEO) Ken Schmidt, it was obvious this would be a good move for me and for all the people I work with."

Knapp and Schmidt are both pleased to have McNamara on board.

"Trip has a very good and well-earned reputation in the area," Knapp said.

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Consumers Energy reports record setting energy use

Heavy air conditioner use drove customer demand for electricity to record high levels Aug. 2-3 on Consumers Energy's system.

According to preliminary data, the total load on the utility's system hit an all-time record peak of 8,510 megawatts between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Aug. 3. That broke the day-old record of 8,376 megawatts set between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. Aug. 2.

Before the back-to-back records, the previous all-time high was 8,347 megawatts set on Aug. 7, 2001.

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SPORTS

Lake Charlevoix Mariners wrap up season with a loss

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Lake Michigan Mariners travel baseball team finished their travel baseball season, losing in the second round of the American Legion Post 35 Junior Baseball Championship in Traverse City recently.

The Mariners defeated Larry Shugart Builders of Traverse City, 13-7 in first round play, but lost to Jacklin Painting of Glen Lake, 16-2 in second-round action. Jacklin Painting went on to win first-place in the tournament. They also finished first in the American Legion regular season.

Even though the Mariners did not play in the league's regular season, the Mariners were allowed to participate in the league's playoffs.

Against Shugart, the game was tied 6-6 at the end of the regulation six innings. Shugart had runners on second and third with two outs in the bottom of the sixth but Eddie Waldron induced a ground out to Mariner second baseman Drew Klooster to get Lake Michigan out of the inning.

After the Mariners were shut out in the top of the seventh, Shugart put runners on second and third with one out but Lake Michigan's Eddie Waldron got two straight strikeouts to end the threat.

In the top of the eighth, the Mariners broke the game open with seven runs. The key hit was a two-run single by Nate Golovich with one out in the inning.

Eddie Waldron was the winning pitcher, throwing seven innings, allowing only three hits and striking out eight. He also was 4 for 4 at the plate, scoring four runs and driving in one. Danny Waldron pitched the eighth inning and struck out three in a hitless inning of relief.

Klooster singled, walked, scored two runs and drove in one. Michael Heckendom was 1 for 3 with two walks, a run and an RBI. Joey Anthony was 2 for 4, was hit by a pitch, scored a run and drove one in. Sam Balasz had the other Mariner hit.

Against Jacklin, three Lake Michigan pitchers struggled with their control, walking 13 in the four inning game. After a scoreless first inning, Jacklin broke the game open with a six-run second inning, driving losing pitcher Ty Telgenhof from the game.

Danny Waldron and Heckendom finished up in relief. The Mariners managed only three hits — a double by Telgenhof and singles by Heckendom and Balasz. Anthony and Ethan Towsley both walked twice.

The Traverse City tournament was the fourth of the summer for the Mariners, comprised of 15 and 16 year old players from Charlevoix and Harbor Springs. The team had earlier competed in Brighton, Farmington Hills and Grand Blanc.

J.V. Cheerleading tryouts set for Aug. 15 at high school

Freshmen and sophomores attending Charlevoix High School for the 2005-2006 school year are invited to tryout for the junior varsity cheerleading team.

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THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Subsections 5.7 (8) - (10) are renumbered as subsections 5.7 (9) - (11) All text remains the same.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 5.5.
Section 5.5 of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby amended to add two new subsections (1b) and (1c) which shall read in their entirety as follows:

(1b) Adult Foster Care Facility: A governmental or non-governmental establishment that provides foster care to adults.

(1c) Age-Restricted Independent Housing or Assisted Living Facility: A housing development legally restricted to persons age 62 or older which may consist of either independent of assisted living residential units and associated amenities.

SECTION 3. Amendment of Section 5.7.

Section 5.7 of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby amended to add a new subsection (8) which shall read in its entirety as follows:

(8) Home for the Aged: A supervised personal care facility, other than a hotel, adult foster care facility other than a hotel, adult foster care facility, hospital, nursing home, or county medical care facility that provides room, board, and supervised personal care to 21 or more unrelated, non-transient, individuals 60 years of age or older. Home for the Aged includes a supervised personal care facility for 20 or fewer individuals 60 years of age or older if the facility is operated in conjunction with and as a distinct part of a licensed nursing home.

SECTION 4. Adding new section Section 5.65.
Section 5.65 is hereby added to the Charlevoix City Code reads in its entirety as follows:

5.65 Uses Authorized by Special Use Permit.
An Adult Foster Care Facility, Age-Restricted Independent Housing or Assisted Living Facility, or Home for the Aged may be authorized as a special use in this zone district, provided that an application is submitted for a special use permit and approved in accordance with the procedures, provisions, and standards of Article VIII of this Chapter and provided the following additional requirements are met:

A. The minimum site area for an Age-Restricted Independent Housing or Assisted Living Facility shall be one acre.

B. Required unoccupied yards, front, rear or side shall be thrity-five (35) feet.

C. Maximum building lot coverage shall be thrity (30) percent.

D. The length and/or width of the building mass within fifty (50) feet of a side or rear property line which abuts property in the R-1 or R-2 Districts, as it will exist in elevation view(s) along the property line shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the length of the property line.

E. Individual living units, exclusive of common areas within Age-Restricted Independent Housing and Assisted Living Facilities shall be not less than three hundred thirty-five (335) sq. ft. for efficiency units, five hundred (500) sq. ft. for one bedroom units and six hundred twenty (620) sq. ft. for two bedroom units.

F. Area requirements for Adult Foster Care Facilities and Homes for the Aged shall meet State of Michigan licensing requirements.

G. Parking shall be provided as required by Article IV.

H. The minimum distance between land parcels developed for Age-Restricted Independent Housing or Assisted Living Facilities shall be 1,320 feet.

SECTION 5. Amendment of Section 5.82(23).
Section 5.82(23) of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby amended by adding subsection (c) as follows:

5.82(23)(c) Uses Authorized by Special Use Permit.
An Adult Foster Care Facility, Age Restricted Independent Housing or Assisted Living Facility, or Home for the Aged may be authorized as a special use in this zone district, provided that an application is submitted for a special use permit and approved in accordance with the procedures, provisions, and standards of Article VIII of this Chapter and provided the requirements of Section 5.65 are met.

SECTION 6. Addition of Section 5.103.
Section 5.103 is added to the Charlevoix City Code reads in its entirety as follows:

5.103 Uses Authorized by Special Use Permit.
An Adult Foster Care Facility, Age-Restricted Independent Housing or Assisted Living Facility, or Home for the Aged may be authorized as a special use in this zone district, provided that an application is submitted for a special use permit and approved in accordance with the procedures, provisions, and standards of Article VIII of this Chapter and provided the requirements of Section 5.65 are met.

SECTION 7. Amendment of Subsection 5.214(1)(c).
Subsection 5.214(1)(c) of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

(c) Housing for the elderly. For each Age-Restricted Independent Housing Facility, one (1) parking space shall be provided per dwelling unit. For each Assisted Living Facility, one (1) parking space shall be provided for every three (3) dwelling units. In addition, for both types of facilities, one (1) parking space shall be provided for every two (2) staff employees on the maximum working shift.

SECTION 7. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 1st day of August, 2005.
Motion by: Bill Haggard
Seconded by: Bob Timms

Ordinance No. 705-05 was adopted on the 1st day of August, 2005, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:
Yeas: Timms, Bellows, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard
Nays: None
Absent: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

Norman Carlson, Mayor

SPORTS

Junior Golf ends busy season with luncheon

The Charlevoix County Junior Golf program concluded its tenth summer of providing golf lessons and competition for the youth of Northern Michigan.

The Belvedere Club hosted the final event of the year, the awards and picture day.

This summer, 141 youth registered with the majority from Charlevoix, but a good number came from Petoskey and Boyne City. Also represented were Harbor Springs, Alanson, East Jordan and Ellsworth.

Juniors played at five local clubs, including the Charlevoix Country Club, the Belvedere Golf Club, the Charlevoix Municipal, Antrim Dells and Dunmaglas.

The program champions were: Aaron Bradley who captured the boy's 14-17 year old flight, Kyle Parker won the 12-13 year boys' flight, while Molly Cahill captured the girl's crown. Casey Sharrow won the boy's 10-11 year old trophy, while Amanda Grubbs captured the girl's championship. Fletcher Ekern and Jackson Buday tied in the 8-9 year old boy's flight while Kelly Parker took the girl's title.

In the Venetian Carey Cup tournament, winners were: 14 and over flight champion Jerry Christin. In the 12-13 year olds flight the winner was Kyle Parker for the boys while Ellie McFalls captured the girl's championship. In the 10-11 flight the winner was Eric Buday. Jackson Buday won the boy's 8-9 title with Ana Voci winning the girls' flight.

In the Sunday night league, the Spartans won to go undefeated for the season. Winning team members included; Kyle Parker, Morgan Stewart, Evan Themm, Jay Cahill, Nolan Ager, Ellie McFalls, Charles Sherman, Peter Londgren and Mac Ernst. Coaches for the Spartans were Mary Bradley and Lil Left.

In the special league scramble the championship flight was won hy Aaron Bradley, John Holloran and Billy Smith of the Chippewa's. The first flight title was won by the Spartans team of Jay Cahill, Nolan Ager and Charlie Sherman.

Scholarship winners that received a free week of golf instruction at Ferris State University's Golf Academy included Logan Klein. Aaron Schnackenberg, Alex Foster, Nic Williams, Ty Jones, Gunner Whitley and Jordan VanMeter. Post season scholarships to the Boyne Academy were awarded to Beau Boss and Charlie Sherman.

Executive Director, Dean Davenport, was especially pleased with the program this year.

"Our mentor program had over 300 adults that committed to attending each session and that allowed us a safe teaching and playing environment. Both the Belvedere and the Charlevoix Country Club provide incentives which rewarded our mentors, and as a result, our program continues to improve," Davenport said.

"The secret to our success is simple; caring adult mentors, devoted teaching professionals and local courses willing to set aside prime time for youngsters, all have combined for an outstanding program, for which Charlevoix can be proud," he added.

A few juniors did not pick up their color, framed picture during the award day and can not pick them up at the Aartvark Studio and Gallery on Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

The Charlevoix Country Club will salute the Junior Golf Mentors by hosting them to a morning of golf and a luncheon today, Aug. 10. Those planning to attend are asked to call (231) 547-6433 to make a reservation.

Yacht Club racers continue to duke it out on the lake

Charlevoix Yacht Club summer series results after six races with two drops: The final number of drops for the summer series will be changed from two to three to account for the confusion on July 6 due to a change of course.

Race results provided by Mike Miller, committee chair, and Keith Attee, co-committee chair.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (4); 2 — Blasen IV (7); 3 — Exitus (9); 4 — Sonnet (12); 5 — Apothecary (13).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Tie: Lost Vermonter and Tireless (5); 3 — Tie: Artemis and Cygnus (11); 5 — Original Sin (16).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (4); 2 — Tie: Stringthing and Paleface Lite (7); 4 — Suzie Q (16); 5 — Four Play (17); 6 — Booma (20); 7 — Scurry (26.5); 8 — What's Her Name (30.5); 9 — M3 (31); 10 — Fairret (32.5).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (4); 2 — Gotcha! (7); 3 — Kamikazee (11); 4 — Sail La Vie (13); 5 — MJ2 (19).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Moxie (5); 2 — Northern Light (7); 3 — Affinity (8); 4 — Padawan 2 (13); 5 — Windrunner (19).

4-H tennis offered to Charlevoix County residents Aug. 20 and 27

Charlevoix County 4-H Youth Development will once again offer a quality tennis program at Rotary Park in Boyne City.

Sessions are available for children 5-14 years of age from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 20 and 27.

Cost is $15 for one session and $25 for both sessions. The registration deadline is Monday, Aug. 15. Register at the Charlevoix County 4-H office in Boyne City, located at 319B N. Lake Street.

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Kur's request for disqualification denied

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A motion made by former Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney Mary Beth Kur in Emmet County District Court alleging bias on the part of Judge Richard May was recently denied.

Kur filed a motion in April with the Emmet County 90th District Court to disqualify Judge May, who covers both Charlevoix and Emmet counties, from hearing her cases in both counties.

In July, Grand Traverse County Circuit Court Judge Philip Rogers reviewed briefs issued by attorneys of both Kur and Judge May and ruled that there was not enough evidence of personal bias to justify disqualification of Judge May.

"In the few cases I've had since Judge Rogers' decision, I've felt my clients were treated fairly," Kur said.

At this time, Kur said she does not intend to appeal Judge Rogers' decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals.

"I'm going to take a wait and see attitude," she said.

Kur, entered private practice with the Petoskey firm Schmoll, Martin & Kur Jan. 1, 2005 after losing the August 2004 primary election to her former assistant prosecutor and current Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema.

She claims Judge May supported Jarema, who she went toe to toe with in a lengthy legal battle before the election, and this support has effected his decisions.

On March 7, 2005 Jarema hired Mark Muniak to the Charlevoix County Assistant Prosecutor's seat.

Prior to accepting the position, Muniak was a member of the four-person consortium of attorneys called the Charlevoix County Defense Team. This consortium has contracted with the county since June of 2003 to provide court appointed attorney services to indigent criminal defendants.

Muniak's resignation from the consortium left a vacancy and Kur was nominated by the remaining members of the defense team to fill the slot.

Under the current contract, the consortium's nomination must be approved by both Judge May and Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas and is ultimately ratified by the Charlevoix County Commission.

Kur claims Judge May's alleged bias surfaced in his printed recommendation which advised against hiring her.

In a written statement to the commissioners, dated March 22, 2005, Judge May said, "I do not believe that the recommended appointment o Mary Beth Kur as a court appointed attorney is in the best interest of the community, the operation of the 90th District Court, or for defendants."

He went on to say that his position in the matter was based on past and current litigation facing the county. Litigation he alluded to includes two Whistleblower's Act claims against

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Hunter's education classes offered at Rod and Gun Club

A Hunter Education Clinic will take place Aug. 20 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club.

Registration for the clinic will be at 8:30 a.m. in the clubhouse. The days activities will conclude at 4 p.m. There will be a lunch break, and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

This clinic is open to all area residents regardless of age and is required of all first-time hunting license buyers born since Jan. 1, 1960.

Students under 11 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent or guardian or other adult, designated and provided by the parent or guardian, during the course.

A testing session, for those who complete the clinic will be held at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club at 6 p.m. on Aug. 22. Attendance is mandatory at both sessions to receive the Hunter Education Certificate.

For more information about the sessions call Jim Mansen at (231) 547-6862. This clinic is free and conducted with the help of the Department of Natural Resources, members of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club and volunteer instructors from the area.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club is located north of Charlevoix off U.S. 31.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Kenneth Goodrich and Janee Goodrich a/k/a Janie Goodrich, husband and wife to First National Bank of Gaylord, organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2003 and recorded March 12, 2003 in Liber 523, Page 876, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through **mesne** assignments to: Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, by assignment dated January 20, 2005 and recorded February 10, 2005 in Liber 666, Page 454, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Five Cents ($330,615.05) including interest 4.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, September 2, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 32 North, Range 4 West. Commonly known as: 5325 and 5303 Kuznaick Rd., Elmira MI 49730 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: JULY 26, 2005 Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-36500 ASAP714401

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Korkus, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002 and recorded March 1, 2002 in Liber 460, Page 517, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seven and 19/100 Dollars ($336,307.19) including interest at the rate of 8.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 167 and 168, Villa De Charlevoix, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 174 through 178, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are lim-ited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 3, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.3306 ASAP715019

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 28th day of September, 2001, by Debra J. Hinton, a single woman, to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, n/k/a Northwestern Bank, and recorded on November 8, 2001, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 442, page 529, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINE AND 48/100 DOLLARS ($71,409.48) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, September 16, 2005 at 11:00 o=clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 9, NETTLETON=S ADDITION to the Village of South Arm, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof. Also, the West 8 feet of alley which was vacated in Liber 221, page 278, Charlevoix County Records abutting said lots. City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Margaret M. Duerr, Deceased

Date of Birth: July 25, 1912

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Margaret M. Duerr, who lived at 105 Park Avenue, #2 Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died July 26, 2005. She was the Co-Settlor of the Charles A. Duerr and Margaret M. Duerr Trust Agreement (the "Trust") dated September 20, 1991. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent will be forever barred unless presented to Charles A. Duerr, Jr., named Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Library tour

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees has invited the community to a "Hard Hat Sneak Peek" party.

The open house will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Aug. 10. Participants are asked to stop by the Clark Construction trailer on the site at 220 Clinton St. for an update on the library project and a tour of the building.

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will provide light refreshments.

To view the demolition photos, visit the library Web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

Preserve dedication

The public is invited to join the Little Traverse Conservancy in dedicating the newest nature preserve along the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road corridor.

The 29-acre Undine Preserve was generously protected by Charlevoix residents Mike and Rhea Dow.

A brief celebration will take place at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 11 at the property which is located approximately 2.5 miles west of Horton Bay on the north side of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

For more information, contact the conservancy office at (231) 347-0991.

Concerts in the park

Charlevoix Concerts in the Park series presents Chris Dominic at 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, in downtown Charlevoix's East Park.

Please bring your own seating. In case of rain the concert will be at the First Congregational Church.

Future Concerts: 8 p.m. Aug. 18 the Petoskey based band the Mudbugs will play a mix of traditional Cajun and Creole music from southwest Louisiana.

At 8 p.m. Aug. 25 Charlevoix will host the University of Michigan band. This program, by Professor of Piano, Dr. Louis Nagel, is a recreation of the pieces presented when Sigismond Thalberg and Franz Liszt had their famous 1837 competition in the salon of Precenss Beljioso.

Benefit concert

Members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will join 14-year-old Charlevoix resident Andy Tuck under the direction of conductor David Holland to perform a benefit concert to help fund Tuck's education at Interlochen Arts Academy.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. Aug. 11 at Castle Farms. Pre and post concert gatherings will take place with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres provided by Esperance.

Tickets are $25 and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop.

Children's Art Fair

Charlevoix Public Library presents Children's Art Fair Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The art fair is open to children of all ages and any artistic medium.

There is no limit to number of entries per child. Art work must be dropped off at the Charlevoix Public Library between July 12 and Aug. 11.

Call (231) 547-2651 for any questions.

Gardening classes

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class "Heavenly Hydrangeas" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

Pine Hill is also offering a free class "Gardening for Fragrance" at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17.

Call (231) 599-2824 to register. Pine Hill Nursery is located on US-31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

Reunion

The Hull-Shore Family Reunion at Wooden Shoe Park in Ellsworth is from 12 to 8 p.m., Aug. 13.

Meat is provided. Bring a dish to pass, your own table setting and drink. Stems family auction, and quilt square for family quilt.

Contact Bonnie Lemieur (231) 536-3086 and Eveyln Hull (231) 544-6644.

Book signing

At 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 "Aaron's Crossing" author Linda Alice Dewey will appear for a book signing at the Bridge Street Book Shop located at 407 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

For more information call (231) 547-7323

Retired federal employee lunch

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, Aug. 16, at the Petoskey Friendship Center.

After lunch, Brian Mandeville from Social Security will discuss Medicare — including Part D, Prescription Drugs. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Retired school employee lunch

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet for a lunchcon at noon Aug. 16 at the Dilworth in Boyne City. U.S. Army Specialist Jeff Riley will speak on his experience in Iraq. All retired school personnel are invited to attend and bring a guest.

For more information contact Suzanne Frisk at (231) 347-4679.

4-H golf

4-H Par 3 Golf is being offered for four consecutive Monday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Boyne Rapids Golf, located on M-75 south.

Playing and learning the game of golf will be the major emphasis. Ages include 5-19 and adults, and parents are welcome and encouraged to play golf with their child. Youth and adult rates $8 per golf game.

For more information or questions contact Becky Palmiter at (231) 582-3734.

CPR classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital: From 6-9 p.m. Aug. 31 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B; 6-9 p.m. Sept. 7 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B; and from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 14 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is $30. There is a price reduction for the 3 class series.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. For more information call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

Historical exhibit

The Charlevoix Historical Society exhibit on Charlevoix's Native-American residents, "Ancient Charlevoix," will be on display through Labor Day at the Depot Museum. The display includes recovered artifacts from the Pine River Channel dig on ground under the LaCroft condos date back to circa 1500 B.C. The display is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Labor Day weekend.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15.

If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Stratford trip

The Jordan River Arts Council will host its annual trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada Sept. 23-25.

Trip participants will leave at noon from East Jordan Sept. 23. For more information, call Barbara Worgess at (231) 536-2092.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

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A look at Charlevoix residents from 1940

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

It was a slower time in the 1940s, when people were content with what they had, and everyone knew their neighbors well. There were always those who stood out around town and reminiscing about them is always interesting.

Marie McCall was such a person. She lived at 110 E. Hurlbut. She was the widow of Andrew. You could find her often at Schroeder's Drug Store, with her friends. She was a very cheerful lady, and always attended every basketball game, being and avid fan of the Rayders.

Clarence and Blanch McCalmon lived at 211 W. Lincoln. Their children were Michael and Maxine.

Dale McCann was a clerk at Milton Block's Store. He lived at 106 W. Lincoln. John McCann was a baker and lived at 104 W. Lincoln. Rose McCann was a widow (James) and lived at 605 State Street. Daniel McCann also lived there. He was a laborer.

Michael McCarthy and his wife, Florence, lived at 703 Bridge. He was a meat cutter for Martin Block Groceries and Meats. "Mac" was quite a story teller and a very comical butcher.

Lawrence and Alice McClanathan lived at 211 E. Lincoln they had a son, William. Lawrence was a laborer.

Joseph McCormick was a clerk for the Pere Marquette Railway. He and his wife, Alma, lived at 907 Bride Street.

Eva McDonald was a widow. She lived at 310 E. Dixon Avenue. John and Mary McDonald lived at 314 Prospect. They had a son, Charles. John was a lighthouse keeper and Mary was from Beaver Island, and was a very neat housekeeper. Charles later worked for Schroeder's Drug Store, and he and a little Volkswagen. Dale talked him into taking it out to the water hole that covered a section of Bells Bay Road in the spring of the year. Charles got halfway across the water and the car started to float. He kept his foot on the gas to keep the wheels spinning and this propelled the car to the other side of the water hole.

Robert and Sophrona McDermott and children, Robert Jr., Joseph, Catherine and Bettie lived at 111 E. Upright. A son, Robbie was born later. Robert was a fisherman.

Franklin and Lila McFarland owned the Parkside Dining Room. They were known for their good food and mile high lemon pie. They lived at 101 E. Garfield. Their Children were: Betty, Charline, and twins, Mona and Dona. they had the first air conditioned building in Charlevoix. They pumped water from Round Lake through a set of coils with fans behind, to dispel cold air inside the restaurant. The case it was in was a big metal one, with fans and coils contained inside it.

James and Mary McGeah lived at 309 E. Dixon. He was a contractor. They also served dinners in their home to the resort trade in the summer time.

Eva McGhan was a housekeeper, and lived at 810 Bridge. Lu Vern McGhan lived on Route 3, and was a driver for the Charlevoix Co-op. Lyda McGhan was a widow (Albert) and she and her children Marie and Marion, lived at 704 Grant.

Omer McKinnon was an attendant. He and his wife, Dorothy and son John, lived at 1302 Bridge Street.

Margaret McLean was a widow (John). She lived at 112 W. Lincoln.

Lottie McMillan was a widow (Donald), who lived with her children, James and Viola at 203 Ferry Avenue. Archie also lived there, as did Pearl. Fraley F. McMillan was a physician, and he and his wife, Hazel, lived at 219 Park Avenue. His office was located at 213 1/2 Bridge St. He was also Vice President of the Charlevoix State Savings Bank.

Jennie McRoberts was a widow (Eugene) and lived at 104 E. Lincoln.

Daniel McSauby was a carrier for the Charlevoix Post Office, and he and his sons, Louis and Fred lived at 508 Newman. Fred was a laborer. Dan was the first Native American to carry house to house mail for the U.S. Postal Service. He always looked very sharp and dignified in his U.S. Postal Service uniform.

Nell Meech was a widow (Darwin) and lived at 202 Mason Street. She took care of children in trouble in her home, which had bars on the windows. She lived adjacent to the county jail on Antrim Street. The home was situated on a drive which went past the jail from Antrim to Mason Street.

Mark Meek was a partner with Ira Davis and they owned the Colonial Club, located Meech Street. Frank Poole, Sam King, and Albert Novotny were local men who parked cars for the establishment, and kept track of people who came there. They made sure no locals were allowed in to gamble. They didn't want locals to lose money, so they could keep the gambling secret. The Colonial Club in Charlevoix, and the Club Manitou, outside of Harbor Springs were the two largest gambling houses in the State of Michigan. This, of course, was illegal. Dale remembers Albert telling of all the secret walls the building had. These walls folded up to cover the gambling equipment. When the law came in to investigate, everything was normal. Bob Miles used to say that the Governor of Michigan had license plate number 1, and the owner of the club had license plate number 2. Dale remembers going with his dad into the back door to deliver ice cream to Mr. Gatti, who ran the kitchen for the club.

Clarence and Edna Miles lived at 111 Park Avenue. He was a decorator. His son, Keith, also lived there. Robert and Esther Miles lived at 109 Park Avenue. Bob was a noted photographer, and owned Miles Studio. I had pictures taken there as a child, and he also took them of my children in later years. Bob was a good friend and I have a lovely Petoskey stone pen holder he made and gave me. He spent many, many hours cataloging old Charlevoix pictures, and was responsible for taking many of them, and collecting them from others. These are on display in the Harsha House Museum on State Street. Bob and Esther had two sons, Robert and David. David has taken his place at the museum, and continues to work with old pictures, and artifacts. He has a wealth of information in his head, and he presents programs, and has been on local TV, bringing most interesting aspects of Charlevoix history to the area. Walker and Sylvia Miles lived with their children, Suzanne, Clara and Bard at 202 Belvedere. He was a mail carrier. He was featured in Ripley's "Believe it or not' in the syndicated newspapers. The reason: His name was Walker Miles and he did walk miles every day.

Such were some of the people in 1940.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Kur that were filed during her time as prosecutor. One was filed by Jarema following his termination and another by two former county employees.

In Judge May's memo to the commissioners he said that based on these cases he would not endorse her as a consortium member.

"I am not comfortable that decisions are going to be made solely upon what is in the best interest of clients. With other qualified attorneys available, I am not willing to create situations that may continue to add fuel to these disputes, to the detriment of defendant's cases," he said in the statement.

While Judge May declined to recommend Kur for the vacancy, Judge Pajtas gave her a glowing recommendation which included references to her ethics, skills and accuracy.

"It is a privilege to recommend Mary Beth Kur for the position of public defender," he wrote in a September 17, 2004 recommendation.

Judge Pajtas wrote a second recommendation on March 23, 2005 consenting to the hiring of former assistant prosecutor Kerry Zahner for the public defender's opening. In that letter, he spelled out that his consent for Zahner's hiring in no way trumped his recommendation in favor of hiring Kur.

On April 13, 2005 the commission approved hiring Zahner.

On April 14 and 15 Judge May oversaw a hearing for Kur's motion to recuse himself from any cases she is involved in. At that hearing Judge May decided to deny the motion, claiming he could be fair.

According to Kur a claim she filed against Judge May on May 2 with the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission remains active.

Paul Fischer, executive director of the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission, said he could not confirm any details of this because complaints are filed under the rules of confidentiality. However, he did say the commission has not issued a formal complaint against Judge May.

Judge May was unavailable for comment.

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Officials aim at sex offenders

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The incident involving Arthur Kirk a repeat sex offender working as a contracted employee for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (ISD) has prompted some local leaders to act.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, parents and legislators can't afford to wait to keep their children safe from sexual predators.

"Michigan wake up. Our children are being abused and reabused by perpetrators," Lasater said. "I think the current situation we're involved in with the Americorp representative being a past convicted pedophile with three previous charges prompted our concern that there are holes in the system."

Lasater and Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema have both requested State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer and State Senator Jason Allen introduce a bill which would mandate complete criminal histories including fingerprints for all employees and volunteers who work with juveniles.

"They were very interested in assisting with public entities," Lasater said. "They have reservations about private entities, but I feel very strongly that whatever agency has dealings with our youth should go through the same background."

He added that citizens concerned about the safety of their children should contact state representatives in Lansing and make those concerns known.

Lasater said, if a more extensive background check would have been in place, the sex offender never would have been contracted to work with children in Charlevoix.

"If it's unrealistic for private entities such as Boy Scouts and summer camps to perform fingerprinting, then waive the fee of the prints and let's just get this done," Lasater said.

Not only did Allen and Elsenheimer introduce a bill mandating the use of fingerprints and background checks, the two have come up with a package of bills designed to help protect children from sexual predators both in and near schools.

"We've got an entire package called the Student Safety Initiative on this topic. Kevin Elsenheimer and I are working on it and we're trying to put something together," Allen said. "We will continue to work with the sheriff and prosecutor."

Some of the major sections of the Student Safety Initiative are meant to keep schools and daycare centers free of employees or

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Navy trains in Charlevoix for deployment

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Special Warfare Combatant Crewmen (SWCC) with the United States Navy were in Charlevoix last week doing special warfare training.

On Aug. 12 the Navy group from San Diego, Calif. was at Ferry Beach, prepping rigid hull inflatable boats spanning 11 meters in length, for a day of water training.

According to Teri Alexander, a lieutenant commander and public affairs officer with the Navy, the crewman, called "Swieks," are part of the Navy's special warfare team. They are in charge of operating vessels that bring in and take out Navy Seals.

"This is a highly respected group," Alexander said.

She explained that this exercise was conducted in conjunction with an overall training regiment to prep soldiers for the global war on terrorism.

"This is preparation for units before they will be deployed overseas," she said.

Alexander would not comment as to when deployment was scheduled citing security and safety reasons.

She said that during the month of August, about 700 military personnel from various units will be trained at locations around northern Michigan. The training base is located in Alpena.

"The Alpena area is an excellent training site," she said.

She said the variety of environmental conditions in this area help prepare soldiers for changing circumstances they may face.

Alexander declined to comment as to whether other personnel will be trained in Charlevoix or when the group arrived and left during last week's training regiment.

"I am not allowed to release information about travel dates due to security," she said.

This tight lipped approach to the training even kept local officials in the dark.

On Friday, Aug. 12, Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson said he was unaware of the mission and said the crewmen might be affiliated with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Chief of Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, John McLean, said he didn't know they were here until spotting them on their way out of town late last week.

"See how secretive that is," he said.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

Special Warfare Combatant Crewmen (SWCC) with the United States Navy were in Charlevoix last week doing special warfare training. Both of the pictures published were taken at Ferry Beach.

On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Brandon Lee Mateos, 24, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. $260 in fines and costs.

Brandon Joseph Murray, 19, East Jordan. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. To complete 60 hours of community service work; to attend zero tolerance class; $100 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Esterhouse, 1001 May Street #703, Charlevoix, by Kathleen A Murdick

Zazen Gallery, 405 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, by Thomas Stawson and Judith Kern

Simply Clean, 106 Fourth Street, East Jordan, by Lois C. Brewer

Clayton's Corner Farm, 05767 Loomis Road, East Jordan, by Fritz C. Healey, Jr.

Christopher Fair, D.C., 5 West Main, Suite H, Boyne City, by Christopher D. Fair

Beaver Island Golf Course, P.O. Box 82, Beaver Island, by Carolyn J.V. Works and John Works, Jr.

J.A.K. Unlimited, 03500 Hickcox Road, East Jordan, by Gary Legato

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David Mitchel Kilmer, 26 and Ashley Kristine Olsen, 25 both of Boyne Falls

Daniel Ward Pardee, 26 and Elizabeth Louise Grunch, 28 both of Charlevoix

Joshua Allen Bush, 23 and Amanda Renee Eaton, 25 both of Boyne City

Jeffrey Alan Kelly, 38 and Mary Margaret Newton, 39 both of Charlevoix

Jeffery Lawrence Brooks, 43 and Zoe Jean McKinley, 49 both of East Jordan

Chad William James, 26 and Amanda Lynn Quick, 28 both of East Jordan

Divorce

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Kristie Lee vs. Arthur Lee II

Births

Melissa Marie Russell weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces was born to Pat and Tammy Russell of East Jordan on Aug. 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Cody. Grandparents are Arlane Russell of East Jordan, Susan Hague of East Jordan, David Hague of East Jordan.

Wyatt L. Gotts weighing 10 pounds, 2 ounces was born to Richard and Marlena Gotts of East Jordan on Aug. 3, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Wessley D. Gotts. Grandparents are Calvin and Gayle Gotts of East Jordan and Sheila and Robert Wilson of Boyne City.

Harper Michael Blaauw-Hara weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces was born to Mark and Jaffii Blaauw-Hara of Boyne City on Aug. 5, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Joad, 3. Grandparents are Fred and Vicki Blaauw of Vanderbilt and Ed and Sally Hara of Boyne City.

Cameron Matthew O'Keefe weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born to Matthew O'Keefe and Angela Christopher of Boyne City on Aug. 8, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Reanna Mae Rose weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born to Savanna Bartz and Tohy Rose of East Jordan on Aug. 9, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Renea Morris of East Jordan and Randy and Patty Rose of East Jordan.

Iziah Chase Potter, weighing eight pounds, three ounces, was born to Nicole Allman and David Potter of Bellaire and Ellsworth respectively, on Aug. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Iziah's sibling is Arianna. Grandparents are Lucinda Blackall of Bellaire, William Allman Sr. of Medina, N.Y. and Franklin Potter of East Jordan. Great-grandparents are Zilda Coolsen of Bellaire and Quin Potter of Charlevoix.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Aug. 9	89	67	—
Aug. 10	85	68	.12
Aug. 11	77	59	.01
Aug. 12	76	63	.83
Aug. 13	77	63	.05
Aug. 14	73	57	—
Aug. 15	74	55	—

Deputy and daughter recover stolen canoes

A local dad and daughter duo helped in the recovery of stolen canoes.

Off-duty Deputy Westrick from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office had picked up his 12-year-old daughter, Andrea, from Camp Daggett and was driving her home. She was telling her father stories of the great time she had had at the Charlevoix County camp when about 15 miles from camp she observed a pick-up truck being loaded with numerous canoes at a home along side of the road. Andrea told her dad, "The two red canoes were stolen from Camp Daggett."

Andrea was sure because she had read the wanted posters hung up around the camp describing the stolen canoes. And said the two canoes were missed because campers did not have enough for recreation.

Deputy Westrick approached the young adults loading the canoes and identified himself. The trio had a story lined up and had taken measure to disguise the canoes identity. Deputy Westrick was unsure and left the group and drove home. Andrea said the canoes had "New seats just like the wanted poster."

Later, the Deputy Westrick began his duty shift and made it a point to check the situation one more time. After questioning suspects and friends the subjects were convinced to tell the truth.

They had stolen the canoes two weeks before by pulling them off the shore and towing the vessels with a motorboat. The suspects then used the canoes for an Upper Peninsula river trip.

Within the day the canoes were confiseated and returned to use at Camp Daggett. The campers and directors were elated. They did not expect to see the canoes again. The canoes will be touched-up and put to use immediately.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater expressed great happiness with Andrea, the persistent and observant camper and presented her with a Sheriff's Appreciation Certificate.

Go! Fest 2005 to take place at Charlevoix High School

Go! Fest 2005 will be presented Aug. 27 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School.

Go! Fest is a celebration of art and technology. In keeping with the program's tradition of pushing the envelope, this year's show will be presented in surround sound.

An open house will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. which is free and presents an opportunity to see how techies use Macintosh computers and software like Pro Tools and LCS Cue Control to bring Broadway and Las Vegas production effects to Charlevoix.

Then, a concert will tale place at 7:30 p.m. in the Charlevoix High School auditorium. This year's headliner is the Northwest Academy Jazz Band under the direction of Gary Stutzman.

Singers Maria Seaman and Tammy Sundelius will also perform.

Admission is $10 for adults $5 for students. Children under 6 are free. Proceeds benefit Go! Multimedia and its partnerships with local schools. For more information call Gary Stutzman at (231) 675-4800 or Ken Paul at (312) 543-5975.

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Allen and Elsenheimer push for new legislation

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volunteers who may have been sex offenders in the past by requiring more complete background checks and creating safety zones near schools, wherein convicted sex offenders would be prohibited from working, living or loitering within 1,000 feet of a school.

The initiative would also mandate that school employees inform administrators and the Michigan Department of Education about any serious criminal sex crime charges pending against them.

Arthur Kirk

Referring to the recent incident concerning Kirk, the sex offender working for the Charlevoix ISD, Allen said, it is a unique situation that someone would change their name after being convicted of a sex offense, so it is difficult to track that sort of thing.

But, he added, "We had a similar problem with the Traverse Bay Intermediate School District where a mentally ill child was abused by a staffer."

Because the sexual predator in the Traverse Bay district had offended in another state, the statewide background check was of little use to the school system.

Hence, part of the package proposed by Allen and Elsenheimer is to implement a national background check system with the hopes of averting future events such as this.

The Student Safety Initiative package consists of senate bills 601-617 each having different measures of protection.

According to a bill analysis by the Senate Majority Policy Office, Senate Bill 601 (SB 601), current law dictates that teachers, administrators and employees in state board approved positions are the only school employees who are required to have criminal background checks while superintendents and assistant superintendents are not required to have a background check completed.

"SB 601 will require all applicants for jobs in schools (and contracted employees) to have criminal history checks and FBI background checks conducted. The school must have received the results before employing the individual or allowing the individual to continue to work under contract or if the results are not yet available, the individual must sign a statement identifying all crimes for which he or she has been convicted," said policy advisor Anne Blankenhorn in her analysis.

She added, "If the background check reveals that the individual has been convicted of a crime listed on the sex offender registry, the applicant could not be hired or work under contract."

An eye for art

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Residents and visitors packed East Park Aug. 13 during the 47th Annual Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair. (Above) Art Fenton residents Wanda Merrell, Berneda Weddington and Jan VanGuilder meander through the Godwin Porcelain booth to view amazing pottery made by local artist Barb Godwin-Chulick as she discusses her work.

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Lack of information: ignorance is not security

EDITORIAL

You may have noticed black boats with machine guns and camouflaged soldiers in the waters of Charlevoix last week.

They weren't filming the newest Schwarzenegger action movie and Castro didn't sneak up from Cuba to steal our petunias, it was a group of soldiers with several Navy assault boats completing training exercises.

Unable to verify or explain their existence, a soldier directed us to speak with the Navy's Public Affairs Officer. When we did she could offer no information to us citing the "Global war on terror." After all, she said, it is a matter of "homeland security." Upon independent investigation, we discovered these boats are generally used for Navy SEALs missions. So what were they doing in Charlevoix?

As far as we know, questioning the actions of our public servants has historically been one of few ways American citizens keep track of the buggers. So, what can we do when a governing body is no longer accountable for its actions?

Political or military cover-up? Tell the public it's a matter of homeland security. The next time the wife asks why you haven't taken out the garbage tell her it's an issue of homeland security and see how well it goes over.

Refusing to give troop movements and battlefield locations to us corn pone civilians is one thing. But withholding explanation for assault forces roaming the beaches of northern Michigan seems to be more fancy than homeland security.

And what better way to flex your proverbial muscle than to refuse to be held accountable to your subjects?

In light of the military's secrecy our minds raced. For all we knew Osama and his band of merry marauders came to rid "Charlevoix the Beautiful" of infidels.

Does Homeland Security mean your phone or e-mail may be monitored for days without a warrant?

Benjamin Franklin said, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Well, there isn't much liberty in being kept in the dark by our government.

There you have it, information no longer has to be privileged to be withheld from the American public, it need only bear the label of "Homeland Security."

We're not quite sure where this country is headed, but as for us, we'll just continue to stock up on duct tape and try to annoy the government with as many questions as possible.

Incidents remind writer, good grief is a good lesson

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

In the past few months I have felt the loss of significant individuals in our community.

Incidences like these bring back memories of my mother's passing, and serve to remind me that it's a good thing to talk about our grief. When someone dear to us passes away it has an impact that affects us the remainder of our lives. How we deal with our loss is varied depending upon our age, religious beliefs, and relationship to the person who died.

Life doesn't prepare us for loss. It's something learned through experience. Seek out others who have empathy for what you're going through.

One loss could mean losing a father to one person while it's losing a husband to another or a grandpa or good friend to yet another. We need to accept how each is feeling.

Yes, time makes it better but there isn't a timeline. Grief is the only emotion that can be brought back it an instant with a smell, touch, song, or sight. Learning to let go and live life will actually help bring back the best memories. Healing allows us to enjoy them. You can feel more like yourself again when the experience is shared with others who have experienced a loss. No one wants to grieve alone. Be good to yourself and give yourself a break when you need it. Grieving is a process — recovery is a choice.

And for children especially, be patient, honest and attentive. Have them write a good-bye letter. Involve them in the ceremony. Note their attention span is shorter and they quickly learn to go on with life. Maybe they are serving as an example for us. We can learn so much from them; they will only fear death if we do. As adults we go through more of these experiences and after a funeral we smile with our faces but children smile with their hearts. Their senses are keen and they follow our lead.

Be honest and use your belief system to describe what is happening. Talk about the things they did with the person who passed, the fun times you had, and assure them that their loved one is always with them in spirit. It's like taking off your coat and leaving it behind. Grandma or grandpa may be gone but their coat is still here just like their spirit.

Dying teaches us to live. When our friends experience a loss we sometimes just don't know what to say, but your presence will mean more than you can ever imagine. The smallest good deed is better that the grandest good intention. Supporting someone is best done by listening, and if you are the one mourning, seek out others who will listen and have empathy; then do something good for yourself. Holidays will be difficult as well so it may mean changing traditions.

Life is for the living but we can still honor those we grieve. Plants from their home, placed in your garden is a wonderful way to remember them and additional plants can be added with special anniversaries. A child's painting of grandma or grandpa may be framed for all to see.

So, good grief is a good lesson and serves to remind me to educate others to live their life well and also to remind my friends that no teacher on their deathbed said, "Wow, I should have written more lesson plans."

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'Thank you' Charlevoix

Editor:

This is simply a letter of appreciation to the people of Charlevoix.

Jason, our youngest son, is now 25 years old and he was camping with his friends at Fisherman's Island State Park on Lake Michigan in Charlevoix. When my husband and I visited him at his campsite he said, "Thanks for bringing us to Charlevoix for all these years." He mentioned how he enjoys all the wonderful memories he had of summers past and how lucky he felt that he had the opportunity to enjoy Charlevoix.

In about 1985, Tom and I started taking vacations in the Charlevoix area where we simply camped or rented cottages. We had a new 20 foot Imperial boat, a bow rider, that was excellent for water-skiing and enjoying boat rides in the inland lakes. We had three sons and this kind of vacation was the best for our boys. There was nothing better for them than water skiing in the South Arm, biking down some out of the way roads, and spending the night at the boat docks. Daytime was brilliant and night time was haunting with shimmering lights and faceless voices.

Now my husband Tom and I are in our sixties and we continue to enjoy Charlevoix and we appreciate it more than ever. Charlevoix is especially beautiful because of the townspeople.

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When we pull up to the docks with our boat, Hal, the harbormaster says, "Welcome Home." The young women and men who work the docks are wonderful and always quick to assist us.

Everybody is kind and helpful. The people at Oleson's Market, the photographer at Aartvark, the waitresses and waiters at the Villager Pub, the shopkeepers at the Clothing Company and the Charlevoix T-shirt company, the owner of the Appletree, the waiters and waitresses at the Weathervane, Audrey, the potter at Studio 704 and all the others up and down Bridge Street are beautiful people. We also especially appreciate Bergmann Marine and it is good to see Doug there just flash us a smile when its time for his staff to dunk our boat in the lake.

We recently attended Mass at St. Mary's and noticed the new pastor. He said that we need to enjoy the life we have now and not wonder or wait for death to bring eternal happiness in heaven. There is much beauty in this world and there are many beautiful people and how good it is to have experienced all that it is so "heavenly" in Charlevoix.

Delores J. Musson
Canton

Blood drive success

Editor:

On July 21 and July 28, the American Red Cross was in Charlevoix conducting blood drives. A total of 108 pints of blood were collected.

A shortage of blood products to treat the sick and injured is quite common during the summer months. The activities in our beautiful resort town during the long days of warm sunshine keep all of us immensely busy. That is why I'm so grateful to the donors who found the time to commit themselves to give the gift of life.

I'm especially thankful to my volunteers for working 3 hour shifts, some of them staying an extra hour to donate blood.

Once again, the Community Reformed Church and Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix were gracious hosts. The Charlevoix Lions Club provided invaluable assistance to the Red Cross staff. Many thanks to Edith Dale for coordinating the blood drive at Bethany and I am obliged to the volunteer bakers who brought homemade desserts. I'm happy that the city put up my banners and that businesses allowed posters in their windows. Thank you.

Our next community blood drive will be from noon until 5:45 p.m. Sept. 15, at the Reformed Church. Please make an effort to help the Red Cross save lives by donating blood.

Ellen Schuiling
Charlevoix

Sheehan's politics misguided

Editor:

The mainstream media have a heroine in Cindy Sheehan who lost a son in Iraq. She is an encamped war protester on the road to the president's ranch, and is demanding to see President Bush, who met with her once before.

First, she is an activist with a political agenda who has ties to various anti-war groups. If she were a conservative, blue star mom who wanted to tell the president that her son felt he was fighting for a righteous cause and was proud to play a part in freeing millions of people from tyranny, she wouldn't draw a moment's notice from the media.

It is sad that Mrs. Sheehan thinks her son's sacrifice was a waste. Sad that she can't take consolation from knowing that he volunteered out of a sense of duty, and was fighting a bloodthirsty enemy who makes no distinction between killing American soldiers or innocent Iraqi men, women and children. Apparently, Mrs. Sheehan has chosen to be angry and bitter rather than to associate honor and meaning with the memory of her son. Her grief will be long and inconsolable.

But her son's sacrifice will be honored. By the military, by this writer and by millions of Americans and Iraqis. Because of him and those before him who fought and died, Afghanistan is free. The Iraqi people are free and self governing. And most of Iraq is peaceful. The ripple effects of our presence are changing the Middle East. Libya is no longer a rogue nation, and is attempting to build good relations with the west. Lebanon is free of Syrian occupation.

For the first time, there have been representational elections in Jordan and Saudi Arabia. And most importantly, the Palestinians have a democratically elected leader and there is real progress in establishing a Palestinian state. All these positive events are due to the policies of President Bush and the accomplishments of our armed forces.

Others will complete the mission in Iraq so that our fallen heroes did not die in vain. One thing is certain, Mrs. Sheehan's son will be remembered long after her 15 minutes of fame. God bless America.

John R. Pidek Sr.
Charlevoix

Charlevoix bridge stuck shut Sunday, Aug. 14

The bridge connecting Charlevoix's north and south sides was stuck shut on Sunday, Aug. 14.

According to Tom Irvin with the Michigan Department of Transportation, a problem with the bridge, which typically opens on the half hour and hour to allow larger vessels to pass between Round Lake and the Pine River Channel, was discovered at around 9 a.m.

Irvin said the root cause of the problem was a tripped relay. He said a power surge may have resulted in the trip.

The relay was repaired by 1:30 p.m.

He said no major problems resulted from the incident but it did delay ferry service to and from Beaver Island.

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Pier jumpers to face fines for marine law violation

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix residents and out-of-towners taking the plunge into the Pine River Channel from the South Pier will soon face fines.

Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson has been working with Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema to apply a law that will give local enforcement agencies the jurisdiction to ticket pier jumpers.

Halverson explained that a section of the State of Michigan Marine Act limits swimming within 100 feet of the perimeter of a designated swimming area.

"The pier would fall within that boundary," he said.

Both he and Jarema determined that because the pier is within 100 feet of Lake Michigan Beach, a popular public swimming area, the law could be applied.

Now, Halverson is working with marine patrol from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office to enforce the law.

This week the two agencies plan to get the word out that pier jumping is no longer permitted. But in another week jumpers will face citations.

Halverson said jumpers under the age of 16 will land in Charlevoix County Probate Court where they could be fined $95 for breaking the marine law and may be required to write an essay on the dangers of swimming in the Pine River Channel.

Jumpers over the age of 16 will face the music in Charlevoix County District Court where Halverson anticipates a similar $95 fine being handed down.

In the past, this type of activity has been overlooked for the most part because the South Pier is owned and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Tom O'Bryan, civil engineer with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Grand Haven office, said, the Corps will not be involved in the enforcement effort because they don't have the authority or manpower to tackle a project like this. But he added that the Corps backs the city's effort.

"There are an awful lot of drownings adjacent to our structures. Rip currents are part of that," he said. "If you stop people from this type of activity, hopefully you will save someone's life."

O'Bryan explained that the Pine River Channel possesses a continuous current that is constantly fluctuating in severity.

The new development in the crackdown on pier jumping addresses concerns brought up by area parents; city officials and members of Charlevoix City Council who have said the channel waters pose a serious threat to swimmers, citing unpredictable rip currents, dangerous encounters with boat traffic and rocks beneath the surface.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix residents and out-of-towners taking the plunge into the Pine River Channel from the South Pier will soon face fines.

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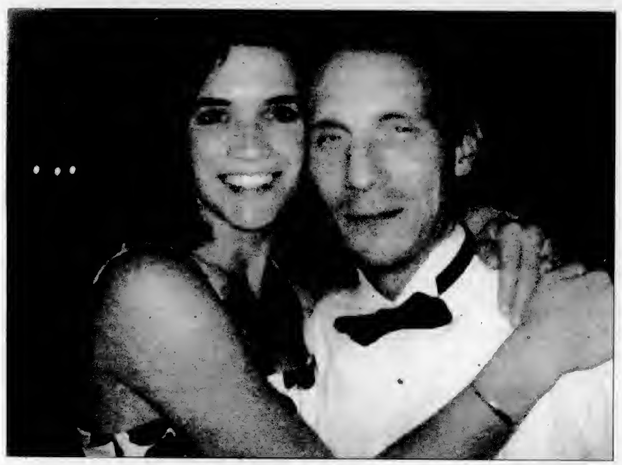

Campbell — Maleska

John and Mary Lee Campbell of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Dr. Katherine Harper Campbell, to Matthew J. Maleska, son of Martin and the late Lisa Maleska of New York City, N.Y.

Katherine received her Bachelor of Science from Colby College, MPH from Tulane, MD from Michigan State University and is in her second year residency in obstetries and gynecology at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn.

Matthew received his Bachelor of Arts from Colby College, Bachelor of Fine Arts from Rhode Island School of Design and is an industrial design consultant in Providence, R.I.

A Saturday, Aug. 20, garden wedding is planned at the home of the bride's parents in Charlevoix.

Attorneys offered free domestic violence seminar

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is proud to announce a free statewide training seminar Aug. 25, for all attorneys interested in offering pro bono representation to domestic violence victims.

The State Bar of Michigan Justice Initiatives Division and the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence are partnering to sponsor this full-day training with the goal of increasing the availability of legal services to victims of domestic violence in civil legal matters.

In exchange for the training, attorneys must agree to provide at least 30 hours of pro bono representation to domestic violence victims within a year.

For more information contact Katy Conklin at kconklin@mcadsv.org or (517) 347-7000 ext. 33.

Summer sidewalk sales to take place Aug. 19-21

The Charlevoix area merchants will host their annual end of summer sidewalk sales Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-21.

This three-day event is a shopper's bonanza as all of the participating merchants provide substantial reductions on their seasonal inventory. Most merchants will be on the sidewalk 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and inside after 5 p.m.

These will be the best bargains of the year on quality merchandise of all kinds. At the same time, shoppers can enjoy the fun and excitement of downtown Charlevoix. Those merchants not located downtown will conduct their sales at their own locations.

For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

'Little but Mighty' Labor Day bridge walk Sept. 5

Charlevoix's Little But Mighty Bridge Walk will take place at 1 p.m., Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 on the north side of the bridge.

Proceeds from the sale of T-shirts will be donated to the Charlevoix Community Skatepark. Walkers should gather around the Town House between noon and 12:45 p.m. T-shirts will be on sale at Town House Aug. 29 for $13 and up.

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Northwood University Dean's List

The following Charlevoix student attending Northwood University in Midland has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2005 school year. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned a 3.25 grade point average or better. The Charlevoix recipient is Michelle E. Martin, a senior, whose parents are Taylor and Frances Martin of Charlevoix.

Scholarship recipient

Eugene Applehaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Wayne State University in Detroit, recently awarded Stephanie Dickinson, a pharmacy student from Charlevoix, the Rite Aid Pharmacy Internship Award.

Central Michigan University graduates

The following students from Charlevoix and Beaver Island recently graduated from Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. Patrick S. McGinnity, of Beaver Island graduated with a bachelor of science. Rebecca L. Bragg, Amanda Jean May and Jackie K. Cyr, all of Charlevoix, graduated with a bachelor of science in education.

Calvin College graduates

The following Charlevoix students attending Calvin College in Grand Rapids recently graduated. Chad A. DeKorte, son of Thomas and Evelyn DeKorte, of Charlevoix, graduated with a major in interdisciplinary studies. Sarah K. Mays, daughter of Jonathan and Kathryn Mays, of Charlevoix, graduated with an English degree.

Zonta Club's literary event to fund fall youth program

Members of the local Zonta Club recently announced the success of the first annual Literary Delights fund-raiser.

A trio of authors graced the club members and event attendees with their humor and writing expertise at the July gathering at Castle Farms. They included Priscilla Cogan, Kathy-Jo Wargin and Sheila Quinn Simpson.

Literary Delights helped the Zonta Club reach its goal to fund a new youth program this fall. As a result of the successful event, the club will hring Laurie Stewart, a nationally known facilitator, to speak with area sixth through eighth grade girls.

This program, whose purpose is to enhance self image and encourage sound decision-making, will take place 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 12. Students in this age group, from all area schools, are welcome at no charge. The day will he filled with upbeat and informative presentations using simulation, discussion, role-play, music, drama and interaction.

Courtesy photo

A July Zonta Club fund-raiser pictured above will pay for a youth program to take place Nov. 12.

New exhibit opened at Charlevoix's Depot Museum

Three thousand years before the founding of the City of Charlevoix, the banks of the Pine River provided the site of an earlier village. This village was occupied by Native Americans. The settlement was investigated by archeologists from Michigan State University in 1971 and 1972. The work on this site had to he investigated before it was destroyed by the construction of the LaCroft condominiums. Thousands of artifacts were recovered. Careful analysis showed that the Pine River Channel site was occupied at about 1500 B.C., again at A.D. 600, and several times after A.D. 1000.

The exhibit opened on July 5, 2005, and will remain open only on Fridays and Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. until September 1, 2005. "Ancient Charlevoix: Life Before the Written Word" has artifacts on loan courtesy of Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, Michigan.

The Charlevoix Historical Society wishes to thank these exhibit sponsors: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Charlevoix County Community Foundation (Tunison - Garlock Memorial Fund), Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs - through the Cheboygan Area Arts Council, and Street Legends Car Club of Charlevoix.

While visiting the Depot, also enjoy many antique flower beds. The Heritage Garden was created and is maintained hy members of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club. Enjoy the abundance of the garden and savor views of Lake Charlevoix in an historical setting.

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Obituary

William Paddock: 1905 - May 19, 2005

Longtime member of the Charlevoix Kiwanis, William R. Paddock, 99, died May 19.

Born in Charlevoix in 1905, Paddock served as a second lieutenant with the Army horse cavalry at Fort Sheridan, Ill. in 1926.

Paddock was married to Thelma Blanch Worley on May 29, 1928 in Bristol, Tenn.

He earned his bachelor's degree in forestry from Michigan Agriculture College, now Michigan State University.

During his career with the U.S. Forest Service, Paddock worked in positions ranging from district ranger to forest supervisor in West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, North Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, Arkansas and Wisconsin.

In addition to being a member of the Society of American Foresters and Audubon Society, he belonged to the Lions and Rotary clubs and the Congregational Church.

Paddock Enjoyed bird watching, hiking, snow shoeing, fishing, hunting, archery, gardening and farming.

He is survived by a son, William R. Paddock, Jr., a daughter, Mary Paddock, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

His wife died April, 27 1996. He was also preceded in death by brothers John, Hubert and Dick.

At Paddock's request there were no services. He was cremated by the Olympic Cremation Association of Port Angeles. His ashes will be placed in Pauma Valley, Calif. next to those of his wife.

Community Foundation awards grants to multiple local groups

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation has announced grant awards.

Multiple financial resources from funds held at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation were combined to support worthy community causes including a Montessori-based staff training program for the Alzheimer's unit at the Grandvue Medical Care facility; a capital campaign for the Charlevoix Public Library; the Recovery High program at B.A.S.E.S Teen Center; and the Northern Michigan Hospital Community Free Clinic for the uninsured working poor.

The community foundation announces grant awards to support a variety of projects benefiting area residents.

The new awards bring the community foundation's grant making total to over $5.6 million in its 13 year history. Programs chosen for community foundation support and the amounts of their grants are:

From the Boyne City Enrichment Fund $730 for the Northern Michigan Hospital Community Free Clinic.

From the Charlevoix Fund $730 for the Northern Michigan Hospital Community Free Clinic; $640 to support the Infant Loss Program for Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

From the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund $1,500 to purchase lighting equipment for theatre productions for the Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre, Inc.

From the East Jordan Enrichment Fund $25,000 for Phase II of Community Park for the City of East Jordan; $3,601 to purchase and install volleyball standards at the Civic Center for the City of East Jordan; $640 to support the Infant Loss Program for Hospice of Little Traverse Bay; $4,500 to document historically significant buildings within the City of East Jordan; $730 for Northern Michigan Hospital Community Free Clinic.

From the IMI Community Endowment Fund $267 for medical needs for Boyne City Public Schools students.

From the Dedos Family Fund $500 to continue to support the Recovery High program for teen substance abuse at B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center.

From the Charlevoix County Substance Abuse Treatment Fund $225 to continue to support the Recovery High program for teen substance abuse at B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center.

From the Father Bill McKeon Memorial Fund $1,025 to continue the Recovery High Program for tech substance abuse at B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center.

From the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund $1,500 to assist the Circle of Strength cancer support program for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

From the Lonyo Fund $4,900 to the Charlevoix Historical Society for general operations.

From the Phyllis Malpass Medical Needs Fund $2,673 for student health care needs and the reading tutorial program at East Jordan Public Schools.

From the Towsley Fund $200 to support the Montessori-based staff training for the Alzheimer's unit at Grandvue Medical Center; $1,110 for a local match for the Northern Michigan Hospital Community Free Clinic.

From the Ronald W. Haggard Memorial Scholarship Fund $550 for a take-down machine to the Charlevoix High School wrestling program.

From the Fuller Road Fund $800 for general operations to Raven Hill Discovery Center.

From the Charlevoix County Community Fund $3,720 to support the Infant Loss Program for Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

From the Ethel W. Cooling Fund $4,000 to purchase additional swim meet equipment for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool; $8,000 to support a technology center at the new Charlevoix Public Library.

From the Environmental Fund $250 to support the citizen's seminar on water protection for WATCH; $5,000 to support the Michigan Land Use Institute's Taste the Local Difference farming entrepreneur program; $3,610 to support Project Ripple — a water resource education program for SEE North; $6,000 for the Lake Charlevoix storm water runoff Best Management Practices program for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council; $5,000 to support the Taxi Trail science and history of useful plants program at Raven Hill Discovery Center; $3,125 to support Sand Dunes to Shipwrecks Great Lakes educational programming for Raven Hill Discovery Center.

From the Tunison-Garlock Memorial Fund $1,500 to support the two-county Senior Health Expo sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging.

Grants From Donor Advised Funds $2,500 for general operations to the Little Traverse Conservancy; $500 for general operations to B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center; $1,000 for general operations to the Conservation Resource Alliance; $9,000 to support the Montessori-based staff training for the Alzheimer's unit at Grandvue Medical Care Facility; $1,700 to purchase equipment for Grandvue Medical Care Facility; $500 for general operations to Northern Community Mediation; $1,000 for general operations to Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council; $2,000 to support a community garden for seniors at Deer Meadows in Boyne City; $500 to train teaching staff in a specialized remedial reading method to benefit students at East Jordan Public Schools; $2,580 for general operations for the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix; $1,000 to support the Charlevoix Public Library capital campaign; $500 for general operations to the Charlevoix Historical Society; $5,000 for program re-

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Planned Parenthood offers back-to-school kit

The first year of college is an exciting time for young men and women. But for too many freshmen, it will also be the first time they are in situations where they feel they are not in control: alcohol abuse, drug use, and date rape are, unfortunately, too common at many colleges and universities.

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan is offering "Off to School-Play it Safe" packets for college-bound young adults to help prepare new students for some of the situations they may face.

"Dormitory living affords new students both opportunity and challenges. Unfortunately, some of the challenges can compromise a young person's health and well-being. It is our hope that parents will discuss potentially harmful situations with their college-bound student; the kits are a resource to help start those conversations," said Lori O'Neill, Director of Education. "Even if students who pick up the packets are not faced with every situation covered, they will be knowledgeable about what's out there, and prepared to take care of themselves or offer assistance to a friend or roommate."

The "Play It Safe" packets contain a variety of written materials covering topics like "Watch Out For Date Rape Drugs," "Abstinence and Self-esteem," "Sex, Alcohol and Your Right to Say No" and "Contraceptive Choices."

The College Kits are free to any interested college-bound students or parents and are available at the Planned Parenthood office located at 1003 Spring St. in Petoskey.

For more information, please contact Planned Parenthood at (231) 347-9692.

B.A.S.E.S. and Beaver Island theater group earn grants

GRANTS

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lated costs to Raven Hill Discovery Center; $2,500 to the East Jordan Garden Club for community beautification efforts; $2,500 for unrestricted support of programs and operations to the Jordan River Arts Council; $2,500 toward the purchase of a Kwai Baby Grand Piano for East Jordan Public Schools; $1,600 to purchase equipment for the Boyne City Swim School for MSU Extension; $500 to purchase art supplies for Charlevoix Elementary School; $2,500 to support the Charlevoix Area Hospital endowment fund; $100 for general operations to the Crooked Tree Arts Center; $200 for general operations to the Friends of the Boyne River; $200 for general operations to the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, Inc.; $100 for the House of Comfort, House of Care capital campaign for Hospice of Little Traverse Bay; $500 for general operations to the Little Traverse Conservancy; $500 for the D'Art for Art 2005 event for Crooked Tree Arts Center"

Grants From Agency Funds $12,674 from the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Endowment Fund for general operations; $4,600 from the Boyne District Library Endowment Fund for general operations; $6,800 from the Crooked Tree District Library Endowment Fund for general operations; $500 from the Camp Daggett Fund for general operations; $14,332 from the Raven Hill Discovery Center Fund toward a building project.

Since it was founded by a group of local citizens in 1992, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's net assets have grown to more than $15 million. A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and organizations and manages them as permanent endowments. Every year, a portion of the endowment's investment income is used to support programs in education, the environment, the arts, human services, health and wellness, youth activities, community development, and various civic projects. The principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing charitable capital to perpetually benefit Charlevoix County residents and nonprofit organizations.

The community foundation will review grant requests again this fall. The deadline for applications is Oct. 1, 2005. For more information about grant opportunities, or the community foundation, call (231) 536-2440.

SEE-North plans underwater discovery field trip for Sept. 4

On Sunday, Sept. 4, SEE-North and Michigan Technological University researcher Mark Gleason will offer lake residents and the public the chance for a unique exploration beneath the surface of Lake Charlevoix using an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle.

Gleason will deploy his underwater vehicle in hopes of getting a close-up, revealing look at the plants, algae, invertebrates, sediments, underwater land forms and objects, human artifacts, and fish that inhabit the depths of Michigan's third largest inland lake. If weather permits, the vehicle should be able to travel to depths exceeding 100 feet.

The vehicle consists of a waterproof video camera that is self-propelled and remotely operated via a long cable. It has two cameras that project a live view of the subsurface onto a video screen, lights, and a grapple for retrieving small objects. It is similar to, but smaller than, the remote operated vehicles used to explore shipwrecks.

Five 1.5 hour pontoon boat excursions are scheduled, with departure times at 9 and 11 a.m. as well as at 1, 3, and 5 p.m.

This event will be held both at the Lake Street Public Access Site in Horton Bay and at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources public access site in Boyne City.

Courtesy photo

This Remotely Operated Vehicle will explore beneath the surface of Lake Charlevoix.

Participants will observe some of these underwater features, learn more about the Lake Charlevoix ecosystem, and, of course, enjoy the scenic surroundings of the lake.

The event is suitable for both adults and children. There is a limit of 10 people per trip. Trips are free, but a donation of $20 per person is suggested to help support the programs of SEE-North. To make reservations or for more information, call (231) 348-9700.

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Charlevoix Area Hospital helipad usage

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Long gone are the days when medical evacuation helicopters landed in the parking lot at Charlevoix Area Hospital, sending nearly 120 employees in a unified scurry to move their vehicles before a chopper's descent.

In September, the hospital's adjoining helipad will turn three years old. Along with its age, public curiosity about the structure's usage seems to be mounting: When do air ambulances typically use the Charlevoix Area Hospital's helipad? Which emergency medical responders frequently land at the site? And why are persons injured on Beaver Island typically flown to Charlevoix Municipal Airport and transferred to the hospital via ambulance when a helipad exists?

According to Chris Wilhelm, an administrative official at the hospital, the helipad is used about one to three times a month.

"More (patients) go out than come in," she said, explaining that critically injured patients are often transferred to the University of Michigan medical center in Ann Arbor or Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Wilhelm added that the hospital doesn't own a personal "medevac," the term used to describe a medical evacuation by helicopter.

The three most prevalent air ambulances circling northwestern Michigan's skies are North Flight, a licensed emergency care service based in Traverse City; the University of Michigan's Survival Flight aircraft; and the U.S. Coast Guard, whose local air station is based in Traverse City.

Emergency Room Manager Josie Young said instances that usually require an emergency helicopter transfer from Charlevoix

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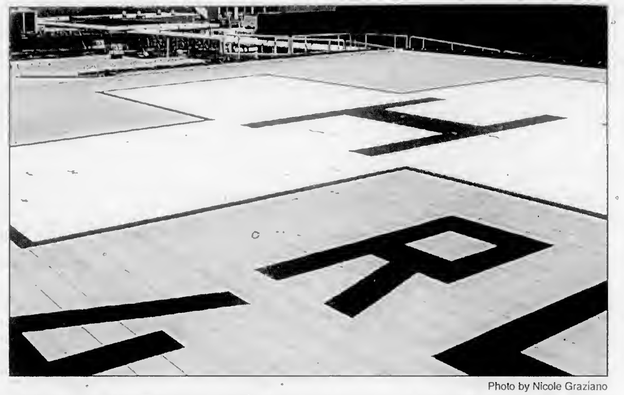

Photo by Nicole Graziano

(Above) The three-year-old helipad at Charlevoix Area Hospital is used by some and presents challenges to other pilots.

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Mon..8/22 - Horse Pulls*	6:00 p.m.
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Wed..8/24 - SJO Motocross**	7:00 p.m.
Thurs..8/25 - AutoCross Racing**	7:30 p.m.
Fri..8/26 - Combine Demo Derby**	7:00 p.m.
Sat..8/27 - Car Demo Derby**	6:00 p.m.

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Sunday, August 21
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Monday, August 22
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Livestock & Open Swine Show • 1 pm
Lamb Show • 6 pm

Tuesday, August 23
Veal Show • 9 am
Open Craft Horse Show • 9 am
Open Show Beef & Dairy • 10 am
Horse Speed Show • 10 am
Open Class Lamb Show • 11 am
Market Livestock Steer Show • 4 am

Wednesday, August 24
Small Critter Shows • 9 am
Horse Trail Show • 10 am
Goat Show • 3 pm
Exotic Animal Show • 4 pm

Thursday, August 25
Poultry & Waterfowl Show • 9 am
Horse Jumping Show • 10 am
Market Livestock Auction • 3 pm

Friday, August 26
4-H Horse Show • 9 am

Saturday, August 27
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Helipad bypassed by some for use of airport

HELIPAD

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Area Hospital include head injuries, severe trauma and burns. A physician, however, will ultimately determine a patient's mode of transport and services during flight, she added.

Young explained that medevacs typically seat four people — a pilot, two caregivers and an outstretched patient — but cannot fly over water. This limitation is one reason why few aircraft are able to land on the hospital's helipad. The other is the structure's enclosure, which some pilots consider to be too tight or small for their aircraft.

Although single-engine medevacs are smaller and easier to maneuver when landing on the helipad, they aren't powerful enough to safely glide over Lake Michigan. Meanwhile, multi-engine choppers and small planes provide a sturdier ride for patients and crew, but their pilots are hesitant to land at the hospital's helipad because of the large size of their aircraft and nearby obstacles — natural and manmade.

North Flight, the area's most commonly used medevac, uses a 10-seater, multi-engine Mitsubishi MU-2B-35 aircraft. This year, they transported 24 percent of injured patients on Beaver Island to the mainland, said Joe Moore, an 18-year volunteer paramedic with the island's emergency services team.

Because North Flight primarily operates a small emergency rescue plane instead of a helicopter, they have no choice but to land at Charlevoix Municipal Airport and transport patients to the hospital via ground ambulance.

"We can't use a chopper (over Lake Michigan) unless it is a twin-engine aircraft," said Moore. "One-engine helicopters are prohibited from flying over water. Federal law says aircraft have to coast all the way to the mainland."

In order to "coast" from Beaver Island to Charlevoix — a flight of about 10 to 20 minutes in length — an aircraft must ascend to an elevation of nearly 20,000 feet before heading toward land to avoid engine failure, said Moore. He said for a single-engine helicopter, flying this high is not only extremely dangerous, it's nearly impossible.

For a multi-engine helicopter, such as those operated by the U.S. Coast Guard, crossing Lake Michigan's waters is routine — it's landing on the hospital's confined helipad that presents difficulty. So far this year, the Coast Guard has been responsible for 18 percent of emergency airlifts off the island.

Bob Roloff, EMS coordinator for the City of Charlevoix Fire Department, offered a basic reason why air ambulance pilots bypass the hospital's helipad in favor of the airport: They simply aren't comfortable landing in such an obstructed area, preferring open space.

Steve West, director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, agrees with Roloff, noting that many hospital helipads don't have suitable landing zones. He added that there are no licensed medevac helicopters operating on Beaver Island at this time.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS - August 10, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on August 10, 2005. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the July 13, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #05-046, 2004/05 Child Care Budget Amendment, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign the amended budget.

Motion approved Resolution #05-047, Animal Control Call-Out Fees.

Motion approved Resolution #05-048, Marine Motor.

Motion approved Resolution #05-049, Data T-1 Line.

Motion approved Resolution #05-050, District Court Video Equipment.

Motion approved Resolution #05-051, Probate Court Video Equipment.

Motion approved Resolution #05-052, Deputies Contract, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.

Motion approved Resolution #05-053, 2005/06 Area Agency on Aging Grant, correcting the motion from the March 9, 2005 Commissioners meeting to read regulation instead of ordinance.

Motion approved the appointments of Larry Sullivan to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and Larry Levengood as an alternate.

Motion approved Gosling Czuback's preliminary engineering costs for Thumb Lake.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Three from Charlevoix to attend event at the Indonesian Embassy

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Last December's tsunami, which devastated Indonesia, has spawned international goodwill that recently touched the lives of two Charlevoix students who will travel to the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Lexie Barnes

When nine-year-old Lexie Barnes decided to make bracelets as a fund-raiser to help the victims of the tsunami she had no idea it would lead to a Aug. 23 visit to the Indonesian Embassy.

"I feel good about it — it's a once in a lifetime thing to do," she said.

Barnes said she plans to sit next to Maggie Hamilton on the flight to our country's capital so they can discuss the exciting event.

Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia, Soemadi D.M. Brotodiningrat, will be at the reception. There is also supposed to be a connection made via satellite allowing correspondence between Hamilton and Nada, a little girl from Indonesia that Hamilton wrote to.

Maggie Hamilton

"I'll probably say we're really sorry for what happened to (Nada's) her family and talk to her about all the things that I've been doing," Hamilton said.

Hamilton said she ran a lemonade stand this summer and used the proceeds to purchase school supplies which she plans to send to Nada's school in Indonesia.

According to Hamilton, she can't wait to go to the reception.

"I'm happy that I got invited to go and I'm happy that Lexie got invited because she was the one that started making the bracelets," she said. "I'm very excited because it will be fun to see the ambassador again and it will be fun to see all the people there."

Dennis Halverson

Representing the City of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education will be Charlevoix

Halverson said he enjoyed Ambassador Brotodiningrat's company when he visited Charlevoix earlier this summer.

Halverson said he is excited to go to Washington, D.C. next week.

"It might be my only opportunity ever to attend something at somebody's embassy," he said. "I'm pretty honored to represent the city and the school district at a function like this and hope to establish a goodwill relationship with a country that obviously took time out for us."

The reception, which will take place on Aug. 23, is intended to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Republic of Indonesia's declaration of independence as well as to say good-bye to Ambassador Brotodiningrat and his wife who will be leaving the embassy.

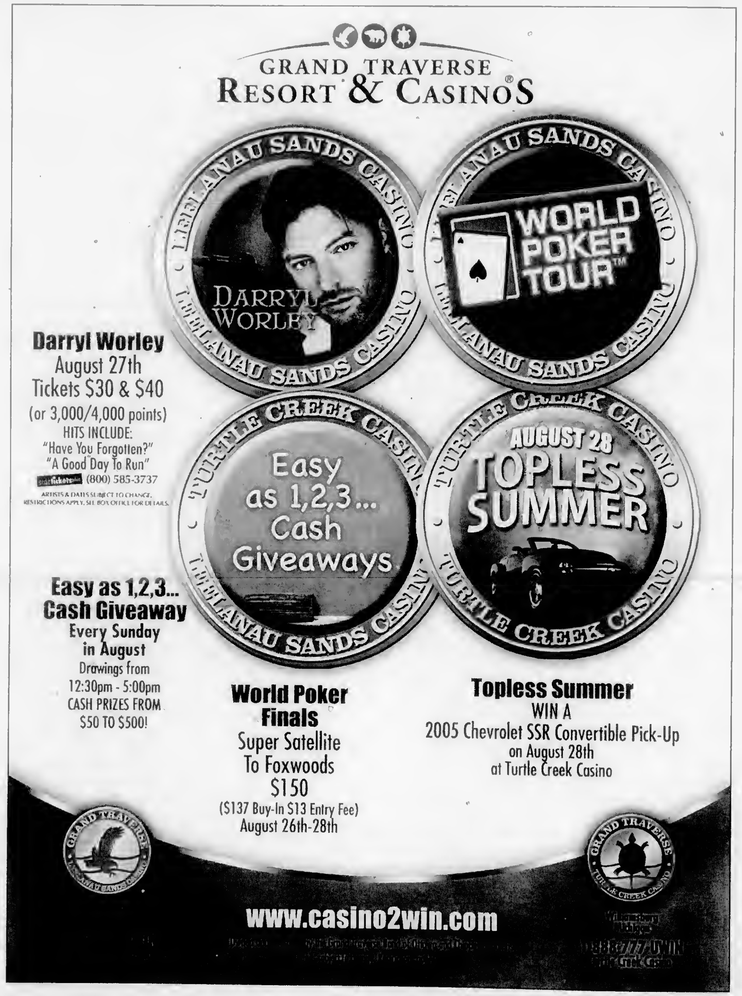
Concerts to take place in East Park Aug. 18 and 25

Charlevoix Concerts in the Park series brings two exciting performances to East Park.

At 8 p.m. Aug. 18 the Petoskey based band the Mudbugs will perform.

Mudbugs will play a mix of traditional Cajun and Creole music from southwest Louisiana.

Then, at 8 p.m. Aug. 25 Charlevoix will host the University of Michigan band. This program, by Professor of Piano, Dr. Louis Nagel, is a recreation of the pieces presented when Sigismond Thalberg and Franz Liszt had their famous 1837 competition in the salon of Precenss Beljioso.



A quest for a scholarship

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix resident Andy Tuck, 14, played his viola along with members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra to help fund his education at Interlochen Arts Academy where he hopes to enroll this fall. The benefit concert took place Aug. 11 at Castle Farms.

Author George Cantor, to sign books at Bridge Street Book Shop

George Cantor

Award-winning Michigan author George Cantor will be signing copies of his Explore Michigan travel guides from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 24 at the Bridge Street Book Shop located at 407 Bridge Street.

Cantor's series of Explore Michigan: An Insider's Guide to Michigan includes editions highlighting Leelanau, Little Traverse Bay, Traverse City, Mackinac — including Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island and St. Ignace — and Detroit. Seven more editions will be out in 2006. The Traverse City edition has been on the northern Michigan bookseller list for four consecutive weeks.

In these short, sweet guides, Cantor introduces both seasoned and first-time Michigan travelers to everything the Great Lakes state has to offer, including a bit of history, physical description of the area, local industry, places to stay, restaurants, city walks, country drives, wineries, farm markets, beaches, hiking, boating, fishing, golf, winter sports, and more.

Earlier this year, Cantor received a "Michigan Notable Books Award" from the Library of Michigan for book Wire to Wire: Inside the 1984 Detroit Tigers Championship Season.

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Local scouts return from national jamboree

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Determined to overcome the tragedies at the recent 2005 National Scout Jamboree, over 50,000 scouts, leaders and volunteers pushed on.

G. Paul Stolt, 12, was one of three scouts from Charlevoix who attended the quadrennial event in Caroline County, Va. which took place from July 25 to Aug. 3.

G. Paul Stolt

"I went with 40 scouts (including adults) from the Scenic Trails Troop 1123. There were scouts from Traverse City, Brutus, Williamsburg, Interlochen, Cheboygan, Charlevoix, Beulah, Cadillac, Levering, Grawn, Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Maple City, Lincoln City, Empire, Lake Ann and Manistee."

According to Stolt, he is proud to be a part of the troop because they performed and behaved as a scout should.

"And, because of this, our troop received one of only two awards of excellence that were handed out (at the jamboree)," he said.

The three scouts representing Charlevoix Troop 11 were Stolt, and Rob and Brian Shutler. A total of 31,788 scouts, 7,743 staff and 3,532 scout leaders attended the gathering.

The scouts headed out around midnight on July 21, from the Boy Scout Camp, Camp Greiliek in Traverse City.

On the way to the jamboree the scouts visited a few places like Gettysburg, Pa. and Washington D.C.

In Washington the scouts visited some monuments.

"There was a special military service happening at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," he said. "We enjoyed watching the soldiers march and do their thing."

When the scouts arrived at the jamboree they participated in many events including foot races and rock climbing.

"We tried new things, learned new skills and made new friends," Stolt said. "Some of the activities were rappelling, scuba diving — my favorite — motocross biking, adventure in a coal mine, boating, mountain boarding, Geocaching, fishing and much more."

He added, "They bring in the best of the best to share their skills and knowledge with us."

Stolt said he participated in almost every event.

"It was so much fun that I didn't want to miss out on any of it," he said. "I was able to meet and speak with Senator Jason Allen. We talked like he was a friend that I already knew."

Stolt added, "He was interested in how I was enjoying scouting and encouraged me to continue."

In addition to meeting some state representatives while at the jamboree, Stolt was able to get a glimpse of President George W. Bush from his scoutmaster, Chris Stein's, shoulders.

"I did get to see him (President Bush) at the closing ceremonies on Sunday," Stolt said. "I didn't get to personally meet him as there were over 70,000 people there."

The jamboree this year was the first Stolt attended and he hopes to make the next one in 2010.

"(It) will be the 100th anniversary of scouting. I will be 17 and still able to attend. I am already planning on going," he said.

Stolt began his scouting adventure as a tiger cub approximately five years ago when his mom got him involved.

"It keeps me out and active in the community. We are constantly learning new skills and having fun while doing it," he said.

Stolt's rank in the scouts is Star, which is two ranks below an Eagle Scout.

"I am actively working toward my Life rank right now and will have it in a few months and then I will work toward my Eagle Rank," he said. "I would like to earn Eagle at a young age and then be able to continue in scouts in a leadership role and help younger scouts."

Courtesy photo

Boy Scouts from the Scenic Trails Council taken July 31 at the National Jamboree in Virginia. The scouts were joined by Sen. Jason Allen and Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, who visited with scouts from across northern Michigan. The names and towns of the scouts pictured above with Sen. Allen and Rep. Elsenheimer are: Brian and Rob Shutler and Paul Stolt, of Charlevoix, Mike Ostwald and Jarret Curtis, of Cheboygan, Chad Watchorn, of Levering, Christian and Tim Huebner, of Petoskey, Ric Allen, Cody Yothers and Jake Hansen, of Harbor Springs, Chris Graham, of Indian River, Assistant Scoutmaster Wayne Aurand, of Brutus and Mike McCreery, of Elk Rapids.

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Renowned sleep expert advises readers

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix summer resident Dr. James B. Maas, an author, world renowned lecturer and sleep expert, said a good night's sleep is imperative to your health.

"They better hurry up and do what they need to do now or they are going to die early. Live longer and be more alert or go through life half drugged," Maas said.

Maas, who has been studying sleep for around 35 years and teaches the world's largest lecture class, knows the importance of sleep.

"I've written a New York Times bestseller on sleep called 'Power Sleep' and I make a lot of national television specials on sleep," he said.

Maas said he is constantly speaking about sleep deprivation on national television programs including spots on 20/20, Good Morning America, Oprah and the 700 Club.

"The purpose of my being on television is telling the nearly 70 percent of Americans who are not getting enough sleep that it can affect their performance cause heart attacks, obesity and even impact their golf game," he said.

Maas' book, 'Power Sleep,' covers the sleep deprivation crisis in American.

"Sleep is the key to our waking success. It determines our mood, our energy level, our alertness, our thinking, our reaction time, our creativity, our health and general well-being," Maas said.

He added, "I always like to say, you can be the person that your mother hopes she gave birth to."

According to Maas, most adults need between seven-and-a-half to eight hours of sleep a night on a regular basis.

One way to help ensure good sleep is to go to bed at the same time every night and awaken the same time every morning and sleep in a cool, dark, quiet bedroom.

"Avoid caffeine after two, avoid alcohol within three hours of bedtime, get plenty of exercise," he said. "Lastly, you have to make up for lost sleep."

Some warning signs of sleep deprivation are drowsiness during the day, sleeping in on the weekend and trouble focusing or remembering.

According to Maas, lack of quality sleep is one of the major causes of obesity, heart attack, stroke and type two diabetes.

"Many physicians don't know much about sleep. It's rarely taught in medical schools or if it is, they spend only a day on it," he said. "It may be one of the greatest predictors of life span."

He added, "The quality and quantity of your sleep is a better predictor than nutrition and exercise, which are both key. But, without quality sleep, you're probably not going to have as long a life as you could have."

Maas said people who think they only need a couple hours of sleep at night are fooling themselves.

"Anybody who brags they only need three or four hours of sleep are kidding themselves because they are so tired they don't know what it's like to be awake," he said.

Maas said many readers of his book are able to change their lives for the better.

"People say, 'I never knew what it was like to be awake before,'" he said.

One of the keys to getting better sleep is to make sure you do not have one of 88 sleeping disorders, one of which is insomnia.

"If you have a sleep problem that persists for more than three weeks you should go to an accredited sleep disorder center," he said. "We should learn that sleep is a necessity, not a luxury."

According to Maas, the best time to adjust your sleeping habits and sleeping schedule is right now when many people have vacation time.

"People say, 'Gee, I'd love to feel during the year like I feel when I'm on vacation in Charlevoix.' I say, 'You can — if you get enough sleep.'"

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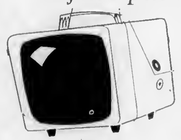

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Insurance issue solved, skatepark to open doors

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

An insurance snafu that delayed opening of the new Charlevoix Community Skatepark has been ironed out and a grand opening will take place soon.

The initial park opening date was July 1 but, according to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner, representatives from the city's insurance company, Michigan Municipal League Insurance, put the breaks on.

The park property located off West Carpenter Avenue is owned by the city and once fund-raising is complete, the entire project will be handed over to the city with ownership and operations falling under its jurisdiction.

However, in order to raise over $100,000 to make the project a reality, a group of seven determined parents filed 501C-3 non-profit entity paperwork under the name Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc.

Wiesner said city insurance cannot cover private or non-profit organizations.

That meant the core of the volunteer staff, the members of Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., had a few options — not to work at the site, to get their own insurance or to disband.

So, the park group set out to insure its membership separately until fund-raising is complete.

Insurance for the group was secured July 11.

According to Vickie Daman, chair person for Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., the park group's insurance requires participants to sign a waiver. City attorney Jim Young reviewed and revised this waiver, and felt it would be better if everyone signed the waiver.

"Less chance for error," Daman said.

With the insurance quandary solved, the park is set to open soon. As of press time a date had not been set.

Thus far, the group has raised over $92,000 to get the park up and running. While finalizing the project requires an additional $36,000, the group has enough equipment to open. Equipment currently available includes a half pipe, grind rails and ramps.

User fees are $2 for park entry and $1 for a helmet. Helmets are required. Concessions will be available.

Volunteers to staff the park are still needed. Call Laura Stebe at (231) 675-4505 to sign up.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

An insurance question that delayed opening at the new Charlevoix Community Skatepark has been answered. The park will open in the near future. (Above) Skateboard enthusiast Stephan Parker struts his stuff for the crowd at the recent Venetian Festival street parade. The park will be supervised and helmets are required.

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Kevin Kusina joins the Eagle Scout ranks

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

New mile markers along the Little Traverse Wheelway, the non-motorized trail between Charlevoix and Petoskey, were installed this summer thanks to the volunteer efforts of a local teenager.

Since the second grade, Charlevoix resident Kevin Kusina, 18, has worked his way through the scouting ranks. He started as a Cub Scout moved up to Boy Scout and finally this July to Eagle Scout.

His final task on his way to attaining the rank of Eagle Scout — erecting signs on nearly 13 miles of trail.

"Being an avid cyclist putting signs along the trail was something I felt was needed," he said.

After meeting with county officials from both Charlevoix and Emmet counties, as well as with representatives of the Top of Michigan Trails Council and the Michigan Department of Transportation Kusina was given the green light to proceed.

Kusina said he got plans from the county and then surveyed the area to see exactly where the signs would go.

"From there I had a work day where I got some volunteers together who helped dig the holes and Quickrete the posts in," he said. "After that I put the signs on the posts myself."

According to Kusina, there are over 30 signs in all.

He installed two signs every mile, one facing each direction, along the nearly 13 mile stretch.

"I was working on it through January 'til June at different paces though, I really had to kick up the pace at the end of the school year to get things done," he said.

To become an Eagle Scout scouts must complete all requirements before their eighteenth birthday.

Kusina went before the review board three weeks ago where it was determined he had completed the requirements to receive Eagle Scout ranking.

According to Kusina, once you turn 18 you can no longer be a scout, which works out nicely for him because he said he's ready for a break.

Kusina said in the future he may consider becoming a scout leader, but for now he's looking forward to his senior year at Charlevoix High School.

"I still think it's a great organization and our local troop, Troop 11 is fantastic," Kusina said. "We have good leaders and I'd love to help them out when I can."

Kusina will be a senior this year and plans on looking at colleges next week. He is interested in pursuing studies in film production and advertising.

Donations for the project came from several sources including Preston Feather whose owners donated posts and ACE Hardware whose staff made the signs.

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For Kevin Kusina's (second from right) final project to become an Eagle Scout, he planned, found funding for and organized a group of people to assist in the construction of mile marker signs.

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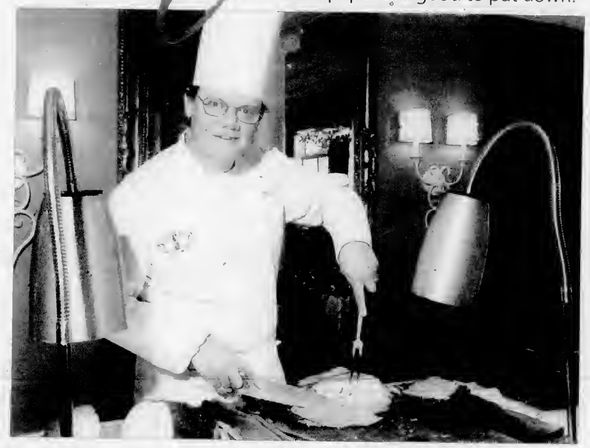

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BUSINESS

Business finance solutions group open office

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

An international business solutions network has established its headquarters in Charlevoix.

Devon Arlt, 35, visited Charlevoix last summer from her home in Parkland, Fla., an equestrian community outside of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. And shortly after returning to the sunshine state found her heart was left in this northern Michigan resort town.

"The people got to me — I missed it so much," she said.

Now, one year later, Arlt has established Charlevoix as her home and business base.

The entrepreneur, who in Florida owned and operated a commercial real estate business and luxury equestrian facility with her husband Bill who recently passed away, is heading up Global Business Funding, a consulting and investment group aimed at assisting small to medium sized business operations.

"We can provide financing and education to business owners," she explained. "We want to see employment."

Services she said Global Business Funding can provide businesses facing failure include financial solutions, like tax benefits and assistance from private investors or small business investment companies.

"These are people with money that want to see a return on their investment," Arlt said.

While Global Business Funding can help businesses who might be on their way out Arlt's company also welcomes start-ups with bad credit who need capital to get their operation off the ground or those that need advice.

"When the bank is saying 'no,' chances are we can say 'yes,'" she said.

Types of financing Global Business Funding facilitates include equipment leasing, loans, financing and factoring.

The office overlooking Round Lake is located at 206 Bridge Street in the heart of Charlevoix's business district.

Arlt said her decision to open this type of operation came from her first impression of Charlevoix.

"I was alarmed by the number of businesses that were closed or closing," she said.

She added that the area is full of promising businesses, owned by talented people but there is an element of financial savvy missing from the operation which she and her staff of 11 certified business finance consultants can provide.

"You concentrate on the product, let us tell you what to do," she said.

The Charlevoix location opened Aug. 8. Arlt plans to add locations in Texas, Florida and California in the near future. She also plans to add bookkeeping to the repertoire of services offered at the Charlevoix office.

Initial business consultations are offered free of charge. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment.

For more information, call Arlt at (231) 547-0155 or visit www.globalbusinessfunds.com.

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Devon Arlt (center), CEO of Global Business Funding, a new business solutions company with its headquarters in Charlevoix, stands with her group of certified business finance consultants.

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Four Winns dealer Burt Lake Marina earns Winn Award 2005

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Burt Lake Marina owners, Lisa Renaud LaPrairie and Ty LaPrairie were presented the prestigious Winn Award at the Four Winns International Dealer Meeting which took place in late July.

At the culmination of the 30th anniversary Four Winns International Dealer Meeting which took place in late July, company officials honored Burt Lake Marina of Indian River with the prestigious Winn Award.

The coveted Winn Award, established by Four Winns' founding family in 1987, is presented each year to the Four Winns dealership that best represents the drive, spirit, energy and courage of the Winn family. The Winn Award recipient is selected by representatives throughout the company in recognition of outstanding contributions to the marine industry.

Burt Lake Marina owners, Lisa Renaud LaPrairie and Ty LaPrairie were presented the award during the company's banquet July 18 in Cadillac.

"As a relatively small dealership, this award comes as a surprise and a great honor to us at Burt Lake Marina," said Lisa LaPrairie on receiving the award. "It is our mission every day to provide the service excellence and quality our customers deserve. I'm proud to know that our standards measure up to this award."

Burt Lake Marina sells new and used Four Winns boats, and provides year-round storage and service.

Four Winns Regional Sales Manager, Skip Marsh, presented the award.

"In the 18-year history of the Winn Award, we have paid tribute to many outstanding dealerships," explains Marsh. "But this year's honoree is especially noteworthy. For 36 years, Burt Lake has quietly gone about the business of serving their customers, and they truly exemplify the spirit of the Winn award as well as any Dealer – large or small – I've ever seen," he said.

Two local lodging facilities are 'Checking-in to Michigan Apples'

Northern Michigan hotel guests are invited to "Check-in to Michigan Apples" this harvest season.

Nearly 200 Michigan lodging properties, including about 50 in northern Michigan, will urge their guests to "Check-in to Michigan Apples" this month, in a promotion organized by the Michigan Apple Committee.

The focus of the campaign is to increase visits to local farm markets and u-picks as well as to boost awareness of Michigan's largest agricultural commodity — apples.

Delivery to Northern Michigan lodging properties is scheduled for August 15-19. Locally, both the Sleep Inn and the Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites are participating.

"This campaign will not only benefit Michigan apple growers and the apple committee, but the lodging properties and community tourism organizations such as chambers of commerce and visitor bureaus," said Denise Yockey, executive director of the Michigan Apple Committee.

Each of the participating lodging properties will receive a quarter peck basket filled with Michigan apples and a display rack full of Michigan farm market and u-pick directories.

For more information, visit www.michiganapples.com.

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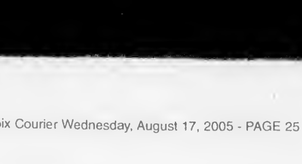

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SPORTS

Men's slow-pitch softball teams end successful season

City of Charlevoix recreation league softball wrapped up its season last week.

On Aug. 1 men's slow pitch teams faced off. In game one, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing 10–1.

In game two, Lakeshore Tire shut-out D480/St. Mary's Cement 15–0. For Lakeshore, Dave Hahn had three home runs.

In game three, Flight Deck beat Boss Engineering 13–5.

The men's teams faced off again the next day, Aug. 2. In game one, Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing won a close match against the Flight Deck by a score of 7–5.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements took Boss Engineering 9–7. And in game three, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat D480/St. Mary's Cement 14–7.

The third in a four game series of men's slow-pitch match-ups, saw Lakeshore Tire come out on top in game one.

Lakeshore beat Boss Engineering 12–7. For Lakeshore, Mike Miller had two home runs and Bob Williams had a grand slam.

In game two, Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing beat D480/St. Mary's Cement 6–4.

In game three, Carlson's Home Improvements shutout Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting 12–0.

Aug. 4 marked the final game in a four day stretch. In game one, Boss Engineering beat Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting 16–7.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Flight Deck 13–7.

In game three, Lakeshore Tire beat Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing 18–6. For Lakeshore, Bob Williams had three home runs.

The next week was also busy for men's slow pitch teams.

On Aug. 8 in game one D480/St. Mary's Cement beat Flight Deck 11–6.

In game two Lakeshore Tire beat Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting 20–7. For Lakeshore, Bob Williams had a home run.

In game three, Carlson's Home Improvements took Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing 8–2.

On Aug. 9 in game one, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Boss Engineering 10–4.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Flight Deck 13–6. For Carlson's, Bret Erskine had a home run.

In game three, Lakeshore Tire beat Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing 23–3. For Lakeshore, Bob Barber, Dave Hahn, Jesse Simons and Bob Williams each had one home run.

The teams closed the season Aug. 10.

In game one, Carlson's Home Improvements beat D480/St. Mary's Cement 19–6. In the end of the season standings, Carlson's finished second with 12 wins and six losses. St. Mary's Cement finished sixth with four wins and 14 losses.

In game two, Art Form Fabricating/MTP Racing beat Boss Engineering 8–6. In the end of the season standings, Art Form finished last with three wins and 15 losses. Boss engineering finished fifth with six wins and 12 losses.

In game three, Lakeshore Tire completed its perfect season beating Flight Deck 29–17. For Lakeshore, Mike Miller had two home runs and Dave Hahn and Jason Joels each had one home run.

Lakeshore finished the season undefeated with 18 wins, to seal first place.

Flight Deck finished fourth with a nine and nine record.

Northern Exposure takes runner-up at AAU finals

A team of 11 year olds from Northern Michigan recently competed in the national AAU basketball finals in Chicago, Ill.

The team is made up of fifth grade basketball players from across northern Michigan.

The team, Northern Exposure, finished the tournament as national runner-up.

Team members are: Keegan LaBlance of Charlevoix, Jimmie Holmen of Ann Arbor, Reese Koepke of Bellaire, Gus Merrywheater of Central Lake, Cory Couturic of Antrim County, Jay Redmond of Boyne City and Chris Haas of Pellston.

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SPORTS

Yacht Club racers face off in seventh race and regatta

Charlevoix Yacht Club racers participated in their seventh race of the season and the No Boundaries Regatta.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Aug. 10 are:

The seventh race of the summer series was sailed in medium winds. The race consisted of seven windward-leeward legs that 29 boats completed. Kamikazee lost one place because of a protest resulting from a foul at the start. One race will be added to the summer series count to make a total of nine races and three drops. Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sonnet (Lepman); 2 — Flash (Gordon); 3 — Blasen IV (Jurries); 4 — Apothecary (Oehs); 5 — Exitus (Pung).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Original Sin (Miller); 4 — Cygnus (Stuart); 5 — Artemis (Bowerman).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 2— Thunderstruck (Pirie); 3 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 4 — Stringthing (Thomas); 5 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 6 — Four At Play (Herald); 7 — M3 (Carey); 8 — What's Her Name (Robinson); 9 — Fairret (Seymour); 10 — Scurry (Curry).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 — Kamikazee (Funck); 3 — MJ2 (Begrow); 4 — Sail La Vie (Williamson).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Moxie (Jensen); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 — Northern Light (Orlow); 4 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 5 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Summer series results after seven races with two drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Flash (6); 2 — Blasen IV (10); 3 — Exitus (12); 4 — Sonnet (13); 5 — Apothecary (17).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (6); 2 — Tireless (7); 3 — Cygnus (15); 4 — Artemis (16); 5 — Original Sin (19).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (6); 2 — Paleface Lite (8); 3 — Stringthing (10); 4 — Suzie Q (19); 5 — Four At Play (23); 6 — Booma (25); 7 — Scurry (36.5); 8 — M3 (38); 9 — What's Her Name (38.5); 10 — Fairret (41.5).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (5); 2 — Gotcha! (8); 3 — Kamikazee (14); 4 — Sail La Vie (17); 5 — MJ2 (22).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Moxie (6); 2 — Tie: Affinity and Northern Light (10); 4 — Padawan 2 (17); 5 — Windrunner (24).

Results for No Boundaries Regatta Aug. 6:

Jib and Main Fleet A: 1 — Apothecary; 2 — Booma; 3 — Exitus; 4 — Big Red; 5 — Cheemaun.

Jib and Main Fleet B: 1 — Blasen IV; 2 — Flash; 3 — Sail La Vie; 4 — Wind Ensemble; 5 — The Patriot.

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Spar Wars II; 2 — Hoi Polloi; 3 — Lickety Split Too; 4 — Eclipse; 5 — Four At Play.

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck; 2 — Fling; 3 — Suzie Q; 4 — Scurry; 5 — Fairret; 6 — What's Her Name.

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Northern Light; 2 — Stinger; 3 — JuJu Magic; 4 — Windrunner.

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Volleyball winners

Indesign, the team pictured above played in pouring rain to win two games out of three at the Venetian Festival volleyball tournament. They are Chris Seymour, Kent Seymour, Brian Sommerfield, Blanca Sommerfield, Erica Schwartzfisher and Sarah Blair.

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From the family of Brian K. Lapp

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(8-19-tf-084)

HELP WANTED 086

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(8-17-2-086)

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(8-17-2-086)

NORTH COUNTRY Community Mental Health seeking a **Customer Care Claims** Representative for Managed Care division. Responsible for prompt and accurate processing of provider service claims, verification of coverage, authorization and follow-through of claims process. Requires excellent computer skills, knowledge of insurance/medical billing process, communication skills and ability to maintain confidentiality. Full time with excellent benefits. Salary range is from $10.68 to $15.20. Send resume to North Country CMH, HR. Dept., One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770 or hr@norcocmh.org or FAX: (231) 347-1241. EOE

(8-17-1-086)

HELP WANTED 086

STAFFORD'S WEATHERVANE Restaurant is looking for experienced host and wait staff. Apply within 106 Pine River Lane.

(8-10-2-086)

PART-TIME HELP WANTED 087

SALES CLERK(S) wanted for gift shop in Charlevoix. Need to be people friendly. Apply at 115 Bridge Street or call (906) 387-2635.

(8-17-2-087)

GARAGE SALE 100

COMMUNITY YARD SALE-Pine Cove Apartments 1001 May Street. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8/19-8/21 from 9 to 5 daily.

(8-17-1-100)

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134

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(6-29-tf-134)

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(8-10-2-157)

TEN ACRES with beautiful mixed hardwood, gorgeous view of Susan Lake on Shrigley Road. Septic and well in place. Must see $89,000. Contact Ty Conklin at 231-547-9670.

(7-27-4-157)

CONDOS FOR SALE OR /RENT 158

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(3-9-tf-158)

HOUSES FOR SALE 160

NEW, 2587 square foot Cape Cod on 2 Acres with full basement, covered front porch, 2 car garage attached. Centrally located between Petoskey, Boyne City and Charlevoix. Must See! Only $245,000. Call (231) 347-8088 for an appointment.

(8-17-1-160)

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(8-17-1-160)

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HOUSES FOR SALE 160

NEW, 1400 square foot 3 bedroom/2 bath ranch on 2 acres with a covered front porch and 2 car attached garage. Centrally located between Petoskey, Boyne City and Charlevoix. Only $145,000. Call (231) 347-8088 for an appointment.

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LAKE HOMES/FRONTAGE 161

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(8-17-2-161)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

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(8-10-2-168)

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CHARLEVOIX 2,500 sq. ft., office/retail, 1204 Bridge Street. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(11-10-tf-168)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

CHARLEVOIX NORTHSIDE 3 bedroom, 2 bath furnished home. Available 9/1/05-6/15/05. 1 block from bridge. No smoking/no pets. $800 a month plus utilities. 231-675-1836.

(8-10-2-170)

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(8-10-2-171)

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(11-1-tf-171)

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(9-15-tf-174)

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(8-17-1-183)

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(8-17-2-191)

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(8-17-2-203)

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(8-17-1-203)

BID 209

AN INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS FOR ELECTRIC PANEL UPGRADES

City of Charlevoix, Michigan

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Charlevoix, MI 49720 at the office of City Clerk at City Hall up to 1 p.m., prevailing local time on August 29, 2005, and then publicly opened and read aloud, for the electrical panel work to be completed at the Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant located at 97 Grant Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720

Specifications for this work may be obtained at the office of Jim Caldwell, Superintendent Water and Wastewater Facilities, 97 Grant Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 Phone 231-547-3256.

The right is reserved by the Owner to accept any bid, to reject any bid and to waive irregularities in the bids.

Date: August 15, 2005

Jim Caldwell, Superintendent
Water Treatment and
Wastewater Treatment Plant

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Raymond C. Westphal , a single man, Mortgagors, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 24th day of December, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of January, 2005 in Liber 664 of Charlevoix County Records, page 190, said Mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four & 92/100. ($121,594.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of August, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.600% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: The South 1/2 of Lot 65, Uprights and Hurlbut's Addition to the Village of Charlevoix (now City), according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 on Page 21 of plats, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: 7/27/2005 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600 ASAP713839

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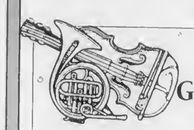

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Kenneth Goodrich and Janee Goodrich a/k/a Janie Goodrich, husband and wife to First National Bank of Gaylord, organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2003 and recorded March 12, 2003 in Liber 523, Page 876, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through **mesne** assignments to: Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, by assignment dated January 20, 2005 and recorded February 10, 2005 in Liber 666, Page 454, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Five Cents ($330,615.05) including interest 4.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, September 2, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 32 North, Range 4 West. Commonly known as: 5325 and 5303 Kuzmick Rd., Elmira MI 49730 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: JULY 26, 2005 Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-36500 ASAP714401

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 28th day of September, 2001, by Debra J. Hinton, a single woman, to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, n/k/a Northwestern Bank, and recorded on November 8, 2001, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 442, page 529, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINE AND 48/100 DOLLARS ($71,409.48) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, September 16, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 9, NETTLETON'S ADDITION to the Village of South Arm, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof. Also, the West 8 feet of alley which was vacated in Liber 221, page 278, Charlevoix County Records abutting said lots. City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: July 25, 2005

NORTHWESTERN BANK

Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Korkus, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002 and recorded March 1, 2002 in Liber 460, Page 517, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seven and 19/100 Dollars ($336,307.19) including interest at the rate of 8.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is

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hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 167 and 168, Villa De Charlevoix, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 174 through 178, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 3, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.3306 ASAP715019

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of Lori L. Henderson, Deceased.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, who lived at 06685 M-66 North, Lot #22, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on July 4, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Kevin L. Henderson and Michael B. Henderson, Co-Successor Trustees of the Lori L. Henderson Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, or the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Dated: August 10, 2005

Kevin L. Henderson,
Co-Successor Trustee
Michael B. Henderson,
Co-Successor Trustee
Hoffman & Hoffman
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated February 2, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on February 11, 2004, in Liber 597, Pages 630 through 632 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $203,059.76 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 13 AND part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section 24, all in Town 33 North, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows:

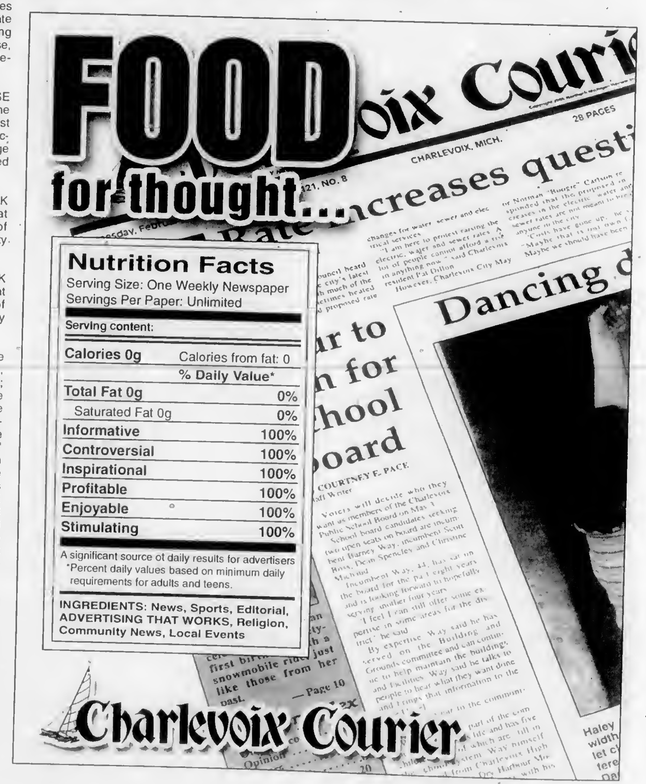
PARCEL 1: Lot 52, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 2: Lot 92, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 200.85 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 13.

PARCEL 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet) thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet; thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2: thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East, 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.



PARCEL 6: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2 as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one year from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Melrose-Chandler Water, L.L.C, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated November 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on November 17, 2003, in Liber 585, Pages 014 through 015 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $78,886.96 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of three (3%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lot "113", Springbrook Hills #2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of such sale.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated August 11, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on August 16, 2004, in Liber 631, Pages 948 through 949 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $64,269.04 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lots "138", "139" and "140", Springbrook Hills #2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of such sale.

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Area events

Singles Bible study

Northern Michigan Christian Single Organization invites all singles 40 and over to attend our group Bible study held every other Wednesday. Our next meeting is at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Petoskey Pavilion located behind Boyne City Hall offices at Clock Towner/Marina entrance. Call Mike at (231) 529-7724 or Frieda at (231) 347-5747 if you have questions.

Concerts in the park

Charlevoix Concerts in the Park series presents the Petoskey based band the Mudbugs at 8 p.m. Aug. 18. Mudbugs will play a mix of traditional Cajun and Creole music from southwest Louisiana. At 8 p.m. Aug. 25 Charlevoix will host the University of Michigan band. This program, by Professor of Piano, Dr. Louis Nagel, is a recreation of the pieces presented when Sigismond Thalberg and Franz Liszt had their famous 1837 competition in the salon of Precenss Beljioso.

Dyer in concert

Levering Pianist Lee Dyer will perform his first concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. His program for the evening concert includes CPE Bach's "Solfeggietto," Chopin's Mazurka Op.6 No.1, the "Minute Waltz" by J.S. Bach, "Invention In d minor" by Ludwig Von Beethoven and "The Pathetique" Piano Sonata No.13. To learn more about the performance call (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Singles social dinner

Singles for Christ of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey invites all Northern Michigan Singles 40 and over to attend a social dinner, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20 at Whitney's, located at 307 Bridge Street, in Charlevoix. Reservations must be called in by Friday, Aug. 19 to Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905.

Phelps School reunion

Former students of Marion Township rural schools will hold a potluck luncheon reunion at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Barnard Grange. Phelps school students have held the gathering in odd number years since 1985.

Blood drive

The next Charlevoix community blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Community Reformed Church.

Vacation Bible School

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will host "Ramblin Road Trip — Which Way do I Go," Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 21-25. Children ages 3 through sixth graders are invited to attend. Safe Harbor is located at 06046 Old U.S. 31 South. For more information call Kelly at (231) 547-4908.

Preservation society meeting

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will have a membership meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22 at the Bay Township Hall located at 5045 Boyne City-Charlevoix Road in Horton Bay. The program focused on Bay Township will be presented by vice president, Georganna Monk. A discussion will follow on the part society will play in township and county history preservation. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Carol Goodenough at (231) 582-7042.

Farbman at library

At 7 p.m. Aug. 23 author Suzy Farbman will be at the Charlevoix Public Library to discuss her book, "Back from Betrayal: Saving a Marriage, a Family, a Life."

Suzy Farbman

Farbman's personal odyssey is one of the first published by a woman who confronted infidelity and went on to save her marriage. During the author's appearance at the Charlevoix Public Library she will discuss her experiences and what she learned about rebuilding a relationship. For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Skatepark BBQ

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. will be hosting a Potluck BBQ with local musical talent from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 23 at Depot Beach. All skaters, bikers, supporters, parents, and interested parties are invited to attend. We will be updating the community about the fund-raising efforts and progress of the park. If you have any questions please call Vickie Daman at (231) 675-1830 or Laura Stebe (231) 675-4505.

4-H golf

4-H Par 3 Golf is being offered for four consecutive Monday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Boyne Rapids Golf, located on M-75 south. Playing and learning the game of golf will be the major emphasis. Ages include 5-19 and adults, and parents are welcome and encouraged to play golf with their child. Youth and adult rates $8 per golf game. For more information or questions contact Becky Palmiter at (231) 582-3734.

CPR classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital: From 6-9 p.m. Aug. 31 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B; 6-9 p.m. Sept. 7 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B; and from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 14 Basic First Aid in Classroom B. Cost is $25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is $30. There is a price reduction for the 3 class series. Pre-registration is required for all classes. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. For more information call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

Charlevoix exhibit

The Charlevoix Historical Society exhibit on Charlevoix's Native-American residents, "Ancient Charlevoix," will be on display through Labor Day at the Depot Museum. The display includes recovered artifacts from the Pine River Channel dig on ground under the LaCroft condos date back to circa 1500 B.C. The display is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Labor Day weekend.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15. If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Stratford trip

The Jordan River Arts Council will host its annual trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada Sept. 23-25. Trip participants will leave at noon from East Jordan Sept. 23. For more information, call Barbara Worgess at (231) 536-2092.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

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Two residents facing rare syndrome unite

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Americans have a better chance of being struck by lightning than being born with a rare condition known as Moebius syndrome.

Since so few people suffer from the it, a local woman afflicted with the syndrome recently held a get-together for the often misunderstood sufferers of Moebius.

"There are only about 800 to 1,000 people in the United States who have this, that we know of, and a lot of people don't know what it is," said Leslie VandeCar, of Charlevoix.

Though she has dealt with the effects of her condition her entire life, she was not diagnosed until she was 17 years old. And, knowing how difficult it can he to live in society while suffering the affects of Moebius, she decided to host a long weekend retreat for a group of about a dozen people who have Moebius syndrome.

"A lot of the things it causes are social," she said. "Kids are really cruel so getting through school, especially middle school and teenage years, can be tough."

Improper growth of certain cranial nerves, generally both the sixth and seventh, results in Moebius syndrome. Damage to the sixth cranial nerve will cause strabismus or crossed eyes while damage to the seventh is the cause of a complete lack of expression.

While one must have damage or abnormality to the sixth and seventh cranial nerve to have Moebius, it can affect other nerves in addition which may result in other symptoms such as hearing loss and increased chance of motor skill reduction.

Some of the signs and symptoms of Moebius are deformities in the arms and legs, shorter and more than five fingers on each hand. Children may also have difficulty sucking/nursing, moving eyes independently of their head, crossed eyes or strabismus, unable to move their tongue or smile or small eyes.

Moebius can also cause problems for children such as crawling and even walking at a later age than most, due to the lack of muscle development. Other side effects include problems with their lungs, hearing problems from fluid which collects in the ears, inability or limited use of their tongue and a general sensitivity to light and sound.

According to VandeCar, she is speaking out about Moebius because she feels more people need to be aware of it especially for the sake of young children.

"Normally when we have something like this we don't want to draw attention to it," she said.

VandeCar said people will often mistake her and other Moebius sufferers for mentally retarded when they are in public because of their inability to make facial expressions.

The main reason VandeCar is being so vocal now is that she wants people to be aware of Moebius in hopes that five-year-old Charlevoix resident Aubree Dionne, who also has Moebius, might not suffer such severe social effects as she did.

"We're kind of misunderstood when we can't smile at somebody," she said. "Think about going through one day without smiling, especially little kids like Aubree, you can't tell when she is sad, upset, happy because she's not old enough to articulate yet."

Another reason VandeCar wants to educate people is that many parents and even doctors can't tell a baby has Moebius until long after the child is born.

"Mom has the baby and starts to feed and the baby can't suck or nurse right and the doctors often send them home with this problem," she said. "Then three weeks later the baby is back in the hospital and the baby is malnourished."

According to VandeCar, some doctors see cases of Moebius as having genetic causes while other cases seem to come from out of nowhere.

Courtesy photo

Leslie VandeCar and Aubree Dionne, both of Charlevoix, are two of less than 1,000 people in America afflicted with the extremely rare Moebius syndrome.

While a lack of blood flow to the fetus, use of drugs and alcohol as well as a trauma to the woman during pregnancy seem to put people at increased risk, the exact cause of Moebius is still unknown.

What doctors do know is that Moebius is caused primarily by damage to the central nervous system by way of the cranial nerves and there seems to be a link between parents with Moebius having children with Moebius as the chances of a parent with Moebius giving birth to a child with the disorder can he as high as a 50 percent chance.

There is no cure for Moebius syndrome but there is treatment including feeding tubes for babies who cannot feed, smile surgery and some corrective surgeries to attempt to fix strabismus.

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Rotary Club earns $750 with tall ship sailing

Three trips aboard the tall ship, "Windy II" which docked in Charlevoix's Round Lake harbor Aug. 8, earned the local Rotary Club $750.

The 150' traditional four masted Gaff topsail schooner has 7,380 square feet of sail. The ship was launched June 16, 2000 in Charleston, S.C., with a home port in Chicago, Ill.

The Windy II offered three opportunities for the public to get a rare opportunity to sail on this unique vessel including a sunset cruise, Aug. 8 which drew 90 passengers and two cruises Aug. 9 which drew a total of 85 people.

Tickets for a sail were $25 for adults and $20 for seniors and kids. Of that money, 20 percent benefited the Rotary Club of Charlevoix.

The boat, which was docked in Charlevoix for two days left for Mackinac Island.

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Whooping cough reported in Emmet County

Eight cases of whooping cough, or pertussis, were recently confirmed in Emmet County according to the local health department.

Seven of the cases are related and linked epidemiologically and include adults and adolescents whose immunity waned, and children who were not immunized. The eighth case involves an infant.

"These cases of pertussis highlight the need to make sure children are fully immunized," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Meyerson said that anyone with pertussis should stay home and away from public activities — including school, childcare and work — to avoid exposing others until appropriately treated with antibiotics.

People with pertussis should be treated with certain antibiotics, both to help modify the course of the illness, if diagnosed early enough, and to limit the spread of the disease to others. In addition, a course of preventive antibiotic therapy is recommended for members of the household and other close contacts of a pertussis case.

Pertussis affects the air passages and lungs, making breathing difficult, and it can lead to coughing spasms. Infections tend to be more severe in infants and young children who are at increased risk of complications associated with pertussis, such as pneumonia and seizures. They tend to be less severe in adolescents and adults, often going undiagnosed in these groups. However, even in older people, pertussis can cause prolonged coughing and illness lasting several weeks. Pertussis can occasionally cause death.

The routine schedule for pertussis immunization calls for primary series of four doses, given at two, four, six, and 15-18 months of age. A booster dose is given at four to six years of age.

Early in the 20th century, pertussis was one of the most common childhood diseases and major cause of death of children. Since the widespread use of vaccines, the incidence of pertussis has decreased significantly.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties. For more information about pertussis or the DTaP vaccine, contact your physician or local health department, or visit www.nwhealth.org.

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Stupak fights high gas prices

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Gas is starting to give many locals indigestion — and they're not alone.

"They've got us over a barrel — excuse the pun, but they do," United States Congressman, Bart Stupak said. "Those who have available mass transit are probably using it, but in the rural areas we don't have mass transit so it hurts us more than anyone else."

According to Stupak, at a time when America refines and uses more gas than ever before, gasoline prices are outrageous because oil costs over $66 a barrel, up over $30 from last year.

"(The White House) can release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) or stop filling the SPR," he said. "We're urging people to call the White House and tell them to stop filling or release oil from the SPR."

The reserve is made up of a supply of crude oil which is controlled by the United States government to be used in time of catastrophe, war or other negative event. Oil from the reserve is stored in several areas along the Gulf Coast. It was designed to hold approximately 750 million barrels of oil and is thought to be the largest emergency reserve of crude oil in the world.

Currently the Strategic Petroleum Reserve has nearly 700 million barrels of oil or is at 98 percent capacity.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

David Russell of Charlevoix fills up his vehicle Tuesday morning. Russell said he and his family ride their bikes as much as possible now that gas prices have risen to nearly $3 a gallon.

A butterfly break

Photo by Julie Wilthoeft

This monarch butterfly was spotted in the butterfly garden at Charlevoix Middle School last week. Adult monarch butterflies live about six weeks. These butterflies begin their migration in late August.

Three to face multiple charges in cocaine bust

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Three Charlevoix residents face hundreds of years in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines if convicted for their alleged role in a local crack cocaine distribution ring anchored near Charlevoix Middle School.

"This is a pretty good sized bust for Charlevoix and for being in a school zone — that's pretty shocking," Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema, said. "I think this is scary, I think it's a wake-up call for people who don't believe drugs are present in Charlevoix, they are everywhere."

As the result of a continuing investigation into cocaine sales in the area by Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) two Charlevoix residents, Anthony Curtis Burks, 22, and Chesica Dawn Brown, 24, were arrested during the afternoon of Aug. 5.

Using a warrant, the enforcement group, along with patrolmen with the City of Charlevoix Police Department, executed a search of their residence, a duplex off Kipke Lane, near the Charlevoix Middle School.

Inside the house, detectives seized 25 pea-sized rocks of crack cocaine, worth between $10 and $20 each. They also seized a handgun, cash and a vehicle.

Burks and Brown were arraigned Aug. 10 in Charlevoix County District Court at which time a combined 11 counts of felony charges were handed down. At that time Judge Richard May opted to hold them both on a $100,000 bond at the Charlevoix County Jail.

The two were scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing at 2:45 p.m. Aug. 23 in district court. At this time it was decided whether the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office had enough probable cause to bind the two over to Charlevoix County Circuit Court to face the charges. Results from this hearing were not available by press time.

Burks faces seven total counts. The first three counts are for delivery of less than 50 grams of the controlled substance cocaine within a school zone. Each of these counts carry a possible sentence of two to 60 years in prison and $75,000 in fines.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Kenneth Wayne McCullough, 50, Flint. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Wayne Cutler, 26, East Jordan. Assault and battery; and illegal entry. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 33 days, 60 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; not to have contact with the victim; $950 in fines and costs.

Adam Brian Shaul, 17, Boyne City. Assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for three days, 90 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; $100 in fines and costs.

Michael Jason Wingo, 32, Gaylord. Teleecommunication SVCS malicious use. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 29 days.

Timothy Scott Jankowski, 30, Boyne Falls. Check, non-sufficient funds under $100. Serve 10 days in jail; $250 in fines and costs.

David Jay Roskamp, 51, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended. Serve 30 days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

Brian James Fortune, 18, Boyne Falls. Disturbing the peace; and minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 14 days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances: $350 in fines and costs.

Phyllis Jean McWaters, 28, Grayling. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. $260 in fines and costs.

Darren Wayne Everest, 38, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Marvin Darnell Hailey, 40, Charlevoix. Domestic violence first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 15 days, 78 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $650 in fines and costs.

Faith Inez Wynkoop, 22, Ellsworth. Embezzlement agent/trust more than $200 but less than $1,000. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 21 days, 329 days held in abeyance, to serve 15 days of community service work; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $2,800 in fines and costs.

Jack Milton Russell, 40, Charlevoix. No operators license on person; $150 in fines and costs.

Robert James Washbum, 45, Boyne City. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for three days, serve two days in jail; serve six months probation; not to have contact with the victim; $100 in fines and costs.

Julie Ann Bryan, 41, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Dawn Marie Woodcox, 27, Traverse City. Marine safety operating while under the influence per se. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; attend substance abuse classes; revoked boating privileges for a year; $850 in fines and costs.

Tara Lyn Marsh, 19, Boyne City. Violation of restricted license. Serve 12 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Esther Marie Choate, 36, Petoskey. Open intoxicant by motor vehicle passenger. Serve 20 days in jail.

Taya Leann Scott, 26, Boyne Falls. Retail fraud second degree. Serve 50 days in jail.

Ami Marie Nellett, 24, East Jordan. Two counts of check, non-sufficient funds less than $100. Serve one year probation; $600 in fines and costs.

Rose Anna McFalls, 40, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve six days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend Impact weekend; $1,225 in fines and costs.

Gary Allen Hammond, 39, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, 62 days held in abeyance, to serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,225 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Timothy Wayne Shotrosky, 55, Boyne City. Controlled substance, narcotics/cocaine less than 25 grams. Serve 180 days in jail; to serve 18 months on probation; $790 in fines and costs.

Alan Lee Danicls, Jr., 22, Boyne Falls. Probation violation attempted uttering and publishing. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 109 days, to serve 109 days in jail. Attempted larceny in a building. To serve 19 days in jail; $512 in fines and costs.

Wayne Jerome Moore, 35, Detroit. Attempted uttering and publishing. Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 48 days, to serve 60 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $12,648.28 in fines and costs.

Matthew Jacob Gerloff, 22, Boyne City. Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $501 in fines and costs.

Taya Leann Scott, 26, Boyne Falls. Attempted financial transaction device-possession. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 129 days, to serve 270 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 18, Boyne City. Probation violation larceny in a building. Sentenced to 277 days in jail with credit for 172 days, to serve 277 days in jail.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Stacey Jo Chipman Counseling Services, 3888 Mt. Bliss Road, East Jordan by Stacey Jo Chipman and Cara S. Griffiths

Rosetta's Cottage Interiors, 5931 Lake Street, Horton Bay by Kaye M. Zitka

Sheets Mechanical, 9051 Whippoorwill Lane by William A. Sheets

Take A Breath Inc., 313 Prospect, Charlevoix by Thomas J. Foley and John P. McNabb

Luke Hausler Woodworks, 130 Clute Road, Boyne City by Luke Hausler

Practical Power, 8635 Carson Avenue, Charlevoix by Dave Beane

Superior Services, 09155 Maple Grove Road by Angela Rostar and Linda Lake

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

James Potter Orr, IV, 29 and Katherine Elizabeth Keeton, 21 both of Nashville Tenn.

Matthew James Maleska, 31 and Katherine Harper Campbell, 31 both of New Haven Conn.

Timothy Joseph Burger, 35 and Rebecca Rae Tibbits, 31 both of Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divoree in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

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Mary Kathryn Pike vs. David Paul Pike

Michael J. Fortune vs. Pixie M. Fortune

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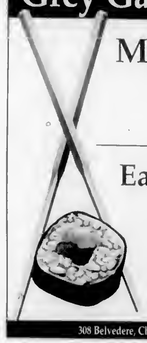

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Reward offered for break-in information

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

RxPatrol Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for a break-in at Central Drug Store last month.

According to City of Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson his department has "a lot of feelers" in the community and has received a few calls but no strong leads as to who is responsible for the July 23 crime.

"Statistically it (the perpetrator) is going to be someone local," he said.

On Saturday, July 23 while Halverson prepared for thousands to line Bridge Street for the Venetian Festival street parade, he was called to Central Drugs at 301 Bridge Street where a break-in had happened Friday night.

He said the perpetrators broke in through an access panel on the roof of the building and stole $15,000 worth of preseription drugs focusing primarily on the pharmacy's supply of the pain killer OxyContin and viagra.

Halverson said the street value of the narcotics taken is between $60,000 and $70,000.

Halverson's department has been working with Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (S.A.N.E.) to try and track activity that could be related. But so far nothing has raised a red flag.

Dennis Halverson

"We have not noticed spikes in oxy (OxyContin) transactions. However, it is in the community and it is being abused," he said.

While Halverson is hopeful that the reward, donated by OxyContin distributor Purdue Pharma, will bring the criminals to justice, he isn't holding his breath.

"In my experience rewards do not tend to be that effective," he said.

This investigation is on-going and anyone with information is asked to call the city police department at (231) 547-3258 or RxPatrol Crime Stoppers at (888) 479-8477. Information will be kept confidential.

SANE bust three, charged with 13 counts for cocaine

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Burks' fourth count is conspiracy to deliver cocaine within a school zone. This count also carries a possible sentence of two to 60 years in prison and $75,000 in fines. Brown also faces this charge.

Chesica Brown

The fifth count he is facing is for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in a school zone. If convicted this could bring him two to 40 years in prison as well as a $75,000 fine. Brown also faces this charge.

The sixth count Burks is confronting is for maintaining a drug house. If convicted this carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison or a $25,000 fine. Brown also faces this charge.

The last count he is facing is for felony firearm possession. If convicted, this could tack on an additional two years to his time in prison after he has served out the other sentences. Brown also faces this charge.

Anthony Burks

SANE made a second crack cocaine arrest in the city arresting 41-year-old Marvin Darnell Hailey. An undercover officer purchased $100 of crack cocaine from Hailey who went to the Kipke Lane duplex to pick up the product, leading officers to Burks and Brown.

Hailey, who lived at 1203 State Street, was arraigned Aug. 16 and plead not guilty. He is facing two counts of delivery of crack cocaine and another for maintaining a drug house.

The three alleged dealers will be prosecuted through Jarema's office. He said he will either handle the case himself or it will be prosecuted by his internal SANE prosecutor Maria Barton.

"We'll push for maximum penalties in these cases," Jarema said.

Births

Bryce Carl Cebulski, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born to Chris Simmons and Tamatha Cebulski of Charlevoix on Aug. 16, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Sharon Kangas of Mesick and Joanne and Randy Cehulski of Charlevoix.

James Scott Dixon, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was horn to Scott Dixon and Jaime Stevens of Charlevoix on Aug. 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Maurice and RoseMary Dixon of Charlevoix and Greg and Cheryl Osantowski of Gaylord and Richard and Rebecca Stevens of Lansing.

Maggie JoAnn Miller, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce was born to Rebecca Massey and John Miller of Boyne City on Aug. 12, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are John, Tracy, Andrea and Lillian. Grandparents are Janet and Carl Massey of East Jordan and Joann and the late Norman Miller of Boyne City and Deborah and James Allport of Boyne City.

Garrett Michael Argetsinger, weighing 16 pounds, 13 ounces was horn to Matthew Argetsinger and Jessica Johnson of East Jordan on Aug. 13, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Tyler, Shyenne and Briar. Grandparents are Kerry and Kathryn Argetsinger of East Jordan and Tom and George-ann Minton of Boyne City and Ron and Nicole Johnson of Charlevoix.

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Caught in the fallout of a Mars myth

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

A press release was forwarded to me via e-mail last Tuesday. It stated Mars would be closer to Earth on Aug. 27 than ever in recorded history.

The prospect of interviewing an enthusiastic amateur astronomer from Charlevoix sounded, to me, like the makings of a good story. I ran the gist of the information by my editor. She green-lighted the article and I, being a grade-A procrastinator, put the release in my to-do box — OK, it's more of an unofficial "I'll get to it eventually" pile.

Wednesday I reread the Mars release. My palms grew a little sweaty at the prospect of a planetary collision. From the information I gleaned Mars would be within 34,649,589 miles of the Earth. Though 34 million miles isn't even close to what scientists call a "Cosmic near miss," my mind raced with thoughts of apocalypse.

Thursday, I moved the Mars release to the bottom of the to-do box in hopes it might disappear. The paper was still there when I checked on Friday. I decided I had put the story off long enough. To no avail I called a few sources in hopes of finding someone interested in sharing their excitement over this once in a lifetime occasion. Despite my efforts I made one unsuccessful call after another. Were there no interested stargazers in the county?

By Friday afternoon I had a migraine headache accompanied by more sweat and uncontrollable blinking in my right eye at the thought of cataclysm. Not only was there a chance two worlds were going to collide, but I seemed to be the only one in Charlevoix who cared. Just what I needed, the Cassandra Complex. Rod Serling's Twilight Zone monologue echoed in my head.

Saturday morning I was cranky thanks to a lack of sleep induced by nightmares of the red planet and my constant thoughts of impending doom. Oh yeah, and my right eye was still twitching.

To keep myself busy I decided to do some more research. Surprise, surprise, I found approximately 6,840,000 hits for "planet Mars" on Google. I learned Mars is the fourth planet from the sun and has an average temperature of about 218 Kelvin. Great, I now knew almost as much about the cosmos as my 10-year-old daughter.

Sweating and twitching aside, things were moving smoothly — I was learning all I ever wanted to know about Mars and my hyperventilating had slowed to terrified gasps. It was then I found the informational site www.About.com. On it I saw a warning written by astronomy enthusiast Nick Greene which read, "It is possible you've received an e-mail which says that Mars will be closest to Earth in August in 50,000 years. Sorry, that was 2 years ago, you're reading a recycled e-mail."

Recycled what now? I was sick — not so much from my self-induced, horrified, overreaction as from the prospect of nearly sending a hoax out as news.

I didn't know what to do. I knew full well I couldn't call in "dead" on Monday morning — last time they recognized my voice. This coward was going to live, but he was also going to be without the top story for his Monday deadline.

Visions of an irate editor put the irrational thoughts of a cosmic collision to rest and I decided to verify this new information. I called a longtime amateur astronomer located in Marquette who wishes only to be identified as "Olga's husband." I know, being located in the Upper Peninsula didn't make him local. But I was desperate and I figured if anyone could help me at that moment, it was a 60-year-old Yooper with a telescope.

I asked him about the Mars' situation. His guffaws reminded me of when I was eight and I showed my parents the new haircut I had given myself with a pair of Snoopy brand safety scissors.

Once he regained his composure, laughing-boy told me the whole Mars thing was a hoax. What he really said was, "Sounds like youse got hosed, eh. Dat red planit ain't gonna be too close to da Ert for annuder tree hundrit yers."

I felt a sudden flood of remorse for all those Dan Rather jokes I'd made — perhaps this was my National Guard story. And just my luck, "Gohs-Gate" doesn't roll off the tongue as easily as "Rather-Gate."

On a positive note, Olga's husband did say Mars would make a pass close to Earth in October, but not nearly as close as the one from a couple years ago.

The fact that other people fell for this hoax was little consolation. It scared me that something so simple as an official sounding e-mail could be mistaken as valid. Truth be told, I haven't been this nervous since I nearly missed out on buying all that prime swampland a few years ago. Boy I took that salesman for every acre he had. Some people are so gullible.

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There are great lakes other than our own

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Surrounded as we are by what we call the Great Lakes, we might just overlook other magnificent bodies of water that are not so near. Lake Baikal in southeast Siberia comes to mind. How does it compare with our Great Lakes?

Let's look at age. How long have our Great Lakes been here? Depending on which one we are talking about they are from about 7,000 to about 32,000 years old. The Great Lakes as we know them did not exist until the most recent Ice Age ended and the Great Glacier that covered most of Michigan melted away. Lake Baikal has been a lake for much longer. It is 25 million years old; almost 800 times as old as the oldest Great Lake.

Size is important, and size can be measured in many ways. Our Great Lakes form the largest surface area of fresh water to be found anywhere in the world. But if we added up all the water found in all five Great Lakes, it would not quite equal the amount of water found in Lake Baikal. Let's hear that again. We could pull all the water from all five Great Lakes into Lake Baikal and have room left over.

At its deepest, 5,314 feet, Lake Baikal is the deepest body of fresh water on earth. Lake Superior is deep by most standards, but Baikal is four times deeper.

What lives in all that fresh water in Lake Baikal? Most amazing, I suppose, is the presence of seals, thousands of miles from any ocean. They are different from other seals of the world and live nowhere else.

About three-fourths of the kinds of plants and animals found in Lake Baikal are found nowhere else on earth. The lake has been there long enough to have evolved hundreds of kinds of unique plants and animals.

Some of the watery residents would be familiar to us. Among the 50 or so different kinds of fish are Grayling, whitefish and sturgeon. Most of the rest of the fish we would not recognize. There are dozens of kinds of bullheads, for example, which are also unique to that lake.

In the 25 million years it has been a lake, Baikal, with more that 300 rivers running into it, has accumulated a lot of bottom sediment. Best guesses are that the sediment is about 20,000 feet thick. What that means is that the original bed of Lake Baikal is almost five miles below its water surface. Now, that's deep.

The local scenery includes nearby mountains that are 6,500 feet above the lake surface, as well as pulp mills and manufacturing facilities.

If this sounds like a place you would like to see, it's relatively easy to get there. The Trans-Siberian Railroad runs right by. Ask to get off at Slyudyanka which is just past Irkutsk. I'm sure it is possible to fly there, but the train ride might be even more fascinating.

I personally know about Lake Baikal only from reading, but a former student of mine on a solo around-the-world bike tour stopped for a swim there and reported that he nearly died from the respiratory infection he acquired after his dip in the lake. Water temperature peaks at about 55 degrees in August. I had encouraged him to visit Lake Baikal, and all in all he didn't regret it.

There are great lakes other than our own.

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Letters to the editor

Skater safety

Editor:

We would like to clarify the actions/decisions of the skaters/longboarders/BMX riders involved in the Venetian street parade. Helmets were provided to the skaters by Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. We made sure that all the skaters under 18 had a helmet on. We felt we had more control over the younger skaters requiring them to wear them. We did not have enough for all participants. We told the skaters over 18 it was their choice to "skate at their own risk." The skaters over 18 made their own decision.

We would like to extend an apology for sending the wrong message, to parents, supporters, and the Venetian Festival Board. All the skaters involved know that the park will require helmets, they know it will have posted rules and it will be supervised. At the temporary park we did not have any problems with the helmet requirement. The kids put them on no questions asked. Safety at the park is the primary objective. The second objective is adequate supervision, which the skaters requested. This shows they too value a safe environment to skate. We were happy that at least 15 skaters showed up to participate.

At the present time, due to insurance conflicts with the city provider, the park on Carpenter Avenue has not opened, which has been very frustrating for the local skaters. They have worked hard on this project and they have been waiting for almost a month. This means they currently don't have an outlet for their sport besides the street, parks and sidewalks, which we all know the police and local businesses would love to get them off of.

I want to also point out that there is a new skateboard in town, it is called a longboard and looks like a skateboard but is used on hills and gradual grades. It is longer, and has more of a surfing feel to it. It is not a board used in a skatepark. Some of the kids in the parade chose to longboard the south hill. It is the only day of the year they can ride on U.S. 31 without getting ticketed.

Anyone who knows skateboarders know that this is not a sport that can be easily "organized." They tend to be free spirits, but they are also athletes. We have a very responsible group of riders. We try to advise them and mentor them, but if they choose to ignore it, that is their choice. They need an outlet soon; they are currently skating in areas that are not safe or supervised. We are working out the red tape to get it open. None of us involved ever dreamed it would be closed during the prime season. Mike Wiesner, the city manager, and his staff have been very supportive of this project, their guidance has been immeasurable but until it can open with everything in order, it will remain closed.

It will not open with questions and uncertainty; we owe that to everyone who has contributed and worked on this project. Please don't question the safety of this project or the members of this group. Safety and supervision are the driving forces behind this project. We are not volunteering and fund-raising to do this improperly. We made an error in judgment and it has been addressed. It has been a very frustrating summer to find that after all this work, the park opening is still at a standstill. We will be working with city council to get the insurance questions addressed as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact any of the board members or Mike Wiesner if you have any questions.

Laura Stebe
Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc.
Charlevoix

Donate to pantry

Editor:

As the end of summer nears, we are aware our seasonal visitors will soon be packing up and leaving for their winter homes.

As they prepare to clean out kitchen cupboards and pantries, we would encourage them to remember our local Charlevoix Community Food Pantry and donate items to it, rather than disposing of them.

The demand on the pantry has been greater than usual this year, so all contributions will be put to good use. They also can be used for tax exemptions.

We feel sure that our summer residents, who are generous in many ways, would be happy to help us out in this fashion.

We thank them in advance and wish them safe travels.

You can call (231) 547-6456, (231) 547-5752 or (231) 547-2359 for further information or to arrange pickup.

Sue Dixon
President of the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry Board
Charlevoix

'Thank you' Navy crewmen

Editor:

I read your editorial about the U.S. Navy special forces (SWCC) with anger, disappointment and ultimately with sadness. I stopped to talk with those fine young men and had a brief and pleasant conversation with one of them. I did not ask about their mission here. I was informed of their equipment and knew then that these were exceptional people. I left with a feeling of awe and respect for our military and their mission to protect America, even Charlevoix if necessary.

My first reaction to your editorial was anger in reading a cynical outpouring by someone who felt they had every right to know what a specialized force is about. You are not a select sub-committee to whom they are responsible — try to believe that. Disappointment followed when I realized nothing they might have said would change your attitude towards them and finally sadness that there may be more like you ready to demean the people who are putting their lives at stake for me and my loved ones. Thank goodness they are there and maybe you are where you are at.

When I left the crewman all I could say was, "Thank you," and I knew that wasn't enough.

Michael Nigro
Charlevoix

Delay bridge for parade

Editor:

I was in your beautiful town for Venetian week. It was great to be back, where as a young adult with three children I used to come and play, enjoy the boats, the park and of course the fudge. But times have changed and I've gotten a little older, a senior citizen to be frank, and I have a suggestion, to make the Saturday of the parade a little easier on the drivers going in and out of town and crossing that beautiful bridge.

Instead of every half hour raising it, when the line of traffic goes from the bridge to neverland, make it known to the wonderful boats that they can wait and that bridge be only raised every hour or even 2 hours. It wouldn't hurt the boats, they are at their leisure, and would help the traffic, alone the gas that would be saved waiting for the bridge.

Thank you for listening and putting it in letters to the editor from an out of towner that had a great time, enjoyed the entertainment, food, fireworks and all the activities.

Donna J. Wiles
West Branch

Letters Policy

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Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
OFFICIAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

September 1, 2005 is the last day to pay 2005 summer taxes without penalty. After Thursday, September 1st, 1% interest will be added to the tax portion of the bill for each month the tax is delinquent. Taxes can be paid at City Hall or by mail until March 1, 2006 when they will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

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Wedding

Eaton — Boss

Rachel C. Eaton and Mark J. Boss both of Smyrna, Ga. were wed at 5 p.m. Feb. 12, 2005 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix by Rev. Larry Grooters in front of 130 guests.

Rachel is the daughter of Mike and Sherla Eaton of Charleston, Tenn. The groom's parents are Bud and Judy Boss of Charlevoix.

Rachel was given away by her father, Mike.

The bride wore a strapless one-piece corset gown with asymmetrical waist and sweep train. The gown fabrication is brocade and delustered satin and is embellished with crystals and beads. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Ceremony organ and piano music was provided by the groom's cousin, Esther Vanidenburg and vocals were provided by his sisters, Amanda and Kari Boss.

The maid of honor was the bride's friend, Lisa Demma. Bridesmaids were friends of the bride Jessica Chaney and Susan Rusche and sisters of the groom, Kari and Amanda Boss.

Bridesmaids dresses were strapless, satin, apple colored embroidered ball gowns.

The flower girl was Grace Nelson, daughter of the bride. She wore a sleeveless, floor length, ivory satin gown.

Best man was Robert Boss, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were friends of the groom Clayton Bergsma, BJ Damstra and Phillip Haan and brother of the bride, Justin Eaton.

Ushers were cousins of the groom, Matt Miller, Ryan Vogelheim and Jason Strange.

The reception took place at Castle Farms in the Kings Great Hall. The master and mistress of ceremonies were Joe and Christie Vogelheim, uncle and aunt of the groom.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, took place at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Rachel and Mark took their wedding trip to Maya, Mexico and returned to live in Smyrna, Ga.

Mark is a plant manager for Universal Forest Products in Union City, Ga. Rachel attends Medix School in Atlanta, Ga.

Evening Garden Club annual plant sale Sept. 3

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will host its fifth annual Labor Day Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 3 at Charlevoix's Ferry Avenue Beach near the corner of Ferry Avenue and Stover Road.

This annual sale offers a variety of shade and sun tolerant perennials, houseplants and miscellaneous garden gift items.

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, a member of the Federated Garden Club of Michigan, Inc., maintains the gardens at the "Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful" entrance signs located at M-66 and North and South U.S. 31. Members are active in the Junior Master Gardening Program and assist the daytime Charlevoix Garden Club with the Heritage Depot Garden.

The club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month to share gardening tips, attend informative lectures and tour area nurseries and gardens. For more information contact club vice president and plant sale chair, Robin Pearson at (231) 599-3390.

New exhibit opened at Charlevoix's Depot Museum

Three thousand years before the founding of the City of Charlevoix, the banks of the Pine River provided the site of an earlier village. This village was occupied by Native Americans. The settlement was investigated by archeologists from Michigan State University in 1971 and 1972. The work on this site had to be investigated before it was destroyed by the construction of the LaCroft condominiums. Thousands of artifacts were recovered. Careful analysis showed that the Pine River Channel site was occupied at about 1500 B.C., again at A.D. 600, and several times after A.D. 1000.

The exhibit opened on July 5, 2005, and will remain open only on Fridays and Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. until September 1, 2005. "Ancient Charlevoix: Life Before the Written Word" has artifacts on loan courtesy of Michigan State University Museum, East Lansing, Michigan.

The Charlevoix Historical Society wishes to thank these exhibit sponsors: Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Charlevoix County Community Foundation (Tunison - Garlock Memorial Fund), Michigan Council of Arts and Cultural Affairs - through the Cheboygan Area Arts Council, and Street Legends Car Club of Charlevoix.

While visiting the Depot, also enjoy many antique flower beds. The Heritage Garden was created and is maintained by members of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club. Enjoy the abundance of the garden and savor views of Lake Charlevoix in an historical setting.

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Girl Scout volunteer meeting set for Sept. 1

The first adult volunteer meeting for the Charlevoix Area Girl Scouts will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1 at Village Inn Pizza.

This will be an organizational meeting to plan area Girl Scout events for the upcoming year, review enrollment and review training requirements. Any interested adult is encouraged to attend and learn more about Girl Scouting.

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark to open Aug. 24

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located off Carpenter Avenue will open at 3 p.m. today, Aug. 24.

Scheduled hours of operation are from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday. The park will be closed Fridays and Sundays. All hours are weather permitting.

The park will be closed during holidays.

Volunteers are needed for expansion of hours. Call (231) 675-4505 or (231) 675-1830 to volunteer.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 2133, Part 21, Subpart 10 to Act 451, P.A. 1994, that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) proposes to sell the following State-owned land or rights in land by direct sale:

All that part of the W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 36, lying South of the Boyne River. T33N, R06W, Evangeline Township, Charlevoix County. 15.0 acres.

The proposed sale is being placed on the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Agenda for the public comment prior to being approved by the MDNR Director. The next meeting of the Natural Resources Commission is scheduled at the following date, time and location:

September 8, 2005
4:30 P.M.
Michigan Technological University
Memorial Union Building
1400 Townsend Drive
Houghton, Michigan

Public appearances before the NRC will begin at 4:30 P.M. and may be scheduled by calling Ms. Theresa Gloden, NRC Secretary, at 517-373-2352.

PLEASE NOTE: This notice is *not* a solicitation for bids. Further information concerning this case is available by contacting Ms. Renee Tober, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Office of Land and Facilities, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948, or via e-mail at toberrc@michigan.gov. Phone 517-373-1240.

Anniversary

Herb and Margot Kane

Herb and Margot (Lewis) Kane of Charlevoix will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 27 with their children and grandchildren.

Herb and Margot married Aug. 27, 1955 at the Community Church of God by Rev. George Majors.

Herb worked for Hodgkiss and Douma for seven years and retired from C.H. Smith Co. after 37 years. Herb now works part-time at Dunmaglas Golf Course.

Margot worked at several stores including Oleson's, Kit Carson and the Treasure Chest throughout the years.

Herb and Margot have four children Susan Whippo, Milo Kane and Barbara Schnaekenherg of Charlevoix and Richard Kane of Laingsburg.

They also have six grandchildren; Aaron, Jessica, Abigail, Caitlyn, Emma and Hannah.

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Obituary

Francis Martin: Oct. 6, 1947 - Aug. 16, 2005

Francis E. "Ernie" Martin, 57, of Beaver Island, died Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

Mass of the Resurrection took place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Patrick Cawley officiated and burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Ernie was born Oct. 6, 1947 on Beaver Island, the son of Charles I. and Marian (McGinnis) Martin.

He graduated from Beaver Island School and then served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Ernie was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Service Star for his service to his country.

On Aug. 3, 1968, he married the former Jacquelyn L. Hallahan on Beaver Island.

Jackie and Ernie made their home on Beaver Island where he worked as a commercial fisherman and a contractor.

Ernie was a member of Holy Cross Parish, Amvets Post #46, Beaver Island Historical Society and the Order of the Purple Heart.

Ernie is survived by his wife Jackie of Beaver Island; son Ernie (Julie) Martin of Traverse City; daughter Mary Jane Martin of Beaver Island; grandchildren, Katelynn and Madelynn Martin of Traverse City; brothers, Emmett (Nancy) Martin of Fountain, Joseph "Bud" (Colleen) Martin of Beaver Island, Mike (Roxanne) Martin of Sparta; sisters, Marjorie (Robert) Armstrong of Beaver Island, Sally Delia of Hesperia, Mary Jane Martin of Gaylord.

Brothers, James and Erwin preceded Ernie in death.

Ernie was waked at his home on Beaver Island where friends called on Friday, Aug. 19.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Michigan Huntington's Disease Society of America, Michigan Chapter, 601 N. Waverly Road, Lansing, MI 48917. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix handled the arrangements.

Two injured in accident at U.S. 31 and Boyne City Road

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash that occurred at 1:40 p.m. Aug. 19, at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Boyne City-Charlevoix Road in Charlevoix Township.

Peggy Sue Farley, 22, of Boyne City was traveling westbound on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road driving a 1992 Oldsmobile 98 and stopped at the U.S. 31 intersection.

Farley then made a left turn onto U.S. 31 into the path of a northbound 2000 Chevrolet Impala driven by Carl A. McComb, 81, of Lapeer.

Investigation showed that there was another northbound vehicle in the right turn lane onto Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, which obstructed Farley's view of the approaching McComb vehicle.

Both drivers were transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by City of Charlevoix ambulances.

Their vehicles suffered extensive damage and were totaled.

The Sheriff's office was assisted at the scene by the City of Charlevoix Rescue Unit, Charlevoix Township Fire Department, Charlevoix City Police Department and the Michigan State Police.

The crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Lasater wants to remind motorists to use extra caution and to double check that there are not approaching vehicles which may be hidden by slower moving vehicles at this intersection.

This intersection is slated for improvements in the next several weeks.

Photo by Julie Wittnoeft

Emergency personnel responded to this two vehicle accident scene at U.S. 31 and Boyne City-Charlevoix Road on Aug. 19. U.S. 31 was temporarily closed.

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New teachers join Charlevoix Public Schools

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix high, middle and elementary schools each have a new edition to their teaching staff.

Sara Parrish

Born and raised here, Sara Parrish graduated in 2000 from Charlevoix High School and went on to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo for her teaching degree. She will be teaching special education half-time at the Charlevoix Elementary School and half time at the middle school.

"I'm very excited about it because I'm really glad to be back in Charlevoix and to be part of such a great teaching staff," she said.

Parrish has had two long-term substitute teaching assignments in Charlevoix in both seventh grade science and general education at the fifth grade level.

She said she is looking forward to establishing, "Close relationships with the students and with the other teachers as well."

In addition to working in the schools this fall, she will be working toward her masters degree in special education.

Originally from Charlevoix, Steve Carland went on to Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw where he received his teaching degree which he will now use at Charlevoix High School.

"This is my first year actually, so it's nice to teach back in my hometown," he said. "I've been subbing for the last two years. So I think it's finally my turn to step up."

Steve is the son of recently retired elementary school teacher Pat Carland.

"It's kind of funny she retires and I get a job — keeping the Carland name going I guess," Steve said.

Steve substitute taught long-term previously in Boyne City.

Steve Carland

"I just loved it over there, so I can't wait to teach here," he said. "I'm up for the challenge."

Steve said he enjoys working in special education because he loves to see the kids succeed.

"Seeing smiles on their faces when they accomplish something," he said, is the biggest reward of all. "It's challenging and in the same way it's fulfilling."

He has always wanted to teach in Charlevoix because this is his hometown.

"They've got a good group of people at the high school — actually at every school," he said. "I'm looking to get back to my roots and working with some of the teachers that taught

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, August 15, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Council received a presentation of a framed photograph of Harvey Lee Iddings, the first Mayor of the City of Charlevoix, from the Charlevoix Historical Society.
- Bruce MacArthur from the Charlevoix Area Pool presented the City with a check for scholarships for Mt. MacSauba and presented the Historical Society with a share of funds raised from items donated to the pool auction by the Historical Society.
- Motion adopted to accept the resignation of Virginia Whitney from the Planning Commission.
- Motion adopted to approve the Mayor's appointment of Tom Rankl to the Planning Commission.
- Council heard the appeal of Dianne Parton regarding the denial of a business license for a hotdog cart on the sidewalk.
- Motion adopted to follow staff's recommendation in denying the business license for Dianne Parton.
- Rehmann-Robson presented the audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2005.
- Motion adopted to accept the audit presentation for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
- Motion adopted to accept the Charlevoix County Board of Canvassers report on the August 2, 2005 primary election results
- Motion adopted to approve the drafted ballot language on the initiative action for the park contingent upon the agreement of the petitioners' committee and to place the item on the November 2005 election ballot.

Council adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Public school staff welcome Carland, Parrish and Thompson

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me."

Steve said he feels it is time for him to give back to the community.

"I'm just glad I got my chance to start my career back where I grew up. I can't wait to get in the classroom and do my thing," he said.

Jodi Thompson

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., Jodi Thompson has lived in many places, but she hopes to make Charlevoix her last stop.

Thompson received her teaching degree from Miami University at Oxford in Ohio and then Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant to update her certification in elementary music.

"I'm going to be at the elementary school teaching kindergarten through fourth grade full-time," she said.

Thompson spent the last four years of her teaching career at St. Mary's where she taught music.

But, she said, "I've been teaching mostly part-time for about 11 years."

Thompson said she has one daughter still in the elementary school and another going into fifth grade, so she is familiar with the public schools.

"I've volunteered as a parent and I'm familiar with the staff and excited about joining the staff," she said. "I love working with the elementary students because they are so excited about learning. It is my desire to share my passion for music with the students at Charlevoix Elementary School so that later on they will continue to enjoy music."

Thompson, who majored in music education, plays guitar and was a vocalist in college.

New children's program at Church of the Nazarene starts on Sept. 14

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene is launching a Wednesday evening children's program this fall.

The program, Kid's Bible Adventure, will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14. It is open to all children in grades first through sixth. Evening activities will include stories, activities and prizes.

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene is located at 12023 Waller Road in Charlevoix. For more information call (231) 547-5711.

Charlevoix Public Schools set student orientation dates

The 2005-2006 Charlevoix school year kicks off with student orientations.

Orientation for students enrolled at Charlevoix High School is scheduled to take place from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29 for juniors, 1 to 3:30 p.m. for freshman and 8:30 to 11 a.m. for seniors and 1 to 3:30 p.m. for sophomores at Charlevoix High School located at 05200 Marion Center Road.

From 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 there will be an open house at the middle school located at 108 East Garfield Street, wherein locker assignments and schedules will be available.

Elementary classes will begin Wednesday, Sept. 7. Full-day kindergarten runs from 8:40 a.m. to 3:52 p.m. Half-day kindergarten students have class from 12:37 p.m. to 3:52 p.m. and begindergarten students have class from 8:40 to 11:52 a.m. The elementary school is located at 13513 Division Street.

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Township voters to decide fate of 'Big Box'

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The proposed "Big Box Ordinance" in Charlevoix Township passed all required boards for implementation, but has been stalled due to a petition request by some township residents.

Charlevoix Township resident Charles Scherping helped author a referendum which put the proposed 90,000 square foot cap on commercial buildings to a vote this November.

"I think it's against the constitution of the United States," Scherping said. "I think they're interfering with commerce."

He added, "What are you going to do, tell the next gas station not to come into town because you don't like their brand? Where do you stop with trying to control commerce?"

According to Scherping, he and the others who signed the petition turned it in early this month.

"Our main goal is to overturn the amendments to the zoning ordinance that the Charlevoix Township Board made so that it doesn't regulate whose business can come to town," he said.

According to Charlevoix Township Supervisor Dale Glass, until a decision is made on the ordinance, Charlevoix Township has passed a temporary resolution directing the planning commission not to accept site plans for any commercial building of 50,000 square feet or greater.

"It passed all the steps, but because of the request for a petition, it can't go into effect until it is voted on," Glass said.

If there are enough votes cast to overturn the township's zoning ordinance, that section of the ordinance will be thrown out, Scherping said.

He added, "My personal opinion is to overturn the zoning ordinance to allow commerce to come to Charlevoix. I'm not telling (Charlevoix residents) where to shop, but if they want more commerce to come to town they should vote."

A resident of this area since the 1960s, Scherping said, he has never witnessed the township attempt something so drastic.

"I don't think they've tried to control commerce and business like this before," he said. "It's protectionism in some ways. 'We'll pass an ordinance to help protect some businesses in town,' but that's not the American way."

He added, "What's the government's business to say we're not going to allow that type of business? They don't have that type of expertise, they are local citizens. They're (Charlevoix Township board members) all nice people and good people but this is something that's way out of their league."

Scherping isn't about to predict how the vote will go this November, but he said, the over 200 people who signed the petition agree that it should be put up to a vote.

"That's probably one-third of the registered voters in the township," he said.

If there are enough votes against the "Big Box Ordinance" it will be overturned. However, Scherping said, the township board can always start proceedings over at another time to have the ordinance reinstated.

"Most people just don't like Charlevoix Township interfering with commerce," he said. "Whether they like Wal-mart or not is not the issue."

> *"Most people just don't like Charlevoix Township interfering with commerce."*
>
> **Charles Scherping,**
> Charlevoix Township resident

City Fire Department responds to State Street

At about 9:46 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 the City of Charlevoix Fire Department was called to the Bartlett residence at 506 State Street because the garage was filling with smoke.

Everyone was out of the house when firefighters arrived.

Investigation discovered a dried plant in a plastic flowerpot in the garage, smoldering. A cigarette but was found in the pot. No other property was damaged. Firefighters were on-scene for about 30 minutes.

No injuries in rollover accident off Barnard Road

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a one vehicle crash that took place approximately 9:10 a.m. on Aug. 18 in Norwood Township.

Frederick W. Jolliffe, 71, of Banks Township was southbound on Barnard Road when he lost control of his 1995 Mercury Tracer at the crest of a hill. His vehicle ran off onto the opposite shoulder and struck the curb at the Warner Road intersection.

The vehicle became airborne, rolling down an embankment and striking several trees. A passing motorist discovered the crash about 30 minutes later.

Jolliffe told investigators that he did not remember what had caused the crash. He refused emergency medical services transport for his injuries.

The vehicle was totaled. Jolliffe was cited for negligent driving.

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Residents return from Uganda mission trip

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

After spending 17 days in Uganda, local missionaries faced dilemmas heavier than their eyelids or luggage — reverse culture shock and recurrent feelings of helplessness.

A team of 17 had just returned from treating nearly 1,400 patients, 60 percent of which were children under the age of 13, for conditions ranging from worms to HIV/AIDS. Hosted by the Washington-based World Outreach Ministries Foundation (WOMF), members were housed, fed and transported to several remote villages, orphanages and even two minimum-security prisons in the central-east African nation.

An assortment of professionals made up the team, which included 14 members from the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, one pastor, three retired physicians, one registered nurse, one research pharmacist and 11 support persons ranging from teachers and builders to housewives.

"In a medical team, if 25 percent of your people are medically-related, that's all you really need," said Don Trimper of Charlevoix, who led the team. A retired physician, Trimper has participated in more than 15 missions in Ukraine, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Romania and Kenya.

The group departed Detroit July 26 and returned August 13 — after a nearly 20-hour flight spent mostly on Ethiopian Airlines.

For six days, the team transformed churches into medical clinics for the natives.

Sometimes traveling three hours over rutted dirt roads to reach a village, members treated Ugandans for intestinal parasites, malaria, skin diseases, scabies, respiratory infections, muscular-skeletal problems and gastro-intestinal problems. The team also traveled with the foundation's mobile HIV diagnostic unit — in two days, 18 percent of patients seen tested positive for the virus.

"This is a big event for them. They live in dirt huts and when you have a medical clinic, people come dressed like they're going to a wedding," said Trimper, whose wife, Marcia, also traveled with the team. "It's an honor for us that they think so much of our effort. It's embarrassing to try to live up to what other people think Americans are."

Medication for the Ugandan people is commonly obtained from Christian clearing houses, which purchase nearly expired medicine from pharmaceutical warehouses fearing the drugs will only take up space. Trimper said the medicine recently prescribed to Ugandan patients will expire in about four months, but added that most medicine is good to ingest well beyond its expiration date.

Additional days were spent administering clinics at two minimum-security prisons, where about 40 percent of inmates were HIV positive, and visiting a World Outreach Ministries Foundation orphanage to distribute backpacks with school supplies and "Jesus Loves You" messages from children in Charlevoix.

In an e-mail written to friends and family, registered nurse Sue Bokyo wrote, "The prisoners get routine health care as part of this mission. The villagers, on the other hand, have never had a real medical clinic and most of them had never seen white people before. The children were either fascinated or appalled by our appearance."

Bokyo, who works at Northern Michigan Hospital, continued, "Five children under five years old were positive for HIV during testing today, most likely transmitted to them at birth. Sad, sad thing to tell a mother. The hardest part is leaving hundreds behind without being seen, but this is what local missionaries insist we do. They promise to send another team next month, which I hope will happen."

During the excursion, members were housed by Ron and Shirley DeVore, founders of the World Outreach Ministries Foundation, in two base sites. The team selected the agency as their host organization in Uganda simply by process of elimination. Beginning with a list of about 20 agencies, Trimper said the foundation held steady at the top of the bunch.

"In 18 years, I've never seen any

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Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident Marcia Trimper pauses for a picture with one of many African children she helped while on a mission trip to Uganda through the World Outreach Ministries Foundation.

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A community gift

At the Charlevoix City Council meeting Aug. 15 David Miles (left), co-director of the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, and Charlevoix resident John Gaskin (center) presented council with a framed portrait of the first Charlevoix mayor, Gaskin's grandfather, Harvey Lee Iddings. Iddings was in office from 1905 through 1907. This gift was given to commemorate the City of Charlevoix's 100th anniversary of incorporation which took place June 1. John's wife Pat Gaskin is pictured at right. Council is considering furthering this gift by searching out photos of other past mayors for display in council chambers. The Gaskins are in the process of building a home in Virginia where they plan to relocate. Framing for the Iddings gift was donated by Charlevoix Camera.

Charlevoix group assist in medical needs of Africans

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organization do as much as they have been able to do in Uganda," he said. "You know they must be well-organized, they must have good leadership, they must have good relationships with local and national governments. All of that is very important."

Since 1987, the World Outreach Ministries Foundation has planted 35 churches in Uganda, initiated eight primary and secondary schools, created two Bible schools, ministered to several hundred prisoners, supported two medical clinics, founded an orphanage for children who have been abandoned because of AIDS which presently houses 110 children and supported 430 orphans with monthly food, clothing, school fees and medical care. Currently, the agency is building a hospital in southern Sudan, which is Uganda's northern neighbor.

Flanked by translators, most of which were university students affiliated with the church, the team made no mention of any threats to their personal safety while abroad. Uganda lies within a volatile and developing region of east Africa. It borders Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Ethiopia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has been active in northern Uganda — an area visited by the team — and in March 2004, two Americans were murdered there. In May 2004, the leader of the resistance army issued an order to target Americans, according to the U.S. Department of State Web site, www.travel.state.gov.

"We've never experienced any anti-Americanism anywhere we've gone," said Trimper, whose missionary work has primarily been with the Christian Medical Dental Association. "We've been put up on a pedestal that we don't deserve."

Along with the receptiveness of the culture, team members are humbled by the rigorous work ethic of the Ugandans and their simple pleasures.

"People live in mud or brick homes," Bokyo wrote in an e-mail. "Most laborers earn about $5 per day for a 16-hour day."

Another team member said it was grounding to watch the natives wake at 5 a.m. every day to lead a bicycle of bananas more than 10 miles into town.

"These people aren't lazy," Trimper said. "They make about 500 shillings a day, which is equivalent to $2.20, not for an eight-hour day, but for a 12-hour day."

At a recent re-entry meeting held at the Community Reformed Church, several team members recounted their experiences in Uganda. Although irritated to be waking at 4 a.m. each morning due to the time difference, the team begged a sobering question: How do we make lasting change in Uganda, a nation so devastated by disease, poverty and suffering?

"What we do medically is of no consequence," Trimper said to the group. "It's all going to come back. It's the fact that you cared enough to go."

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Kirk, a former ISD contract worker, arraigned

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Originally arrested by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office on multiple counts of felony weapons charges, 70-year-old Charlevoix Township resident Arthur Kirk has new charges levied against him.

Arthur Kirk

Kirk was arraigned on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 16 in Charlevoix County District Court on five counts. Three of those counts are for perjury not related to court stemming from false statements he made on a concealed weapon permit. A fourth count for notice of habitual offender related to three prior felony convictions. The final charge is for felony weapon possession.

In addition to the state charges, there may be a federal indictment on federal charges as well.

"Since he's a habitual offender, the felony possession by a felon of a weapon and three perjury counts are up to life in prison," said Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema.

Kirk, who retained Jennifer Deegan as his attorney, is still out on $10,000 cash or surety bond with the conditions he may not possess any weapons and he is not to have contact with anyone under 16.

Kirks' preliminary examination is set for 2:30 p.m. Sept. 13 in district court.

Kirk formerly provided contracted services to the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District as coordinator of the federally funded AmeriCorps Program, the Domestic Peace Corp.

Law enforcement were tipped off when Kirk applied for a concealed weapons permit in late May and the FBI and Michigan State Police background checks revealed he had applied using an alias. Under the name Arthur Heilberg Kirkeby they found several prior arrests and convictions including felonious assault and sex offenses ranging from 1964 to 1980 in Oakland and Macomb counties, and at least three prior sex offense convictions.

Kirk's last conviction, for which he was sentenced to 25 years in prison, was for the second offense of first degree criminal sexual conduct with an 8-year-old boy.

A lieutenant with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and a police officer with the City of Charlevoix Police Department executed a search warrant at Kirk's condo in Charlevoix Township on July 30. During the search, three handguns were seized including two .357 caliber revolvers and one .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

According to Jarema, his office is set to move forward in September.

"We have everything we need for the charges that are filed right now," he said. "If anything new comes to light we will be seeking more charges, but we're ready to go right now."

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Officials discuss holes in background check

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

State and local officials came together last week to discuss how team work packaged with improved technology and legislation can protect Michigan children.

"We raised each other's awareness of our resources and limitations — we all share a common goal and that is keeping the kids in this state as safe as they can be," City of Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson said.

Halverson steered the meeting that took place Aug. 19 at the Char-Em Intermediate School District office off Mercer Boulevard.

Also attending were Mark Eckhardt, superintendent of the intermediate school district, state representative Kevin Elsenheimer and Lieutenant Colonel Tom Miller with the Michigan State Police.

Discussion was primarily focussed on the Internet Criminal History Access Tool (ICHAT). Miller revealed that the 20 year-old mainframe system will soon see major improvements as an $8 million grant has been awarded for updating it.

Miller said under the improved system a recent incident involving a Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District contract worker with an extensive criminal history would never have happened.

Arthur Kirk, 70, of Charlevoix Township, who was arrested in early August and charged with felon in possession of a firearm and falsifying a gun permit application, worked in the school system as coordinator of the volunteer group AmeriCorps.

His duties included writing, facilitating and maintaining AmeriCorps grant activities and records, coordinating and training AmeriCorps volunteers and acting as a liaison to the Michigan Department of Career Development.

Michigan State Police officials have said the criminal background checking system which screened him twice was working properly when it failed to locate an extensive criminal history for Kirk who was using an alias.

Charlevoix County Sheriff's office investigators said they discovered Kirk's criminal history, including several criminal sexual conduct convictions from 1978 and 1981, under the name Arthur Heilberg Kirkeby.

Fingerprints determined that Kirk is Kirkeby.

Miller explained that currently, ICHAT is a computerized name-based search of the Michigan Criminal History Record, so those who provide a false name or an alias cannot be distinguished from persons who have no criminal history record.

ICHAT uses identifiers including name, race, sex and date of birth to match names to criminal histories. Additional identifiers such as driver's license and Social Security number can also be used to broaden the search, but are not used to match criminal histories without a match on the name.

Halverson said Kirk/Kirkeby isn't included on the state's Public Sex Offender Registry because his convictions came through prior to 1995, exempting him from registration.

"Kirk was the perfect storm, everything lined up perfectly for him to fall through the system's cracks," Halverson said.

However, at the meeting, Miller said Kirk was checked using the improved ICHAT system and his history was revealed. The new system, set to launch this fall, incorporates name variations.

Mark Eckhardt

"This is going to give me a lot more confidence in the system," Eckhardt said. "I'm responsible and when this happened (Kirk incident) I wasn't sure how I felt about the criminal records checking system."

The technology branch of this initiative spurred Halverson to request a joint effort between the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Education to establish background check guidelines for schools. Miller headed back to Lansing with this project on his plate.

Eckhardt said in establishing guidelines, state agencies have to find a happy medium — to check every volunteer in the intermediate school district would be a logistical nightmare. With Michigan's "No Child Left Behind" legislation requiring parents to volunteer in the classroom, each parent would have to pay $70 for a complete screening.

"We have to strike a balance between the public good and personal rights," he said.

While the state may establish guidelines, districts can also set their own policy.

"There is one place where we can control policy and that is the Char-Em ISD and we are doing that," Eckhardt said.

He said intermediate school district policy requires checks on all AmeriCorps volunteers.

The third piece in the puzzle is legislation.

State Representative Kevin Elsenheimer is working with State Senator Jason Allen to support a package of bills called the Student Safety Initiative. The initiative would mandate complete criminal histories including fingerprints for all employees and volunteers who work with juveniles and would create safety zones near schools, wherein convicted sex offenders would be prohibited from working, living or loitering within 1,000 feet of school grounds.

Having digested the three directions this meeting went in — technological advancements, state and internal policy and legislation — Eckhardt said he is satisfied for now.

"I left the meeting knowing there is no system anyone can put in place that is 100 percent fool proof. But we are closing the loopholes and the state police are doing everything they can to enhance the system and I feel comfortable with that," Eckhardt said.

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(From left) Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson, state representative Kevin Elsenheimer, Mark Eckhardt, superintendent of the intermediate school district and Lieutenant Colonel Tom Miller with the Michigan State Police met last week to hash out issues with the state's criminal background check system.

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Ebert goes 'South of the Border' with Camp Quality

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(Above) Charlevoix resident Parker Evert who suffers from cancer sits on a red stool he made for his bedroom while at Camp Daggett for a week in conjunction with the Michgan Camp Quality chapter. (Below) Ebert, who is afraid of heights shows his courage on a ladder in the indoor ropes course at Camp Daggett.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Parker Ebert, an 8-year-old Charlevoix resident, spent last week hanging harnessed from ladders, flying high in a hot air balloon, netting frogs and munching camp food at Camp Daggett.

When asked what the stouthearted camper wouldn't do he said, "There is one thing I won't do, that would be quit."

Ebert, who spent the week at camp in conjunction with the Petoskey based Michigan chapter of Camp Quality USA, Inc. applies this persistent outlook to everything he does.

On March 10, he was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a soft tissue cancer that arises in the muscles and accounts for about 4 percent of all childhood cancer. It is believed to originate in the embryonic state of the development of children.

The outlook is that if treated with chemotherapy he should have a full recovery. Since beginning weekly chemo treatments at DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids he has established two complaints — hospital food and a touch of the boredom blues while admitted.

While Ebert faces a long road to recovery, he has found the light at the end of the tunnel.

"When I'm done with my cancer I can come back to camp and be a companion," he said.

Every Camp Quality camper is paired with a companion who is dedicated to his or her care. Last week, there were 57 campers from across the Midwest and Canada in town for the "South of the Border" themed outdoor fiesta.

This year Jim Morgan, a pastor from Community of Christ Church in Onaway was Ebert's companion.

"Parker has taught me a lot of things — to be patient," Morgan said.

Ebert tends to look on life's brighter side. He even found the sunny side to hair loss — a side effect of chemotherapy most people despise.

On the third day of camp, Aug. 16 counselors called for a lice check. In recounting the tale Ebert tupped off his orange baseball cap to reveal his small, smooth bald head and said, "But I didn't have to go, I can't get lice."

His bright attitude carried him through the week where he said every activity he did was his favorite.

With camp experiences lodged in his head and heart Ebert is now preparing to hit the books as a third grade student at Charlevoix Elementary School. He said his student experience is typical unless his white blood cell counts are low, in which case he has to stay home. He said chicken pox and other illnesses that float through schools can be fatal to someone with his condition.

Camp Quality is a summer camping experience and year-round support program for children with cancer. For more information, visit www.campqualityusa.org or call local camp director Eleanor West at (231) 582-2471.

If you would like to make a donation to help support Ebert send your donation in care of the Charlevoix Volunteer Firefighters Association, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

For more information, contact Ebert's parents, Brian and Ellen McDonald at (231) 547-3279.

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Northwest Academy tackles major repairs

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A worker from Mark White Painters puts on a fresh coat of paint in Northwest Academy's science room last week.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The local charter school, Charlevoix's Northwest Academy is undergoing $46,000 worth of intense renovations.

According to music director and academy co-director, Gary Stutzman, things are really starting to fall into place.

"Now the possibilities have become realities," he said. "When the building was initially designed for our school we made improvements as needed along the way, but this year we've made major renovations to the interior."

All rooms from floor to ceiling have been painted and a little over half of the flooring has been installed.

"It's a really important point, especially for parents of elementary students," Stutzman said. "They are concerned with the environmental safety of the building. They want to see that it's up-to-date, modern and clean."

In addition to the fresh new look, Stutzman said, people will see a slight increase in number of kids.

"There are new students enrolling every day," he said.

Stutzman cited word of mouth regarding the schools good work as one of the factors.

And, he added, "We've never gone out and promoted our school like we have this year."

Despite the new interest and awareness in the school, Stutzman vows to maintain a limit of 15 students per class.

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7-Eleven beefs up underage tobacco deterrents

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Possibly the most recognized name in party stores, 7-Eleven Incorporated, will increase an already firm approach to dealing with underage tobacco sales.

Some of the new ways of dealing with this issue will be to place tobacco away from those products which may entice children and many of the stores are now using a new computer system.

"We have a new scanner that runs an ID through," said Charlevoix 7-Eleven owner, J.J. Tuncap. "We scan it and it automatically validates your drivers license."

And, he said, the new scanner is better than the old system because, "It also has 48 states that it covers, because we were having some problems with some out-of-state licenses."

According to Tuncap, the system prevents a clerk from selling alcohol or tobacco unless the license is validated.

"It won't let you complete any transaction without that," he said. "And I would say we are the best in town at checking IDs. It's a hold statement to make, but I feel confident that our girls are doing their jobs."

Tuncap said this isn't the end of underage kids getting a hold of the wrong things, but it's a good deterrent.

"It's just another safeguard," he said. "If someone underage is going to go through trying to buy beer or cigarettes it will help keep them from doing it."

7-Eleven Inc. hires an outside firm to perform sting operations on 7-Eleven stores to ensure clerks are doing their jobs correctly.

"If the clerk does (sell to minors) they are fired automatically," Tuncap said. "But when they do pass it, they reward them greatly."

Tuncap said, clerks who pass the sting receive $50 in cash and their name is entered into a drawing at the end of the year for a few thousand dollars as an incentive to eard everyone.

The safety checks have occurred for about five years now, Tuncap said.

"They shoot for a 93 percent compliance in the State of Michigan;" he said. "Out of 100 usually a couple will fail."

He added, "Gas stations I think are only in the 80 percents."

Tuncap said checking identification for people buying cigarettes isn't the favorite part of everyone's day, but it is necessary.

"We know some people get pretty upset about it, but it's something we need to do so that underage people don't get it (tobacco) from us," he said.

Garh-Ko owns all the rights to all 7-Eleven stores in Michigan and they are the ones who monitor clerks to make sure they only make legal sales.

"I would say they probably try to sting us about once every other week," he said. "They know it goes on, they just don't want it coming out of a 7-Eleven."

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J.J. Tuncap, owner of the Charlevoix 7-Eleven convenience store, demonstrates his new identification scanning device, another tool in the fight to keep those who are underage from purchasing tobacco.

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Charlevoix High School golf lose season openers

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Aug. 15 the Charlevoix Rayders golf team opened the season with a Lake Michigan Conference match against all eight teams at Grayling Golf Club.

"We're off to a fast start," said Charlevoix Rayder golf coach, Jim Glynn. "We're senior laden so we have a lot of experience."

Glynn said Charlevoix hasn't played up to the level he knows they can reach.

"We need to play better, but we're in the hunt," he said. "We've got a shot at playing for the Lake Michigan Conference title of course."

He added, "Traverse City St. Francis is the team to beat."

Last year's champions, Traverse City St. Francis, took first place at the opener with a 318.

Harbor Springs came in second with 325, the Rayders were in third with 327 and Grayling came in fourth 332.

Charlevoix Rayders Kyle DeYoung and J.D. Speigl had a 78 and 80 for the day respectively.

Fifteen schools competed in the second match which took place Aug. 17 at the Russ Harvey Memorial Alpine Course at Boyne Mountain.

Traverse City St. Francis had 316, Grayling came in with 332, Harbor Springs had 344 and Charlevoix had 346.

The Rayders high scorer was Stephen Parker with 82.

Match three took place on Aug. 18 against the Columbus Academy of Ohio at the Belvedere Golf Club where Columbus bested Charlevoix 333 to 364.

The Rayders' Kris Bartling shot an 84 that day while Kyle DeYoung had 90. Matt Novotny and Kenny Anderson each shot a 95 and Kevin Kusina and Stephen Parker shot 100 and 103 respectively.

Parker managed a hole in one on the fourteenth hole with a seven iron.

Results for the matches on Aug. 23 and 24 were not available by press time.

The Rayders next match will take place at 8 a.m. Aug. 25 at the Traverse City Resort for the Traverse City St. Francis Invitational.

Men's Slow-pitch champs

Men's Slow Pitch League Champions, Lakeshore Tire. (Front, from left) Micky Walker, Bob Barbour, Bob Williams, Jesse Simon, Brian Vroman. (Back , from left) Mike Miller, Craig Napont, Matt Hall, Dave Hahn, Jason Joles. Missing are Joe Williams and Dave Hunter.

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Competitors competed in events such as the caber toss — a 20-foot long pole that they must pick up and flip in the air — and the 100-pound Irish stone of strength — which must be picked up and thrown with two hands for distance.

The competitors were Dale Gehman of Gaylord, Damon Barth of Fort Wayne, Ind., Kip Miller of Mason, Mike Brown of Shepard, Ken Green of Lansing, Bill Gordon of Deerton, Chris Snider of Saline, Jody Gilbert of Elkhart, Ind., Dave Carl of Nashville, Jeremy McBain of Charlevoix, John Tracey of Wayne and judge Jerry Bowersox of Hudsonville. Miller was the overall winner in the competition.

McBain went on to compete in the esteemed Detroit Highland Games sponsored by the St. Andrews Society in conjunction with the Detroit Scottish Festival.

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Charlevoix resident Jeremy McBain competes in the caber toss — a 20 foot long pole that Highland Games participants must pick up and flip in the air during the first Beaver Island Celtic games which took place in late July on the island.

Courtesy photo

Women's slow-pitch winners

Women's Slow Pitch League Champions are Kwikie Duplicating. The team includes (front, from left) Tammy LaFave, Teresa Hart, Ann Gorney, Heather Gosciak, Linda Ciuk. (Back, from left) Laura Kemp, Tara Morrow, Michelle Metzger, Carolyn Loper, Lisa Herriman, Tammy Mitchell. Missing from photo are Angie Behling and Joelle Beaudoin.

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LOTS OF FUN JUNK 113 E. Garfield, 9:05 a.m. to 4:36 p.m., Saturday, 8/27. Collectibles and antiques.

(8-24-1-100)

Charlevoix, 10926 Boyne City Rd. Friday 9-5, Saturday 9-3. Large tool and house sale, antique tools, misc. lumbar, assorted shovels, old hand saws, furnature and much more.

(8-24-1-100)

MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE 134

LADIES WEDDING RING Marquis cut diamond with diamond wrap. Also man's gold band. Asking $2,000 for both. (231) 675-0203. Leave message.

(8-24-1-134)

$$$ CASH PAID $$$

PINBALL MACHINES-Old or new, dead or alive. 517-881-8293.

(6-29-tf-134)

CONDOS FOR SALE OR /RENT 158

VACATION CONDO located downtown Charlevoix at the bridge. Available daily, weekly and monthly. 231-881-3528.

(3-9-tf-158)

LAKE HOMES/FRONTAGE 161

240' LAKEFRONT PROPERTY - located in Charlevoix, plus 40x30 pole barn. Call 248-366-0018.

(8-17-2-161)

HARBOR CLUB condo on Round Lake. Exceptional interior, 2 bedroom with boat slip. Terry Rowe, Boyne Realty, 231-330-0043.

(8-24-1-161)

WANTED TO BUY REAL ESTATE 164

TRUE ROCK CONSTRUCTION is buying homes for remodeling. Let us take that fixer upper off your hands. Call for details. 616-366-8773.

(8-24-4-164)

BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR RENT 168

CHARLEVOIX 2,500 sq. ft., office/retail, 1204 Bridge Street. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(11-10-tf-168)

HOUSES FOR RENT 170

RENTALS - ATWOOD CABIN in the woods. Charming 1 bedroom on 2 acres. $450. No smoking. References.*Old Dixie Highway 231-588-2606

(8-17-2-170)

RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT 171

LOG HOME on Lake Susan, Charlevoix, for rent. Weekend rate $1,000, weekly rates available. Phone 989-463-3937. Ask for Linda.

(11-1-tf-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

STORAGE UNITS 12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call 231-347-7225.

(9-15-tf-174)

SELF STORAGE units 50 to 3000 square feet, drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, 231-547-5100.

(3-31-tf-174)

STORAGE UNITS available. Charlevoix Mini Storage. 231-547-5838. Closed Thursdays.

(12-28-tf-174)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-tf-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed, Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.

(8-27-tf-181)

Waterfront Acreage
27 partly wooded acres w/312' of frontage on pristine Nowland Lake, minutes from Charlevoix. $289,000.
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231-547-9905

John Yarrch
Vacation Properties Network
203 Bridge St. Charlevoix
(REAL ESTATE)

AUTO FOR SALE 191

1986 JAGUAR XJ6, 4 door, stored winters, can be seen at 405 Antrim. $6,500. (989) 860-8759.

(8-17-2-191)

BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT 203

2000 ESCAPE 13' Sailboat. Easy to use. (231) 547-6431 (248) 851-4943

(8-17-2-203)

BID 209

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SEALED BIDS
"LEAF COLLECTOR"

The City of Charlevoix will accept bids until 10:00 a.m. August 30, 2005, for a curbside trailer mounted leaf collector. All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked "Leaf Collector". All bids are to be directed to the City Clerk, Carol Ochs at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Specifications can be obtained from and all inquiries are to be directed to John Martin, Street Superintendent, at (231) 547-3276. The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

B(8/24)

Happy Birthday Andrea & Billy

Celebrating Something?

Tell all of Charlevoix... for under $15.00!
To place your Happy Ad, call the Charlevoix Courier at 547-6558

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 04-010745-NC

In the matter of Mark Dennis Pillsbury

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including those whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at Probate Court, at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Mark D. Pillsbury requesting that the name of Mark Dennis Pillsbury be changed to Marcus Pillsbury.

Date: August 19, 2005

Mark D. Pillsbury
P.O. Box 392
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(616) 332-6298

L(8/24)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this pur-pose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Kenneth Goodrich and Janee Goodrich a/k/a Janie Goodrich, husband and wife to First National Bank of Gaylord, organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2003 and recorded March 12, 2003 in Liber 523, Page 876, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, by assignment dated January 20, 2005 and recorded February 10, 2005 in Liber 666, Page 454, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Five Cents ($330,615.05) including interest 4.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, September 2, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 32 North, Range 4 West. Commonly known as: 5325 and 5303 Kuzmick Rd., Elmira MI 49730 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: JULY 26, 2005 Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-36500 ASAP714401

L(8/3,8/10,8/17,8/24)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 28th day of September, 2001, by Debra J. Hinton, a single woman, to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, n/k/a Northwestern Bank, and recorded on November 8, 2001, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 442, page 529, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINE AND 48/100 DOLLARS ($71,409.48) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, September 16, 2005 at 11:00 o=clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 9, NETTLETON'S ADDITION to the Village of South Arm, now City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof. Also, the West 8 feet of alley which was vacated in Liber 221, page 278, Charlevoix County Records abutting said lots. City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: July 25, 2005

NORTHWESTERN BANK

Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684

L(8/3,8/10,8/17,8/24)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Korkus, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002 and recorded March 1, 2002 in Liber 460, Page 517, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Seven and 19/100 Dollars ($336,307.19) including interest at the rate of 8.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on September 2, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 167 and 168, Villa De Charlevoix, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 174 through 178, inclusive, Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 3, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCI-ATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Mortgagee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.3306 ASAP715019

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August Special Classified Deal
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
Sell, Buy, or Rent:
Guitars, Trombones, Flutes, Drums, Clarinets, Pianos, Saxophones

BALDWIN PIANO and bench, 45" upright, walnut finish, excellent condition. $2,500. (231)526-9763.
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FRENCH HORN Played 2 years, case included. Paid $1,400, asking $500 or best offer. (231)347-1377.
CLARINET FOR sale. All wood. Used 2 years. $500. (231)526-6588 evenings.
CLASSIFIED ADS PAY OFF!
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Call the Classified Department
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(231) 347-2544 (231) 547-6558
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 12, 2001, by Joseph R. Breidenstein Jr., a single man, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on November 19, 2001, at Liber 444, Page 235, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having matured and become fully due and payable in accordance with the provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $126,484.96 principal, $6,664.19 interest, and $969.19 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, September 23, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; Also that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West, lying easterly of the easterly line of highway US-131.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with interest at the default and post maturity rate of 25.00% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: August 17, 2005

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450, Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

CORRECTED NOTICE & CHANGED PUB DATES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Steven C Kehrer and Ameda L. Kehrer, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2003 and recorded July 30, 2003 in Liber 559 Page 473. Charlevoix

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County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars and NIney-Nine Cents ($277,314.99) including interest 7% per annum. Un-der the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at **11:00A. M. on Friday, September 23, 2005.** Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Beginning at the West quarter corner of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds East along the East and West quarter line of said section 202.00 feet; thence South 20 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds East 687.58 feet; thence South 27 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 267.00 feet to the Northwesterly right of way line of Old US 31 Highway; thence continuing South 27 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 33.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence South 62 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West 582.09 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the left 81.19 feet (radius of said curve is 818.15 feet, the central angle is 5 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds and the chord bears South 60 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 81.16 feet) to the West line of said section; thence North 0 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds East 38.24 feet along said section line to said northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 0 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds East 1181.89 feet along said section line to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 08855 Old Us 31 North, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: AUGUST 11, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-37535 ASAP716973

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Carlston and Tammy Jo Carlston, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 26, 2004 and recorded March 2, 2004 in Liber 600, Page 802, Char-levoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 98/100 Dollars ($103,960.98) including interest at the rate of 7.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on September 23, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 174, Block V, Nicholl's & Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, City of Boyne City according to the recorded plat thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 24, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2493 ASAP717899

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated February 2, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on February 11, 2004, in Liber 597, Pages 630 through 632 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $203,059.76 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 13 AND part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section 24, all in Town 33 North, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1: Lot 52, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 2: Lot 92, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 200.85 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 13.

PARCEL 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet) thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as:. Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet; thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2: thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East, 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 6: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast comer of Lot 115, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2 as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one year from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

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Attorneys for Mortgagees
P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9950

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NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

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Gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class "How to Create a New Flower Bed" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

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Ellsworth school open house

The Ellsworth Community School invites students and families interested in attending school in the fall to the Ellsworth Elementary School for food, games/activities, door prizes, festivities and fellowship 6 p.m., Monday, Aug. 29 for the annual Back-to-School Family Picnic at 9467 Park Street.

Call (231) 588-2544 for more information.

Northwest board meeting

There is a special meeting of the Northwest Academy Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at Northwest Academy on 115 West Hurlbut Street.

For more information call (231) 547-9000.

CPR classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital: From 6-9 p.m. Aug. 31 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B; 6-9 p.m. Sept. 7 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B; and from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 14 Basic First Aid in Classroom B.

Cost is $25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is $30.

There is a price reduction for the 3 class series. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

For more information call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

Lake Charlevoix field trip

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and SEE-North are sponsoring two field trips that will use a Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle (ROV) to explore different areas of Little Traverse Bay. The trips are planned for 12:45 p.m. and 2 p.m. Aug. 31. The trips will leave from the Pier in Harbor Springs. The cost to participate is $20 for members of the Watershed Council and $25 for nonmembers. To reserve your space or to obtain more information, call Kathleen at (231) 347-1181, ext. 100.

Marion Township reunion

Former students of Marion Township rural schools will hold a potluck luncheon reunion at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Barnard Grange. Phelps school students have held the gathering in odd number years since 1985.

Blood drive

The next Charlevoix community blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Community Reformed Church.

Native American artifact exhibit

The Charlevoix Historical Society exhibit on Charlevoix's Native-American residents, "Ancient Charlevoix," will be on display through Labor Day at the Depot Museum.

The display includes recovered artifacts from the Pine River Channel dig on ground under the LaCroft condos date back to circa 1500 B.C.

The display is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Labor Day weekend.

Day of Caring

The Charlevoix United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15.

If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Stratford trip

The Jordan River Arts Council will host its annual trip to Stratford, Ontario, Canada Sept. 23-25.

Trip participants will leave at noon from East Jordan Sept. 23. For more information, call Barbara Worgess at (231) 536-2092.

4-H Golf

4-H Par 3 Golf is being offered for four consecutive Monday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Boyne Rapids Golf, located on M-75 south.

Playing and learning the game of golf will be the major emphasis. Ages include 5-19 and adults, and parents are welcome and encouraged to play golf with their child. Youth and adult rates $8 per golf game. For more information or questions contact Becky Palmiter at (231) 582-3734.

Gambler's Anonymous

Gambler's Anonymous 12-Step meetings will take place at 1 p.m. Monday's at Harbor Hall located at 520 N. Main #106, in Cheboygan.

For more information contact Bonnie at (231) 818-0992.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8-a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overcaters Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on U.S. 31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

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Stupak: 'Suspend oil delivery to federal reserve'

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Stupak said, ceasing the increase in oil to the reserve wouldn't hurt America's energy security at all.

Rather, he said suspension of oil delivery to the reserve would put additional barrels of oil into the U.S. market to help stabilize our oil supply and provide some relief at the pump for consumers.

Bart Stupak

If enough people complain to the government, Stupak feels President George W. Bush and the federal government would be more likely to take notice.

"At least if he gets a number of calls he might think twice about it," Stupak said. "Or call the department of energy and they might start to understand."

Stupak said, unfortunately his provision intended to cease the delivery of oil to the reserve was removed from the Energy Bill.

"I ran my amendments through the house and they got stripped by the senate," he said.

As the price of gasoline continues to increase, Michigan State Senator, Cameron S. Brown, a Republican from Fawn River Township, recently called on Gov. Jennifer Granholm to use $1.3 million intended for the hiring of more gas station inspectors.

In a press release dated Aug. 18, Brown said, "We can't wait any longer. With gas nearing $3 a gallon it is imperative that all protections which can be afforded to consumers are used."

According to Brown's release, gas stations will be inspected that have prior records of poor quality and complaints. And, the release said, Michigan gas pump compliance rates are below the national average for both quality and quantity. And, the most typical quality violations include selling lower octane gas as high octane gas and having unacceptable amounts of water or sediment in it. Quantity violations occur when consumers are shorted the amount of gas they pay for.

Brown said in the release that if only 10 percent of Michigan gas stations were to short consumers two table spoons of gasoline from every gallon they sold each year, consumers would be overcharged by $24 million.

"I find it extremely disturbing that nothing has been done yet to help protect Michigan motorists," Brown added.

Stupak is calling on the White House to do the right thing and keep their promise to protect American consumers.

According to Stupak, the President and the Secretary of Energy have the power to divert domestic barrels to increase oil supply and that will directly affect the crunch at the pump. They could also release oil from the reserve to help ease gas prices, just as Presidents Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush did during their tenures. So far, President George W. Bush has refused to do so.

Stupak wants to know why the government is filling the reserve when oil prices are at an all-time high.

"Why are you filling oil when it's most expensive? You should fill it when the price of oil is low not when it's the highest it's ever been."

"So it's taxpayer's money filling that SPR when cost is the highest," he said. "From a budgetary point of view it doesn't make much sense."

Stupak said part of the justification for high prices is the terrorist surcharge on each barrel of oil.

"Because of the war (oil companies) are claiming they have to put this surcharge on oil," he said.

According to Stupak, the usual surcharge might be $1 or $2 but that number has risen to $15 or $20 a barrel.

He said, this additional fee, called a "terrorism risk premium," helps offset losses if production is halted because of an attack. But in the meantime no one is offsetting the cost to the consumer.

"If you knock that (the risk premium) out you could drop the price by 25 percent tomorrow," he said. "Who comes up with this? Where do these numbers come from? This isn't a government agency who makes up these things, this is the industry."

While at the moment it is not, Iraq was the second largest contributor of oil to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and Venezuela, also a large contributor to OPEC, is making things difficult for the United States as far as getting oil is concerned, Stupak said.

Despite the high cost of gas now, Stupak said, the gas you are pumping now is from a long-term contract.

"Which was probably $30 a barrel. So they're making huge profits off this terrorist concern on oil which won't make our shores for a number of years," he said.

Stupak added, "So you can see the profits they're making off this."

Stupak said he doesn't feel the current administration will do much to change the trend in high oil prices left to their own devices.

"There is some monkey business going on here," he said. "And in my position as the ranking Democrat on the oversight and investigation subcommittee of energy and commerce I'm not too sure the Republican controlled Congress will allow us to look into it too far."

According to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), there are resources available which were designed to alleviate the financial burden on Michigan motorists due to high gasoline prices.

MDOT established about 215 carpool lots in different areas across the state for a total of nearly 8,000 parking spots for people who carpool. For more information on Park and Ride visit, www.mi.gov/parkandride.

MDOT also developed a program called Ridesharing which allows people to use a statewide carpool program wherein fully insured nine or 15 passenger vans can be supplied to passengers of nine or more commuters with the costs being shared among those involved. For more information on the Rideshare program visit, www.mi.gov/rideshare.

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Algae build-up continues to plague some area beaches

Lake Michigan's shorelines are still sporting the latest fashion of a stringy, green goop called benthic algae or periphyton.

The Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is launching a Rapid Response System to keep tabs on where the growths are occurring.

As part of the Rapid Response System, the watershed council will be collecting algae samples from northern Emmet County to Antrim County for analysis of the specific makeup and species in the "green goop."

The algae analysis is being performed by Dr. Rochelle Sturtevant with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Center of the Great Lakes. Results should be available in the next few weeks. Results will be reported through the Rapid Response System.

"In order to understand the algae growth better, we are also developing a method for citizens to report and describe growths," said Ann Baughman, program director at the watershed council.

"We would like to try to keep track of the location, size, and type of growths occurring on Lake Michigan. We have developed a simple data sheet, that citizens can complete to help report the growths," added Baughman.

The data sheet requests information on the location, description, coordinates, length of the growth, average width of growth, average depth of growth, average depth of water where the growth was found and color of the growth.

Community members can sign-up with the Rapid Response System to receive updates via e-mail and postal mail.

If you would like to sign up for the Rapid Response System or help with the volunteer algae monitoring, please contact the Watershed Council at (231) 347-1181, extension 100 or send an e-mail to info@watershedcouncil.org.

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Mother Nature's threat

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At 2:30 p.m. Aug. 21 Charlevoix resident Jim Stoneham took this picture from West Upright Street. The tornado was spotted passing over Oleson's on its way toward the Belvedere Club. No reports were issued that the twister touched down.

Final concert in the park will feature U of M music professor

The last concert for Charlevoix's Summer Concert Series will feature the University of Michigan band.

The show which will take place at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25 will be presented by Professor of Piano at the University of Michigan School of Music, Dr. Louis Nagel.

It will include a recreation of the pieces presented when Sigismond Thalberg and Franz Liszt had their famous 1837 competition in the salon of Precenss Beljioso.

Dr. Nagel combines an active concert and teaching schedule and is noted for his lecture-recitals by musicians and non-musicians.

He has performed in highly acclaimed solo recitals and concerto concerts in major American and European cities.

In addition to his professorship at the University of Michigan, he has also taught at the National Music Camp at Interlochen, the International Music Camp in Poland, and the Adamant Music School in Vermont.

From 1999-2002 he served on the faculty and artist roster of the Amalfi Coast Music Festival in Italy.

He is director of the Outreach Program at the University of Michigan School of Music and advisor to the Bachelor of Musical Arts Degree program.

Holder of three degrees from The Juilliard School, in New York City, N.Y. he studied there with Rosina Lhevinne, Josef Raieff, and Joseph Bloch.

Subsequent to his graduation he worked with Vladimir Ashkenazy.

Among his recent performances, Dr. Nagel appeared with the Cedar Rapids/Waterloo Symphony and Southern Great Lakes Orchestra.

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Felonies up 56 percent over 2004

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

It may not constitute a full blown crime wave, but the increase in incidents of law breaking in Charlevoix is disconcerting to many area officials.

From Jan. 1, 2004 to Aug. 24, 2004 there were five cases of fleeing and eluding a police officer, 10 cases of drunk driving, 35 cases involving drugs, nine cases of home invasion and seven cases of individuals blatantly writing bad checks.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema those 2004 figures are a pretty picture compared to those recorded in 2005.

"I really don't know what I attribute it to," Jarema said. "But it's an alarming increase."

He added, "Hopefully it's an aberration, hopefully next year will come down a bit."

In 2005, there were 11 charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer, 12 drunk driving charges, 73 charges involving drugs, 20 cases of home invasion and 25 charges of bad checks being written.

According to Jarema, there were 146 felony cases between Jan. 1, 2004 to Aug. 1, 2004 which rose to 229 for the same period of time in 2005 for an increase of about 56 percent.

And, he said, "Misdemeanors during same time period were 669 in '04 up to 685 (in 2005) so there's only 30 cases up for the year."

According to Jarema, the number of criminal sexual conduct cases has also skyrocketed up from 15 between Jan. 1, 2004 to Aug. 24, 2004 to 22 in the same time this year for an increase of 68 percent.

There is a 65 percent increase in juvenile cases and 50 percent for child support, which the prosecutor's office handles for out-of-wedlock cases.

Jarema said some contributing factors could be a faltering economy, an increase in population and an increase in gambling debt due to the close proximity of casinos.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Michigan's unemployment rate as of June was near the top of the list at number three with 6.8 percent, just under Mississippi with 7 percent and the District of Columbia with 7.5 percent.

"There are a lot of embezzlements and bad check writing cases and people stealing to cover old debts," Jarema said.

He added, "I think we're getting into a time where the influx from southern and lower Michigan is getting up here. Unfortunately as the population grows, so does crime."

John Jarema

Jarema also said the increase shows that all law enforcement agencies are doing their job.

As always, Jarema said, to help prevent crime people should be aware of their surroundings, lock car and home doors and be conscious of your personal space and belongings.

Make way for the kids

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Roxann Roberts, a first grade teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School hangs space rocket curtains in her classroom Aug. 30 as she prepares for students to return to school Sept. 6.

Investigations at camp and school into student safety

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Officials with Charlevoix Public Schools and Camp Daggett are conducting internal investigations into a two-year time period when convicted sex offender Arthur Kirk volunteered for them.

"My first thought (after Kirk's criminal past was uncovered) was total anger — I felt the system had failed and as much a victim as those he victimized prior to working at our school," Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock said.

Kirk, 70, of Charlevoix Township, was arrested in early August and charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and falsifying a gun permit application.

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigators said they discovered Kirk had been using an alias and has a criminal history including several criminal sexual conduct convictions from 1978 and 1981, under the name Arthur Heilberg Kirkeby.

Fingerprints determined that Kirk is Kirkeby.

At the time of his arrest he was a contract worker coordinating volunteer operations for AmeriCorps through the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

However, in 2000 and 2001 he was an AmeriCorps volunteer at Charlevoix Middle School and in 2002 and 2003 was a counselor at Camp Daggett.

According to Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, Kirk acted as both a tutor at the middle school and on one occasion volunteered to chaperone an eighth grade trip to Washington D.C.

Sturock said students who may have had contact with him are juniors in high school right now.

Because of Kirk's background, Sturock said he and his staff are working with local law enforcement agencies to conduct an internal investigation.

"We are doing this simply because we want to make sure nothing inappropriate happened in our school," he said.

Sturock said the investigation centers around discussions with students and parents who Kirk may have had the opportunity to have had contact with.

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Sheriff Lasaster issues fraud warning

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has received numerous complaints of contractor fraud.

Fraud claims include information that there are several individuals currently working in the area who are offering home improvement services and are not fulfilling their ohligations to homeowners.

Sheriff George T. Lasater advises homeowners to be aware that the work being offered such as roofing, painting and driveway sealing is not being performed as promised.

Sheriff Lasater suggests whenever you are dealing with contractors that you are not personally familiar with, to get as much information as you can from the contractor in conjunction with the type of work you are having done.

• A call to the Better Business Bureau to check for any adverse information they might have in their files is also a good idea.

• Be certain their licenses are up to date, and that they are insured properly.

• Most importantly, withhold payment until after the work has been done satisfactorily.

If you have any suspicions concerning a contractor, call the sheriff's office at (231) 547-4461.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Jose Angel Tristan-Buldonero, 31, East Jordan. Disorderly person. Serve five days in jail with credit for five days; $500 in fines and costs.

Jerold Gregory Earhart, 26, Petoskey. No operator's license on person. Serve six days in jail; $150 in fines and costs.

Susan Jane Valentine, 43, Beaver Island. Disturbing the peace. Serve 12 days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

Nathan Louis Russell, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of tobacco; $80 in fines and costs.

Thomas Samuel Antoine, 50, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 10 days, 83 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; no contact with the victim; $500 in fines and costs.

Richard Raymond Allen, 45, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 22 days in jail, 60 days on an electronic monitor device, 60 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $985 in fines and costs.

Eric Charles Sanders, 29, Wolverine. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

James Michael Gillespie, 17, Beaver Island. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. To serve 60 hours of community service; $100 in fines and costs.

Douglas Thomas Coultes, 22, Boyne Falls. Disturbing the peace. $300 in fines and costs.

Daniel Wayne Bunnell, 27, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied. Serve 10 days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Michael Kukla, 36, Redford Township. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitor device, 72 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation, submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Myron Randall McIntire, 19, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended first offense. Serve 20 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Tony Matthew Bowen, 27, Boyne City. Larceny in a building. To serve a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of four years in prison. Two counts of uttering and publishing. Serve a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 14 years in prison; $470.50 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Lee Hopkins, 21, Boyne Falls. Police officer fleeing third degree (attempt). Serve 180 days in jail with credit for 22 days, serve 180 days. Operating while impaired. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for 22 days, to serve 30 days; serve 24 months probation; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Catch a Tan, 240 South Lake St., East Jordan by Karen L. Wilson

Charlevoix Insurance Agency, 112 Clinton St., P.O. Box 238, Charlevoix by Charlevoix Insurance Agency Inc.

King Custom Stone, 301 Silver St., Apt. 111, Boyne City by Wesley S. King

Triskele Farm, 526 North Lake St., #94, Boyne City by Cindy L. Otmanowski

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Dana T. Stafford, 26 and Gao Latouel Hang, 27 both of Boyne City

George Leslie Schlicht, 50 and Toni Lynn Joki, 49 both of East Jordan

Donald Raymond Cole, 78 and Sharon Ann Nix, 62 both of Beaver Island

Michael MacGregor Scriven, 40 and Lauren Lansing Kranse, 38 both of Laguna Beach, Calif.

David Wayne Wilks, 28 and Nicole Lynn Whitley, 23 both of Charlevoix

Births

Kai Jerome Whitley weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces was born to Ben and Andrea Whitley of Charlevoix on Aug. 22, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Maya Whitley is Kai's sibling. Grandparents are Reinhard and Lilly Matye of Charlevoix and Jack and Nancy Balchik of Petoskey

Dylan Jo Lundquist weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces was born to Paul Lundquist of Bellaire and Becky Purell of East Jordan on Aug. 22, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Grandparents are Rocky and Sherry Clark of East Jordan, William Purell of Marshall, Bonnie Lundquist of Bellaire and Dale Lundquist of Lawrance, Kan.

Adam Nathaniel Leaman weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces was born to Eric and Laurie Leaman of Boyne City on Aug. 19, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Brothers are Jonah, 4 and Ben, 2. Grandparents are Lyle and Kathy Page of Traverse City and Jim and Marlene Leaman of Linden.

Autumn Jade Pattenaude weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces was born to Deborah Pattenaude of East Jordan on Aug. 24, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are Joseph, Julie, Ronald, Stanley, Bobby and April Pattenaude and Holly Everett. Godparents are Rachel Trowbridge of East Jordan and Raymond Werhicki of East Jordan.

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Investigation into Kirk's work at school and camp

KIRK

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"If there is something there, we will cooperate with the police 100 percent and will work to make sure he is put away," Sturock said.

Arthur Kirk

Two years ago, Kirk was also a camp counselor at Camp Daggett during a special needs group session which included about 12 children and three other counselors.

According to Heinzelman the program was recommended made by the ISD and Kirk was provided through the ISD as well.

Heinzelman is taking a simjlar approach to that of Sturock, talking with other counselors who were at camp during the time Kirk was there.

He said camp policy which maintains no one is to he alone with a camper should have protected the children.

"It is highly unlikely he would have ever been alone with a camper," Heinzelman said.

No one from the school system or the camp has come forward at this time to claim Kirk interacted with them inappropriately.

The Camp Daggett hoard of directors is reviewing camp policy and may make changes to its approach to background checks.

Michigan State Police officials have said the criminal background checking system which screened Kirk twice during his contract period with the ISD was working properly when it failed to locate an extensive criminal history for Kirk who was using an alias.

The ISD has changed its policy, now requiring all AmeriCorps volunteers to he fingerprinted.

Both Sturock and Heinzelman said they would continue to use AmeriCorps volunteers.

"It's unfortunate that this guy got into the system but the (AmeriCorps) program is worthwhile," Sturock said.

Raising money to raise the steeple

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The steeple is down from high atop the Norwood United Methodist Church. It will cost roughly $40,000 to have it repaired and raised back to its original condition. Donations can be made to the Norwood United Methodist Church Steeple fund in care of George Light, 19814 Lake Street, Norwood MI, 49720. A fund-raising thermometer showing the progress of the effort sits outside the church.

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Aug. 23	68	56	.01
Aug. 24	71	54	—
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Kick back and have a hotdog this weekend

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

Congress made Labor Day an official holiday in 1894 to celebrate achievements of American workers.

And, while some folks spend the weekend in contemplation of the labor movement, there are others who do it differently.

Thursday is spent packing the car at breakneck speed so dad can, "Get a head start on all the tourists." Yes, there can be 8,000 other cars on the expressway this weekend, but the old man is the only one who isn't a tourist.

"Don't forget the suntan lotion. Don't forget the bug spray and for heaven's sake don't forget the 26 pounds of hot-dogs."

Friday morning is a mad dash to keep up with dad, who seems to have slept in his clothes, because if he can't get on the road before 10 a.m., "There isn't much point in going."

Somewhere between Michigan's largest pink elephant and the U.P.'s tastiest hamburger, a relaxing cruise through the majesty of the open road becomes a cross-eyed blinking frenzy when dad realizes that, yes he did pack the 20 foot by 20 foot tent with built in shower room and breakfast nook. But somehow, most likely in the interest of staying on schedule, he failed to pack the poles.

Eighty-six miles from home and dad is making good time — he isn't about to turn around. The only intelligible sounds emanating from the front seat are mother's stifled guffaws and dad's broken, angry gibberish, "Never again!...Why?...We'll rough it." After all, this is camping.

No one dares ask, "Are we there yet?"

A few hours of uncomfortable silence pass and you know you're "there" because the car is parked between an outhouse and a picnic table covered with ants.

The silence is broken by anguished cries when dad realizes gnarly pine boughs weren't intended to be used as tent poles, and no amount of banging his head against a defenseless oak tree is ever going to change that.

Upon awakening Saturday morning it is understood why people don't sleep in cars more often. Mom is lurched so far forward she looks like she should be ringing the bells at Notre Dame and, despite slapping himself black and blue, dad never did manage to kill the loudest mosquito in the northern hemisphere.

Later that afternoon the old man manages to scrounge a few hundred feet of string and spends the rest of the day repeatedly assuring mother that, "It will not cause the tent to cave-in causing mass suffocation during the night."

When the elderly couple camping in the Greyhound bus turned RV across the way ask why the tent looks like a demented marionette, dad tells them, "It's one of those European jobbies," but he doesn't join the couple in the laughter which follows. The whole time mom is giving him that, "Don't even think of saying what's on your mind," stare.

Lying in the drooping nylon coffin Junior is lulled to sleep by a horde of marauding raccoons eating what sounds like the last of the graham crackers. Yeah, he assured his father he would put the cooler in the trunk before he went to bed, but that was before dad told the story of the 1,200 pound man-eating grizzly the locals affectionately refer to as "skulls."

Which, he added, was spotted just a couple miles east of the campground.

Sunday morning dad's off fishing, mom and sister head to the beach and Junior finds the perfect walking stick for his safari through the woods. The safari is cut short when an overzealous chipmunk rustling in the leaves sounds a little too much like a hungry bear. It's not so bad, Junior would rather spend the morning locked in the back seat of the car anyway.

That afternoon dad finally masters a knot capable of keeping the tent in place and mom masters her, "No, really, this looks good," face.

Monday morning mom and dad sit around one last campfire drinking one last cup of coffee. Sister fights black ants for supremacy over the picnic table and Junior roasts the last hot-dog. That's when the realization sets in — despite the minor inconveniences and chores involved, relaxing with your family one last time this summer is all worth it. At least that's how I remember it.

Stay safe this Labor Day weekend, Charlevoix, and enjoy it with your family, man-eating grizzlies, European tents and all.

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Letters to the editor

Comedic success

Editor:

On July 7, a magical evening of entertainment was held at Castle Farms.

"Comedy at the Castle," with Jay Laffoon, was a laughter filled evening.

It was a fund-raising benefit for St. Mary School. We would like to extend a gracious and most appreciative thank you to Richard and Linda Mueller for the donation of the facility.

To Jay Laffoon, formerly of Petoskey, for his performance.

A big thank you to the staff at Castle Farms, for their input and guidance for this first time fund-raiser. We would also like to acknowledge all other donors and the numerous volunteers who made this event successful.

Laura Stebe

St. Mary School Fund-raising Committee

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'Thank you' Helen Open supporters

Editor:

On behalf of Hospice of Northwest Michigan (formerly Charlevoix County Hospice, Inc.), its Board of Directors and volunteers I want to thank Ron Weislik, Cheri Hoffman and Tim Whippo for chairing the Fifth Annual Helen Open in memory of that very special lady, Helen Weislik.

The event took place on Aug. 21, 2005. We are very appreciative of the extremely generous donations provided by community businesses and citizens.

We do not charge for our services — volunteer, bereavement and community outreach — and this money will be put to good use helping those in our communities. I know how much work was put into this activity — those who worked, those who participated and those who donated. I know that Helen is smiling down on all of you, and joins us in saying thank you.

Patricia A. Johnson

Administrator/Volunteer Coordinator

Gas solution off base

Editor:

To our us congressman, Bart Stupak. Mr. Stupak, I read the headline article in the Aug. 24 issue of the Charlevoix Courier, titled "Stupak fights high gas prices" (page one).

In it you are quoted as saying "the White House can release oil from the strategic petroleum reserve (spr) or stop filling the spr" as a solution to the high cost of oil.

I find this approach to solving the gasoline over utilization by the majority of the American public incredibly short sighted, if not magical thinking.

You should be striving to mandate conservation to the point that we are no longer dependent on foreign oil, no longer sending our brothers and sisters, sons and daughters to their deaths in the Middle East to protect our supply of oil for our inefficient automobiles.

As the old saying goes "lead, follow, or get out of the way." With the approach that you prescribe, you are in the way.

Bob Gorkiewicz

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Community thanks

Editor:

During early August you were most kind to present extensive factual and editorial information concerning our son, Andrew Tuck, and his plans to attend Interlochen Arts Academy.

There was also much appreciated information about the scholarship fund-raiser concert he performed Aug. 11. We are writing to thank everyone who supported this effort and helped make it a success in every respect. The generous financial sponsors for Andy's passion to study music was exceeded only by the loving emotional and moral support of our community.

We humbly acknowledge all who attended and/or contributed; and we offer specific thanks to the following individuals and organizations who unselfishly gave funding, time, hard work, handshakes, warm embraces, kind words, joyful tears and applause to our son.

David Holland, viola instructor and conductor, Dr. Maria Kranz, DMA, piano instructor, Margaret (Peggy) Beck, artistic director of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and mentor to Andy, Edith Gilbert, supporter, publicity and dear friend, Robert

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Pattengale, Ph.D., executive director of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Dale Hull, former executive director of the Crooked Tree Arts Center, Don Neidert, accompanist and tireless friend, Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra members, Karen Walker, Karey Johnson-Sitzler, Andy's first viola instructor and musical guardian angel, Sally Scholl, supporter and benefactor beyond measure, Castle Farms, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, Esperance, Charlevoix State Bank, Crooked Tree Arts Center, Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Gary Young Construction, Charlevoix Cinema III and Hill, Schroderus and Co., CPAs.

Finally, we were deeply moved by the in-person support of so many of our Charlevoix Area Hospital colleagues. These included many members of the medical staff and their family members, nursing supervisor Sandy Bennett, Pam Kantola from lab, and nearly every member of the obstetrical nursing staff.

Tom and Debi Tuck

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Northwest fund-raising

Editor:

Now that the summer season is ending, I would like to take this opportunity to extend thanks to the local community for your generous assistance during our summer fund-raising projects. I would like to thank Mr. Dan Barron of the Venetian Festival Committee and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for their assistance to the Friends of Northwest Academy. Our fund-raising efforts during the Venetian Festival and the various art fairs turned out to be quite successful and certainly benefited from your help.

Currently we are expanding and renovating our facilities. Our student population is on the increase and our programs are growing. The funds we raised this summer will go towards scholarships and renovations. We look forward to another exciting school year. Your assistance is greatly appreciate.

Joseph F. Seidel

President, Northwest Academy School Board

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Value of eminent domain

Editor:

Benjamin Gohs' pessimistic view that the Supreme Court's decision in Kelo vs. City of New London places us all in danger of losing our homes to land grabbing private interests is off base. "Eminent Domain Imminent Disaster," Aug. 3, 2005 Charlevoix Courier.

Legislative bodies such as city and county commissions are always exercising discretion, and when they get out of line the voters can replace them.

Exercise of the power of eminent domain is one of a variety of powers which is exercised with discretion. Long ago Justice James Iredell observed:

"It is not sufficient to urge, that the power may be abused, for, such is the nature of all power, such is the tendency of every human institution: and it might as fairly be said, that the power of taxation, which is only circumscribed by the discretion of the Body, in which it is vested, ought not to be granted, because the Legislature, disregarding its true objects, might for visionary and useless projects, impose a tax to the amount of 19 shillings in the pound.

We must be content to limit power where we can, and where we cannot, consistently with its use, we must be content to repose a salutary confidence.

"There are occasions when land is indispensable for a project of great value to a community and compulsory purchase at a fair price is the only means by which to obtain it.

Denying that authority to a public body would be akin to throwing out the baby with the bath water.

Avern Cohn

Detroit

Federal Judge serving the Eastern District of Michigan

Letters Policy

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest.

The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

Send letters to: Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI, 49720, fax to (231) 547-4992 or e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com

Community foundations announce grant deadline

Once again, it's time to put local charitable dollars to work on behalf of the community.

The Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

During the next few months, the community foundations and their Youth Advisory Committees (YAC's) will review grant proposals to help fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts and human service programs. The youth committees, which are made up of representatives from high schools throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties will award grants to programs that serve children and teens.

Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Emmet or Charlevoix county and have a nonprofit tax status. The deadline for grant requests is Oct. 1, 2005.

Applications are available by calling the community foundation office in your county. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staff are available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in submitting a proposal for funding consideration.

Both community foundations are grassroots charitable organizations made up of various funds — all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, now and for generations to come. Together, the community foundations grant-making total amounts to over $10 million since 1992.

For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727, or by phone at (231) 536-2440.

Zonta Club's many hats

Courtesy photo

The women of the Charlevoix Zonta Club wear many hats — from public relations and service committees, to membership and finance committees. At the club's recent annual meeting members wore theme hats to demonstrate the diversity of tasks the club tackles. Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and professions working to advance the status of women.

Driving program offered through the health agency

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Program, a classroom driver refresher course for drivers aged 50 and older.

AARP developed this course to help drivers improve their skills and prevent crashes. This course covers the age-related physical changes in perception and reaction time, local driving problems and rules of the road.

The certified AARP volunteer instructors will be presenting this course through a combination of group discussion and videotapes. There are no tests, and all participants who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion that may be eligible for an automobile insurance discount.

The eight-hour class will be divided into two four-hour sessions. The class will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 7 and 9 at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency in Harbor Springs located at 3434 Harbor-Petoskey Road (M-119), Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

For more information or to register call the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency at (231) 347-6014.

The fee for this course is $10 payable to AARP.

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Engagement

May — Greensky

Amanda Jean May of Charlevoix and Raymond Jacob Greensky formerly of Fon-du-lac Minn., now residing in Charlevoix plan to marry in the fall of 2006.

Amanda Jean May is the daughter of Woody and Leslee Pearson of Charlevoix and Steve and Laura May of Petoskey. Raymond Jacob Greensky is the son of Lowana Greensky of Bovey Minn. and Jacob Greensky of Fon-du-lac Minn.

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CD released featuring local student musicians

High school jazz musicians from Petoskey, Charlevoix and Northwest Academy are featured on a new CD that is on sale now.

The CD showcases students who participated in the Jazz in the Mitten Spring Fever Concert that took place in May at Charlevoix High School.

The concert was the culmination of a Michigan blues and jazz educational program funded by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts through a grant administered by North Central Michigan College. The Crooked Tree Arts Council is a partner organization.

The program was created to help students develop their musical, recording, marketing and graphic arts talents through contact with professional musicians and artists, and to promote Michigan's musical heritage.

This fall, students learning about the music marketing business will market and distribute the CD. For now, copies may be purchased at North Central Michigan College's Institute for Business and Industry Training.

For more information call (231) 348-6705. Revenues from the sale of the CD will help fund the jazz project.

Chris Ventzke, who goes by the stage name Doc Woodward, coordinated the project. He and several other professional musicians accompany the students on the CD.

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Historical Society ice cream social Sept. 6

The Charlevoix Historical Society is hosting its Annual Ice Cream Social at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at the Depot Museum.

Music will be provided by Bill Stevens and The Tagalongs. This will be the last opportunity for the public to see the exhibit "Ancient Charlevoix", the discovery of Native American artifacts on the site of the LaCroft condominiums.

The Ice Cream Social is open to the public. There is no admission charge. Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

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Garden club plant sale Sept. 3 at Ferry Beach

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will host its fifth annual Labor Day Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 3 at Charlevoix's Ferry Avenue Beach near the corner of Ferry Avenue and Stover Road.

This annual sale offers a variety of shade and sun tolerant perennials, houseplants and miscellaneous garden gift items.

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, a member of the Federated Garden Club of Michigan, Inc., maintains the gardens at the "Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful" entrance signs located at M-66 and North and South U.S. 31. Members are active in the Junior Master Gardening Program and assist the daytime Charlevoix Garden Club with the Heritage Depot Garden.

The club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month to share gardening tips, attend informative lectures and tour area nurseries and gardens. For more information contact club vice president and plant sale chair, Robin Pearson at (231) 599-3390.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Evening Garden Club members Karen Joy, Robin Pearson and Linda Purdy will assist in the club's fifth annual Labor Day Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 3 at Ferry Beach.

'Little but Mighty' Labor Day bridge walk

Charlevoix's Little But Mighty Bridge Walk will take place at 1 p.m., Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 on the north side of the bridge.

Proceeds from the sale of T-shirts will be donated to the Charlevoix Community Skatepark. Walkers should gather around the Town House between noon and 12:45 p.m. T-shirts are on sale at the Town House for $13 and up.

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Hospice of Northwest Michigan

The organizers of the 2005 Helen Open, Hospice of Northwest Michigan and the Weislik family wish to thank everyone who participated in the 2005 Helen Open.

It is through your generosity and support that this tribute to Helen Weislik was once again an overwhelming success. This year's contribution will bring the total donated to Hospice to over $50,000. We send out a big thank you to everyone who golfed, volunteered time, contributed prizes, sponsored holes, and purchased auction items.

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Obituaries

Thomas Dammann: died Aug. 23, 2005

Thomas L. (Toni) Dammann, journalist who covered Europe, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East, and later the Upper Great Lakes, since 1935 died at his home in Charlevoix on August 23. He was 92.

A newspaper man all his working life, Mr. Dammann began his career as an editor of the Harvard Crimson. After graduating in 1935, he joined the City News Bureau of Chicago, Ill. became a reporter for the Chicago Daily News, then the Nashville Tennesean and in 1937 was assigned by the Chicago Times to cover the Nine Power Peace Conference, set up as an attempt to avoid war in both the Far East and Europe.

As a reporter Mr. Dammann believed in pursuing world events from all angles, getting away from the capitals and into the country. He was equally at home interviewing kings, presidents, field workers, guerilla fighters, or deck hands on the gold smuggling dhows out of Abu Dhabi. He also delighted in the off-beat and had a literally disarming sense of humor. Once in the 1970's he reported from the Middle East with a Mexican jeweled beetle given him as a joke, presenting it during interviews with Middle Eastern leaders as a "CIA Bug," saying it spoke equally fluent Arabic, Hebrew, English and French and that the bug could be debriefed for information. With the bug he successfully persuaded laughing Palestinian guerrillas to allow him past a check point into Israel.

His love for international reporting began in 1938, when with war in Europe looming, Mr. Dammann and his then wife Harle Dammann developed a syndicated newspaper column for some 60 U.S. newspapers, including The San Francisco Chronicle, Chicago Tribune, Detroit News and San Diego Union-Tribune, focused on the attitudes of the youth of Europe. They reported from Germany, Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Poland. In the late summer of 1939, they were expelled from Germany for photographing Nazi Brown Shirts being spat on by a sea lion in the Berlin Zoo. Driving east, on September 1, 1939, they encountered German troops massing at the Polish border. With fake documents sealed with wax, they inserted themselves into the Nazi columns and followed the Germans into Poland, reporting back to their client newspapers. They filed reports from behind the German lines in Poland, the former Czechoslovakia, and the former Yugoslavia, and Hungary, until warned of discovery by the Gestapo.

After a frightening night hiding in a hotel full of German troops, they began their escape, pausing just long enough to fill with water the line of storm trooper boots outside each room. They made their way out of German-occupied Europe to Italy where they caught the last boat headed for the U.S. and were forced to escape through Romania to Greece and Italy.

Throughout the war, Mr. Dammann served as a chief correspondent for the Office of War Information for the Pacific Theatre, working from San Francisco. At the end of the war Mr. Dammann was in charge of the foreign press at the San Francisco conference establishing the United Nations. He then moved to southern California where he was the Hollywood correspondent for The Times of London and became active in California politics. With the dream of farming as he raised a young family, he moved to San Diego County, operated a large onion ranch in Fallbrook, and was then recruited by film actors Gregory Peck and Mel Ferrer to be resident manager and publicist for the La Jolla Playhouse. He also served as the San Diego County manager for both of Adlai Stevenson's Presidential Campaigns in 1952 and 1956.

In 1959, Mr. Dammann resumed his career as a foreign correspondent, writing from Eastern Europe and the Middle East for The Chicago Tribune-New York Daily News Syndicate, The Times of London, Chicago's Today and later the North American Newspaper Alliance.

During that time he covered President Richard Nixon's trip to the former Soviet Union, including the "Kitchen Debates" between President Nixon and Soviet President Nikita Khrushchev. He also served as the Eastern European correspondent for the World Book Year Book. His journalistic work took him to Cyprus where he covered the continuing conflicts between Greek and Turkish Cypriots as well as the Middle East where he covered not only the Arab-Israeli conflict but the smoldering regional conflicts between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, particularly in Yemen.

In 1964 he was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for exposing the Egyptian use of phosgene gas against Yemeni Royalist. During the 1967 Arab-Israeli War he uncovered the Russian attempts to rebuild the Egyptian air force.

Mr. Dammann continued covering the Middle East, with his second wife Sara Gay Dammann, until they returned to Charlevoix, Michigan, site of the Dammann family summer home since 1917. From Charlevoix the Dammanns wrote news and features, focusing particularly on political, environmental and Native American issues in the Upper Great Lakes region as stringers for The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Detroit News, several national magazines including Parade, Sports Illustrated, Travel and Leisure, and Time-Life, as well as a number of regional newspapers. Mr. Dammann retired in the mid 1980's to fish, sail, and travel.

He is survived by his wife, of the past 38 years, Sara Gay Dammann and their son F. L. Dammann and wife Agatha; daughter Nancy Dammann Davis and her husband Todd Davis; his daughter Terre Edwards and her husband Mark Edwards of La Jolla, Calif., from his first marriage; his granddaughter Marnie Gavit and her husband George Gavit; his three great-grandchildren, Jacob, Mark, and Harle Gavit of La Jolla, his brother Dr. J. Francis Dammann, of Charlottesville, Va., his sister Nancy Dammann, of Phoenix, Ariz., and his first wife, Harle Montgomery of La Jolla, Calif.

He was pre-deceased by his son Thomas L. Dammann Jr., and daughter Harle Adair Dammann, grandson Caeden Rye Dammann, and brother Peter Dammann of Friday Harbor, Wash.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Northwest Michigan Community Health/Hospice or Amnesty International USA (5 Penn Plaza, New York, NY 10001).

A celebration of his life will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at Polecat Point.

Margaret Bohner: June 19, 1925 - Aug. 20, 2005

Margaret T. Bohner, 80, of Lansing and formerly of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, in Lansing. A memorial service took place at 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 29, 2005 at St. Gerard's Catholic Church in Lansing.

Margaret was born June 19, 1925, in Niles the daughter of Marshall and Eva (Rayfuse) Grathwohl. She graduated in 1943 from Niles High School and received her Nursing Diploma in 1946 from Northwestern University. Margaret was a staff nurse and nurse manager in hospitals in Illinois, Missouri, Connecticut and Michigan. While in Charlevoix, Margaret was a volunteer with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Charlevoix Senior Center. She was a member of St. Gerard's Catholic Church in Lansing.

Margaret is survived by daughters Mary Beth Reilly, Kathleen Solomon and Patricia Richard; sons Robert Bohner Jr. and Stephen Bohner; grandchildren Kobie Solomon, Kate Reilly, Jennifer Richard, Erin Bohner, Josh Bohner, Dana Richard, Jessica Bohner and Ashley Bohner; sisters Mary Ann Drury and Betty VanderBeck; brothers Joseph, John and Victor Grathwohl.

Family suggests memorial contributions to St. Catherine's El Sitio Library Fund, 1150 W. Centre, Portage, MI 49024 or Eaton Community Hospice, 2675 S. Cochran, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Visitation took place at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 29. Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix handled the arrangements.

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Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Sunday's Teen Ministry Call for Times
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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

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Pastor Greg Timmins 231-238-0052

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Obituaries

Eunice Coolman: Oct. 24, 1906 - Aug. 20, 2005

Eunice Ethelyn Coolman, 98, of Swartz Creek, formerly of Ellsworth, died Saturday, Aug. 20, 2005, at the home of her daughter.

She was born Oct. 24, 1906 in Eagle, the daughter of John and Esther (Beam) Howard.

On Nov. 8, 1924, she married Ivan Coolman. He preceded her in death in 1974.

Mrs. Coolman moved to Ellsworth in 1946, later relocating to Charlevoix where she was a resident at Pine View Apartments until her move to Swartz Creek in 1998.

She was employed for many years at the Ellsworth Canning Factory, Sherman Brothers Canning Factory and at the Senior Center in Charlevoix.

She achieved a lifetime dream and graduated from high school in the Adult Education Program at the age of 78. She will be remembered for her acts of service and her years of volunteerism in church and various organizations.

Surviving are her son Norman Coolman and his wife Phyliss of Ellsworth, daughter Carol and husband Orv Gooch of Swartz Creek; three grandsons, Erik (Rachel) Ernst of Hartland, Gary (Debbie) Coolman of Ellsworth, Glen (Marge) Coolman of Walloon Lake; three great-grandchildren, Bradley and Lauren Coolman and Evan Ernst.

Following a Monday visitation at the Sharp Funeral Home Miller Road Chapel, the family received friends at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth on Aug. 23.

The funeral service took place Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Chris Wallace officiating.

Burial was in Ellsworth Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church or to the New Community Church of God in Flint.

Zoie Johnson: Nov. 9, 2002 - Aug. 23, 2005

Zoie Clare Johnson, 2, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2005 at home.

A funeral service took place at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 2005, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pastor Pete Aronson officiated and burial followed in Charlevoix's Brookside Cemetery.

Zoie was born Nov. 9, 2002, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Ronald C. and Nicole K. (Earle) Johnson. She attended "Here We Grow" daycare in Charlevoix.

She is survived by her parents Ron and Nicole; brother Matt of Charlevoix; sisters Jessica of East Jordan and Rence of Charlevoix; maternal grandfather Tom Earle of Detroit; maternal grandmother Sharon Earle and Jerry Tornga and aunt Andrea Earle of Ellsworth; paternal grandmother Helen Johnson of Charlevoix; uncles Doug (Sue) Johnson and Eric Johnson; aunt Robin Johnson; great-grandparents Robert and Marilyn Cary of Central Lake; great-aunt Denise and great-uncle Cal Shooks of Central Lake; great-uncle Dean and great-aunt Aliee Cary of Fenton.

Zoie was preceded in death by her brother Travis in 1979 and her great-grandfather Carl Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family. Friends visited from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Winchester Funeral Home.

Eleanore Nowakowski: Feb. 21, 1926 - Aug. 24, 2005

Eleanore K. Nowakowski, 79, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Mass of the Resurrection took place at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated and burial followed at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Eleanore was born Feb. 21, 1926 in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Frank and Katherine (Rapacz) Jaskierski, Sr. On Oct. 10, 1948 she married Robert C. Nowakowski in Chicago, Ill. He preceded her in death on May 21, 2000.

Together they owned the Rob-Els Cleaners in Chicago, Ill. In 1963, she and Bob moved to Charlevoix and together owned the Capri Motel retiring in 1973. They then wintered in Pharr, Texas.

Eleanore was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, St. Mary's Altar Society and American Legion Post #226 Auxiliary.

She is survived by sisters Josephine M. Bindi of Charlevoix and Mary Jones of Blue Island, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers Frank and John Jaskierski.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Etheleen Oaks: died Aug. 25, 2005

Etheleen Ann Oaks, 70, of Williamsburg, passed away on Aug. 25, 2005 at Tendercare Nursing Home in Traverse City.

Born on June 21, 1935 in Petoskey, she was the daughter of Earl and Naomi (White) Bacon.

Etheleen married Laverne L. Oaks on July 31, 1954 in Horton Bay. Together they moved to Williamsburg in 1968 from Oxford. Etheleen was a former teacher and manager of the Salvation Army Store in Royal Oak. She was also an assistant manager of Pine Grove Homes. Etheleen enjoyed sewing, quilting, reading and spending time with family and friends.

Etheleen is survived by her husband, Laverne of 51 years; her children, Joy (Dennis) Halverson of Charlevoix, Dale Oaks of Traverse City, Gayle (Robert) Obrecht of Coronado, Calif. and Rick (Tammy) Oaks of Garland, Texas; her grandchildren, Erik, Jessica, Brandon (Kayla), Chelsee and Olivia; her great-grandchildren, Cameron and Cody; her brothers, Robert (Carol) Bacon of Laramie, Wyo. and Roger Bacon of Peru, Ind.; and her sister, Sara Seloheim of Federal Way, Wash.

A memorial service celebrating Etheleen's life was held on Aug. 29 at the Williamsburg Methodist Church with officiating Pastors William Chu, Julie Greyerbiehl and Virgil Hershberger. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 525 W. 14th St., Ste. 5, Traverse City, MI 49684 or to the donor's choice.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe Funeral Home, Kalkaska.

'Sundays at Four' presents a Funky Etudes program

At 4 p.m. Sept. 11 at the Congregational Church in Charlevoix, the "Sundays at Four" concert series will present "Funky Etudes."

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Balasz family join mission to Cameroon

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The West African nation of Cameroon, formerly divided into French and British colonies, is where three Charlevoix residents decided to spend two weeks working at a medical clinic.

For their first mission trip abroad, the Balasz family was careful to select a country with a stable government. Jay, a local dentist, his wife, Kris, and their 15-year-old son, Sam, traveled with a group of about 19 Americans under the coordination of Global Health Outreach — a component of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations based in Tennessee from April 1-17.

Traveling with pharmacists, dentists, doctors, nurses, two recent medical school graduates from the University of Michigan and medical trainees, the Balasz family was housed in a rustic Presbyterian convent located about nine hours on bus from Cameroon's capital city of Yaoundé.

"It was an amazing trip," said Kris, adding that outreach work was something the family had wanted to experience for a long time. "We want each of our kids to experience this and we are both very interested in Africa. I think it's because of the need there."

Jay and Sam spent each day at the medical clinic performing dental work on Cameroonians. According to Kris, pulling teeth was the sole task completed by Jay during the trip.

"From sunup to sundown, he was only pulling teeth, which tells you how bad the situation was there," she said, adding that Sam has long been exposed to his father's profession.

During the mission, Kris' duties were to fit and distribute 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses to Cameroonians — 2,000 of these were donated to the missionaries by Lions Club International. The remaining 1,000 were left at the medical clinic, a manstay facility operated by locals and volunteers.

"Not one person asked to look in a mirror to see how they looked with glasses on," she said. "That was really rewarding. It was just amazing how much they needed."

Medical supplies in the rural Cameroonian village, said Kris, are so limited that caregivers will often salvage rubber gloves by washing them after every use. Upon arrival to the clinic each day, she added, lines would be formed and hillsides filled with natives waiting to be cared for.

"We had a pretty respectable pharmacy set up with antibiotics and cold remedies," she said. For each group member, one suitcase was intended for personal belongings and another was reserved for medical supplies or medicine.

Prior to their departure, individuals were given immunizations for malaria, hepatitis and yellow fever. Those who developed sickness during the mission, Kris said were stricken with worms or amoebas and many became ill from the native's prepared meals. Attempts by Cameroonians to make American food, such as rolled pancakes with fish in the center, were often the culprits of sickness, she said.

Global Health Outreach was selected by the Balasz family as a host organization in Cameroon mainly because of its recommendation by Don Trimper, a Charlevoix resident and veteran missionary who now leads trips with Community Reformed Church.

The group, which Trimper has traveled with several times, accommodated guests from eight to 60 years of age, supplying each member with a translator. The primary language in Cameroon is "pigeon

Courtesy photo

Jay Balasz (far right), a local dentist, his wife, Kris (not pictured), and their 15-year-old son, Sam (far left), traveled to Cameroon with a group of about 19 Americans under the coordination of Global Health Outreach — a component of the Christian Medical and Dental Associations based in Tennessee from April 1-17. There, Jay and Sam spent most of their time pulling teeth.

English" — a convoluted mix of English and local language.

Kris' translator, a young man about 20-years-old, was sad to see

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Local family meet dental needs of Africans

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the American missionaries depart because that meant his stint as a worker had ended.

In Cameroon, Kris said, typically one person in each family has the privilege to be educated. Since the young man's sister had already been given that opportunity, there was little hope for his own future employment.

"The experience was exhausting — physically, mentally and spiritually," Kris said. "You look at everything differently. It was almost easier on Sam. He just went with it, no worries."

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident Kris Balasz recently spent two weeks in Cameroon fitting 1,000 pairs of eye glasses to needy villagers.

Initially, Kris and Jay were hesitant to transport their then-14-year-old son to a landscape rife with hepatitis, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Faith, caution and contact with the Cameroonian people, however, eventually shrank the size of those concerns.

"They have so little and have so much joy," said Kris, recalling the hymns that would be sung outside the clinic as natives waited to be treated and the festive four-hour masses. "It's just hard when you're there for only a short period of time because these are long-term problems. I think we'll definitely go back."

The Balasz family, residents of Charlevoix for 11 years and members of St. Mary's Catholic Church, plan to encourage their two daughters — one a three-year-old adopted from China, and the other 12 years old — to perform missionary work later in life.

"I love being able to expose our children to the world," said Kris. "These experiences may give them a better perspective on life."

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Charlevoix Township builds new rec facility

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix Township residents and anyone else for that matter who visit Shanahan Field will soon benefit from a new concession and restroom building.

According to Charlevoix Township Supervisor, H. Dale Glass, construction of a new restroom, concession and storage building, which is almost complete, is well overdue.

"Everything will be made handicap accessible," Glass said. "And the brick building is designed to match the hall."

Glass said the new building located adjacent to Shanahan Field off Old Orchard Road will serve multiple purposes that the township has needed for quite some time.

And, he said, the new building will be larger.

"I think we're looking at 28 feet by 38 feet. It'll be pretty good size," he said. "It will have general storage in the back, of course two separate lavatory facilities and then it'll have a bit of a concession stand toward the front and so forth."

Construction of the new building should be completed around the end of September, Glass said.

The cost of completing the new structure is about $100,000, which Glass said may seem a little high to some, but it will meet all codes for fire, handicap accessibility and it will last much longer than the old building.

"It has all up-to-date interior," he said. "The other one wasn't insulated, this one is up to all code standards."

He added, "It will be 100 percent better."

The new building was designed by Ron Way of Way Construction.

The detailed engineering designs were created primarily by Performance Engineering and the general construction work undertaken by L & J Porath Construction, Inc.

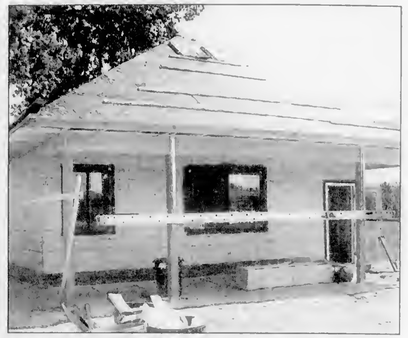
According to Glass, once the new building is complete, the old structure will be demolished.

"The township got that original building when someone gave it to us about 15 years ago," he said.

"Someone was abandoning it in the country and we moved it here."

Glass said the old one was out of date and it didn't meet the requirements of the recreation department.

But, the new building, he said, "Will be a substantial enhancement to the recreation department in Charlevoix Township."



Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Pictured at left is the former Shanahan Field concession and restroom facility in Charlevoix Township. It is being replaced by the newly built facility at right which should be complete by the end of September and will cost the township around $100,000.

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Squirrel causes power outage downtown

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

As Emerald Isle passengers stood out on the deck of the ferry, anxiously awaiting the opening of the bridge, downtown Charlevoix was dark and a number of confused people rumbled around asking, "Who shut the lights off?"

The major outage which knocked out power from the south side of the bridge to the top of the hill by 7-Eleven took place at about 7:30 p.m. Aug. 23.

The culprit was an unfortunate squirrel who met his demise on one of many transformers that sit at the top of light poles in the City of Charlevoix.

City engineer Don Swem said squirrels frequently cause power outages.

"Three out of four times when we lose power it's a squirrel," he said.

He explained the squirrels stand on top of the transformer and their tails hit the other phase, completing the circuit, sending a current of electricity through them and blowing a fuse.

Swem said in most cases the electricity knocks the squirrel off the transformer and the blown fuse leaves a street without power.

This time, Rocky stayed on top of the transformer so the current was delivered three times before the substation shut it down entirely including power to the bridge.

Swem said the bridge is hooked up to a generator which requires the operator to flip a transfer switch but the operator didn't know how. This left the bridge stuck closed and stranded ferry passengers in the Pine River Channel.

A Coast Guard boat docked at the channel's Lake Michigan entrance to block other vessels from entering the channel.

A deputy with the city of Charlevoix Police Department, hand cranked the bridge's turnstiles to allow vehicular traffic, which was beginning to back up, to pass through.

Power was restored at about 8:30 p.m., the ferry passed through with a boat load of cheering passengers.

Courtesy photos

(Above) Pictured left is the Emerald Isle waiting to reach its dock on the other side of the bridge. The bridge was stuck shut after a squirrel met its demise on top of one of the city's transformers. At right is City of Charlevoix Police officer Peter Shrift hand cranking the turnstiles so vehicular traffic could cross the bridge.

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Liz Ahrens, new director at Crooked Tree Arts Center

On Tuesday, Aug. 23 the Board of Directors of the Crooked Tree Arts Center approved the recommendation that Elizabeth (Liz) K. Ahrens will be installed as the new Executive Director of the Crooked Tree Arts Center to replace retiring current Director, Dale Hull.

The Search Committee received applications from all over the Midwest for the executive director's position. After having pared the applicants down to a manageable number, the interview process began and four excellent candidates were under consideration.

According to Steve Palmer, President of Crooked Tree Arts Center and member of the search committee, "We had an interesting pool of highly qualified candidates, interviewed four finalists and are extremely pleased to recommend Liz to serve as the director. She knows the organization, has deep roots in the community and displays great organizational skills. She has all the qualities we are looking for."

Jane Millar, soon to be nominated to serve as president of the organization for the next 12 months, said, "Liz has terrific leadership skills. She has earned a Master of Arts degree in organizational development, is a graduate of Leadership Little Traverse, and perhaps most important of all, displays the level of energy and passion for the arts the job demands."

Liz Ahrens joined the staff at Crooked Tree Arts Center in 2001 as its publicist and public relations director. She moved into the position of development director late last year.

Ahrens will assume the position at the board of directors annual meeting Sept. 10. She and Hull will work together until Oct. 1, and then he will serve as consultant to she and her staff through the end of the calendar year.

Red Cross blood drive to take place Sept. 15

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place Sept. 15.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS – August 24, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on August 24, 2005. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the August 10, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #05-054, Transit Section 5309 Earmarks Grant.

Motion approved Resolution #05-055, Revised Section 5311 Operating Project Authorization and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute the same.

Motion approved Resolution #05-056, Section 5311 Capital Surface Transportation Program, and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute the same.

Motion approved Resolution #05-057, Hardship Tax Deferment.

Motion approved Resolution #05-058, support of M-32 Extension.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Josh Barnes and John Haggard face off in Nov. 8 primary

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A contentious race for the Republican running seat for the First District Charlevoix County Commissioner's position is underway.

Two Republican nominating petitions were submitted by the Aug. 16 deadline — one by interim commissioner Josh Barnes and the other by Charlevoix Township resident John Haggard, the 64-year-old chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican party.

Because two Republicans filed, Haggard and Barnes will face off in a primary race Nov. 8. At that time, voters living in the north half of the City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix, Hayes and Bay townships will decide who the Republican candidate for the seat will be.

No Democrats filed nominating petitions to run. That means at the Feb. 28 general election the primary winner will run unopposed unless a write-in campaign is launched.

Josh Barnes

Barnes, 77, was appointed by the members of the commission to fill a vacancy left by his daughter, Valerie Snyder, who resigned on March 10, 2005 because she was moving to a location just outside Las Vegas, Nev.

He said he wants to be elected to finish the term which ends Dec. 31, 2006.

"I enjoy the work and I'm doing a good job. I think the commission is better because I'm there," Barnes said.

But Haggard, a former commissioner of four years has stepped in to challenge him and Barnes said Haggard has "no business" running.

"The chairman of the Republican party has no business causing a primary election the county has to pay the bill on," Barnes said. "He assigns campaign funding. He holds the purse strings of the Republican party. He could benefit financially from the position he's in and I think he should resign."

Barnes added if Haggard resigns he would feel the two were playing on even ground.

Haggard, who has held the party chairman's position for about 15 years said the Republican party does not allocate funds for a primary election and he has no intention of resigning his seat.

John Haggard

Haggard said he has no beef with Barnes but is interested in taking a seat on the commission once again. He was a commissioner from 1978-1982.

Both candidates have extensive political and business experience.

Barnes was mayor of the City of Charlevoix for four years. He is currently director of Summa Industries, owner of several operating companies including local manufacturer Spectrus-LexaLite, which he founded. Barnes is also a consultant to several businesses.

Haggard, a Charlevoix native, is co-owner of Haggard's Plumbing and Heating. Aside from running this local business he has also had his hands in local and national politics since he was a teen.

This first district commission seat will be the only matter on the county primary ballot. Township election questions for Hayes, Bay and Charlevoix townships will be on the ballot along with the commission seat.

Charlevoix County buys screen to shield victims

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Anonymity can be precious, especially for a child forced to testify against an adult in court.

Because of this, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema recently decided there was a need for a screen to keep young victims from seeing the alleged perpetrators in court.

"We purchased a screen which gets placed in front of them so the kids don't have to see the perpetrator in court," Jarema said. "It should alleviate their anxiety and help kids with the traumatic experience of being in court and talking about some difficult issues."

According to Jarema, whenever a young person has to go to court, the prosecutor's office brings the child in early to get them acclimated to the room in an effort to get them ready for the hearing.

"And they are always concerned if they have to see the perpetrator or alleged perpetrator," he said. "And this is intended to alleviate their anxiety."

The $900 screen is made of Plexiglas with holes in it so the child cannot see the alleged offender much like a two-way mirror, Jarema said.

"They've been around for a while but this is the fist one Charlevoix has had. And, it seems like with the increase in CSCs (criminal sexual conduct cases) we've been having, I felt that it was a need," Jarema said.

The funds used to purchase the screen were allocated from the State of Michigan through the Victims Rights Advocates Grant.

Construction to begin at intersection of Boyne City Road and U.S. 31

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Road construction on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road near the U.S. 31 intersection postponed earlier this summer will begin, according to schedule, on Sept. 7.

The construction was originally postponed for considerations of the economy and public safety after the Charlevoix County Road Commission met with residents and business owners of the affected area this July.

The construction is expected to last approximately five weeks.

According to Charlevoix County Road Commission Director, Patrick Harmon, the detour for the duration of the construction will be along Burgess Road and Old U.S. 31 with an emergency access at the construction site.

The section of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road under construction will have improved drainage, new tile and ditch work and it will be wider.

It will also have dedicated left turn lanes to Charlevoix as well as a right turn lane toward Petoskey which is expected to improve the flow of traffic.

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Back-to-school bus traffic safety rules

State highway officials want to remind drivers that 'Stop' means 'stop,' especially when it comes to school buses.

AAA Michigan stresses the need for motorists to follow state school bus safety laws to keep students safe.

"It's very simple — the law requires motorists to stop when the overhead red lights of a school bus are flashing," says Richard J. Miller, Community Safety Services Manager for AAA Michigan. "This law applies to drivers on both sides of the road, unless the highway is divided by a barrier."

AAA, in partnership with the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation (MAPT), has created several new television public service announcements on the school bus stop law being distributed to network and cable stations throughout Michigan this month.

According to the pupil transportation group, on an average day in Michigan, 18,000 buses transport 860,000 students to and from school. Michigan averages three fatalities per year due to school transportation-related crashes.

Nationwide, since 1993, 191 school-age pedestrians have died in school transportation-related crashes. Nearly two-thirds (65 percent) were killed by school buses, 31 percent by other vehicles involved in the crashes and 4 percent by vehicles functioning as school buses.

As part of its annual "School's Open" campaign, AAA also emphasizes that driving carefully begins with focusing on basic traffic safety practices, such as the proper use of safety belts, child safety seats and booster seats.

"It's vitally important that all children age 12 and under be properly restrained in the back seat," said Miller. "Caregivers often don't realize they need to alter the type of child safety seat as children grow, which means that booster seats are underutilized or used incorrectly. Typically, children between the ages of four and eight or up to 4'9" are candidates for booster seats."

AAA urges motorists to follow these safety tips:

- Always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students when red lights are flashing (unless you are driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway).
- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.
- Drive with your headlights on — even during the day — so children and others can see you.
- Look for clues — such as school safety patrols, adult crossing guards, bicycles and playgrounds — that indicate children may be in the area.
- Scan ahead between parked cars and other objects for children who could dart into the road.
- Practice extra caution in bad weather.
- When using a booster seat, always use both the lap and shoulder belt. Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snugly crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries.

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Chapel's fate topic of public hearing debate

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The fate of the Brookside Chapel in Charlevoix's Brookside Cemetery is in the hands of the community.

The City of Charlevoix, who owns the chapel, has scheduled a public hearing to discuss its future. The hearing will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 6 in city council chambers at city hall located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix.

A tour of the building will take place at 6 p.m., prior to the council meeting discussion, at the chapel, which is located at 98 Stover Road.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

It has been estimated that renovation costs for the Brookside Chapel, pictured above would be $400,000. The fate of the building will be the topic of a public hearing scheduled to take place Sept. 6.

A study has been completed and the cost of renovating the building is estimated to be $440,000.

The building was proposed for demolition in 2002, but members of the community quickly stepped forward and said the building has historic value and should be saved.

Charlevoix's city council agreed to look into a possible renovation of the building. They formed a chapel committee made up of city administrators and community members.

In January of 2003 the committee hired Patrick Birtles an architect with Birtles, Hagerman and DeKryger Architects of Cadillac to look at potential uses for the chapel. The challenge for Birtles and the chapel committee was to find a use for the building.

Its former use as a facility where bodies were stored in the winter for spring burial is no longer relevant as the city now performs burials year-round and has a separate facility at the cemetery for storage when necessary.

One possible use that is being considered is a site for post-cremation ash storage that also serves as a place to find cemetery plot information, a sanctuary and a historical reference point.

After touring the site Birtles told the committee it can be saved.

He also commented on the building's unique construction and found that its block structure is something he hadn't seen used before.

The building's block is a cement and colored glass mix. He said block reproduction would be expensive and renovation plans will attempt to save what is there.

Birtles also talked with the committee about providing access to both levels of the building and the potential high cost for that part of the project. If the building is designated as a historical landmark, it may be exempt from the barrier free requirement.

Birtles said historical grant funds for this type of project are limited and hard to get but if renovations are pursued, the city should try for it. He added that there are possible tax credits for the city if it pursues the project.

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CEMETERY CHAPEL TOUR:
Tuesday, September 6, 2005 – 6:00 p.m.; Brookside Cemetery, 98 Stover Road

The City of Charlevoix is seeking input on the disposition of the Cemetery Chapel located at 98 Stover Road. A study has been completed and the cost of the renovation of the building is estimated at $440,000. A tour of the building will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at the building site. A public hearing will be held regarding the building's future at the City Council's 7:00 p.m. meeting. The Council meeting will be held in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI. The City Council is encouraging the general public to attend the tour and provide input at the meeting.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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Country club celebrates 10 years of tournaments

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Winners at the Charlevoix Country Club's 10th Annual Awards Dinner were Dennis LaCroix, Stan and Jane Nelson, Chuck Center, Jack Wingate, Ruth Cresswell and Barb Ryan.

Charlevoix Country Club 10th Annual Awards Dinner

Sunday, Aug. 28 the Charlevoix Country Club closed the tournament year with a special awards dinner honoring the tournament winners for 2005.

This evening was special in that the club not only honored the winners but highlighted the past 10 years of champions with the dedication of the Trophy Room Cafe' complete with a new trophy case to display all nine major club tournament winners, past and present.

This years winners include the men's champion Dennis LaCroix, ladies champion Jane Nelson, couples champion's Stan and Jane Nelson, men's match play champion Chuck Center, ladies match play champion Jane Nelson, men's member-member champions Jack Wingate and Chuck Center, ladies member-member champions Jane Nelson and Ruth Cresswell.

Special recognition was given to 84-year-old Barb Ryan as both the Ladies 9-Hole match play and club champion.

Garden award winner

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The Downtown Beautification Committee of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club awarded Brenda Teague (center), owner of Maison & Jardin first place for its outdoor window box and planter flowers. Pictured at left is Susan Flanders, committee chair and at right, Joan Nowak, garden club president.

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Grand Haven man tackles island test

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

In August 1999, David Anderson found his way to Beaver Island while in a manic state of manic-depression, or bipolar disorder.

His actions were sporadic and thoughtless, his identity became distorted and his mind operated in a whirlwind of panic and paranoia.

This month, the 49-year-old Grand Rapids resident returned to face the landscape that both haunts and inspires him. Paired with his social worker, Anderson spent five days on the island without experiencing a single detrimental episode — the trip was a success.

"I had to prove to myself I could go to Beaver Island," said Anderson, who was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at the age of 23. "For me, it was the best trip I'd ever had in all my life. Coming away from it manic-free was real meaningful. I had a good companion who would've noticed something going on."

Steve Harrington, consumer advocate with Touchstone Innovaré Mental Health Clinic in Grand Rapids, said Anderson needed little if any help from him during their return visit.

"He did it all on his own," he said. "He was med-compliant, meaning he was taking his medication. Bipolar disorder is kind of unpredictable. You never know when a manic episode is coming."

Harrington explained it is uncommon for a mere memory to trigger a manic episode. Rather, a state of mania is the result of a chemical imbalance in the brain. Because Anderson had not experienced an overly high or overly low episode in a while, the trip to Beaver Island occurred during a time when his imbalance wasn't so severe.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health Web site, www.nimh.nih.gov, bipolar disorder is a neurological disorder that causes irregular and severe shifts in a person's mood, energy and ability to function. The illness, typically maturing in late adolescence or early adulthood, affects about one percent of the U.S. population age 18 and older per year.

"I think that a lot of people in his life were leery about him going to Beaver Island because it's a place where he's had problems," said Harrington. "He didn't tell a lot of people in his life that he was going back for fear of their reaction. It helped him to go (to the island) with a friend."

Anderson said he still has not divulged the details of his return visit to his family.

"It's a real delicate spot for me," he said.

What drew Anderson to Beaver Island in 1999?

Perhaps it was the friendliness and hospitality of the locals, the fact that nobody locks their doors or that the atmosphere, for many, is reminiscent of the 1930s.

"I used to bicycle the island when I was 21, two years before I came down with the symptoms (of bipolar disorder)," said Anderson. "I've always wanted to go back to Beaver Island because it's such a nice place to go. Then, though, I was in a manic fray of mind."

Common symptoms of mania, according to the National Institute for Mental Health, include spending sprees, poor judgment, racing thoughts and unrealistic beliefs in one's abilities and powers.

"I always traveled when manic," said Anderson, whose family has a history of manic-depression. "I drove 'til the gas ran out."

A manic episode, he added, is usually followed by a long depression.

"I usually work myself out of it (depression) in three weeks if I'm supervised," he said.

During a depressive episode, people with bipolar disorder may experience feelings of hopelessness or pessimism, decreased energy or fatigue, difficulty concentrating and making decisions, restlessness and irritability, irregular sleep patterns and even thoughts of suicide.

Because there is no cure for bipolar disorder, medication — typically mood-stabilizers and anti-convulsants coupled with psychosocial treatment is an optimum combination for treating the condition. Lithium was the first mood-stabilizing medication approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for treatment of mania and is

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David Anderson a bi-polar Grand Haven resident returned to Beaver Island this summer after having a manic episode there in 1999.

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SPORTS

Red Fox Regatta tradition continues this weekend

This Labor Day weekend the tradition continues.

For more than 30 years the Charlevoix Yacht Club has hosted the Red Fox Regatta on Lake Charlevoix. Once again this year the club is expected to be organizing the largest fleet of sail boats to cross the waters of Lake Charlevoix.

With an anticipated 90 boats to be registered, the scene on the lake will be spectacular. The festivities begin Friday, Sept. 2 with the Nu-Core triangle with boats racing on the north end of Lake Charlevoix.

Then, Saturday, Sept. 3, the fleet will sail to Boyne City with marks near Hemmingway Point, Horton Bay and Young State Park.

The traditional corn roast and barbecue party will be held on Saturday night at Veterans Memorial Park in Boyne City. The boats will sail back to Charlevoix on Sunday.

An awards party will take place directly following the race at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. For more information visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Courtesy photo

About 90 boats will participate in the Red Fox Regatta this weekend on Lake Charlevoix.

Rayder golf place 13 out of 18 teams at tournament

The Charlevoix High School golf team shot 352 to place 13th in an 18-team tournament hosted by Traverse City St. Francis Aug. 26 on the Spruce Run course at the Grand Traverse Resort.

Kris Bartling shot 83 to lead the Rayders, followed by J.D. Speigl, 88; Matt Novotny, 90; Kyle Smith, 91; and Kyle DeYoung, 93. Bartling placed 24th, Speigl was 48th, Novotny, 59th; Smith, 63rd; and DeYoung, 70th.

The tournament also served as a Lake Michigan Conference event, and the Rayders placed sixth in the eight-team league field.

Suttons Bay shot 309 to win the tournament.

One week earlier, the Rayders shot 363 to place sixth in a Lake Michigan Conference tournament hosted by Elk Rapids at A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort.

DeYoung shot 85 to lead the Rayders, while Bartling and Speigl each shot 92, Novotny shot 94, and Stephen Parker and Kyle Smith each shot 105.

Traverse City St. Francis shot 342 to win the event, seven shots ahead of second-place Grayling.

Parker is believed to have become the first Rayder varsity golfer to record a hole-in-one during a high school match when he accomplished the feat on Aug. 18 against Columbus (Ohio) Academy at Belvedere Golf Club. Parker used a 7-iron to ace the 14th hole.

The Charlevoix J.V. team won the six-team Rudyard Invitational on Aug. 24, recording a 356 team score. Gaylord shot 379 to place second.

Nic Williams shot 84 to lead the Rayders, while Chase Beatty and Woody Nitchman each shot 90, Zack Lake shot 92, and Alex Molter carded a 101. Williams earned medalist honors.

The Rayders play at the Bulldog Invitational at Indian River Inland Lakes on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Cross country teams come out strong at first meet

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Despite doing so much in so little time, the Charlevoix High School Boy's and Girl's cross country teams are still making great progress in their respective meets.

"The boys looked little tired from the shortened yet intense training camp this past week," said Boy's varsity cross country coach, Ken Plude.

He added, It's a good start to the season.

On August 27 the boy's finished 7th out of the 14 Big Division schools.

Varsity medalist Brandon Stevens finished 21st in the meet with a time of 17 minutes and 32 seconds. He was followed by Scott Plude 17:59; Jacob Wimmer 18:16; Isaac Matchett 18:25; Zach Scharenbrach 18:31; Chuck Mason 19:23; Jacob Hunt 20:10.

The boy's junior varsity squad had an outstanding day finishing second to Division 1 cross country power Rockford.

Junior varsity medalists were: Nick Wimmer in 7th place with 18:24; Dustin Arp in 11th place with 18:41; Nate Sotuyo in 12th place with 18:44; Alex Buday in 15th place with 18:52; Nat Gilmore in 23rd place with 19:10.

Other finishers included Sam Balasz with 19:23; Ryan Graham with 20:09; Logan Stachler with 20:44; Dan Myers with 21:20; Rob Shutler with 22:35; Steve Gelderblom with 23:19 and Michael McDonough with 25:12.

According to the girl's cross country coach, Mary M. Plude, the girls are also off to a good start this

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September 1, 2005 is the last day to pay 2005 summer taxes without penalty. After Thursday, September 1st, 1% interest will be added to the tax portion of the bill for each month the tax is delinquent. Taxes can be paid at City Hall or by mail until March 1, 2006 when they will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

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SPORTS

Rayder football shuts out St. Ignace

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The guardian must have slept through Friday night's game as the Charlevoix Rayders defeated the St. Ignace Saints by a merciless margin of 35-0.

For the first time in 10 games over the past 16 years, the Rayders were able to beat the Saints, and beat them they did.

"We haven't won against St. Ignace in a long time. This got the season started in a the right direction," said Charlevoix Rayders varsity head football coach, Don Jess.

He added, "We were able to establish a running game and that's key to our passing game. We had a real balanced attack."

Charlevoix lost leading receiver Ben Bergmann and quarterback Cody Crain to graduation, but the Rayders still played like a well seasoned team.

A scoreless first quarter would not be an accurate indication of the evening's events as the Rayders took their first touchdown thrown by new quarterback Matt Kautz followed by Russell Williams who kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

Travis Burke followed with a two-yard rushing touchdown. Just after the second Rayder touchdown, the Charlevoix defense forced the Saints to fumble at the 38 yard line.

With less than two minutes left in the half, Charlevoix picked up their third touchdown in addition to a two point conversion for a score of 21-0.

Comfortable lead or not, there would be no rest for the Rayders after the half-time break as they stepped things up with their fourth touchdown early in the third quarter to make things 28-0.

The Rayders managed to stave off St. Ignace to the end of the game when, with about three minutes to go Kyle Jones scored the fifth and final touchdown of the game.

Kautz was 11 for 17 for a total of 151 yards. He also lead rushing with 14 carries for 105 yards and one touchdown and threw to Matt Kanine for one two-point conversion.

Kyle Jones had 13 carries for 77 yards and one touchdown. Russell Williams had 13 carries for 48 yards and one touchdown plus three extra points. Travis Burke and Brad Cyr each had a rushing touchdown of two yards.

Eddie Waldron had six receptions for 102 yards and Darren Munson had two receptions for 35 yards.

Jeff Golovich lead defense by forcing two fumbles, making 10 tackles and he tallying one sack. Drew Klooster had 10 tackles.

"It was good win for the program," Jess, who is in his third year coaching the team said. "The program is starting to get where I want it to be."

According to Jess, his team wants to make the playoffs and win a conference championship.

"Right now we're taking it game by game," he said. "One game at a time. I know its a cliché, but right now it's what we're concentrating on."

There are two new additions to the coaching staff, both of whom graduated from Charlevoix schools: former Boyne City varsity football coach Pat Klooster and former college offensive linemen, Mike Rautio.

"They bring a lot of experience and knowledge to the program," Jess said.

Last season the Rayders had one of their best years in some time with a respectable record of five wins and two losses.

Next the Rayders meet the Benzie Central Huskies from Benzonia who had a record of 7-3 last season and are currently 0-1 after losing against Suttons Bay last Friday.

Jess said Benzie has an outstanding team with a fierce offense.

"We will be working on our blocking assignments up front," he said.

The Rayders meet the Huskies at 7 p.m. Friday Sept. 2, at Kipke Field in Charlevoix for game two.

Braun plays 100 holes to benefit Junior Golf

To get the full impact of local professional golf instructor Steve Braun's "100 holes in one day" event, you just had to be there.

You needed to travel some of the holes in the five rounds of golf spanning over 12 hours that he played to benefit the Charlevoix Area Junior Golf program.

The popular summer golf program has provided scholarships to over 80 youngsters to week-long golf camps at Ferris State University and at Boyne Mountain Academy, primarily due to pledges made by Belvedere Golf Club members and other local supporters of junior golfers at Braun's recent event at the Belvedere Course.

To add to the challenge of playing 100 holes of golf on Aug. 22 was early morning drizzle, strong winds and cool, overcast skies. Braun and his cart driver started the marathon at the crack of dawn.

"It's really an exercise pitting a fine golfer against fatigue, distraction, and boredom, but most importantly, Braun plays against the course and himself," said director of the junior golf program, Dean Davenport.

He played the first 18 holes before many people finished their breakfast and scored a respectable 77. After a change of cart driver, he set out for the second 18 coming in with a 80 under windy conditions. In the third round he tallied a 76.

Just over the halfway mark Braun ordered a quick sandwich and headed for the first tee to begin his 55th hole.

After a solid round of 75, disaster hit on the 5th hole of his fifth round. A golfer's worst nightmare — his back went into a spasm and he tried to finish the hole and had the worst score of the 100 holes. Gulping down some Tylenol he struggled through the round, carding an 82.

After a slight rest, he scored a 39 on the front nine and then nearly birdied the 100th hole, settling for a par.

At around 6 p.m., nearly 12 hours after starting, he had endured the challenge and played a tremendous day of golf, battling the weather, fatigue, injury and the challenge of the course for 100 holes.

Braun's only comment was, "It gets harder every year as my game deteriorates with age, and I haven't played much this summer due to the many activities on our course and the hot weather. But thinking of our junior s learning to play this wonderful game of golf, motivates me and kept me going again today."

Davenport said, "It's a tremendous athletic feat. I doubt if anyone in our area other than Steve has attempted to play such a marathon. It's a great testimony to his athletic ability, endurance, and dedication to our golfing juniors. Watching the event unfold before your eyes is a thrill and somewhat unbelievable."

Mentors that helped as cart drivers included: Rosemary Corradi, Jill Washburn, Charley Kohs, Kim Shanahan, Stuart Goldblatt and Bob Heath.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Junior Golf fund-raising effort can do so by mailing their check to the Belvedere Club, 512 Belvedere Avenue, Charlevoix 49720, attention Steve Braun.

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Belvedere Golf Club pro Steve Braun drives during one of over five rounds of golf he played in the annual "100 holes in one day" event to raise money for the local Junior Golf program. This year's event took place Aug. 22 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 12, 2001, by Joseph R. Breidenstein Jr., a single man, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on November 19, 2001, at Liber 444, Page 235, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having matured and become fully due and payable in accordance with the provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $126,484.96 principal, $6,664.19 interest, and $969.19 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, September 23, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; Also that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West, lying easterly of the easterly line of highway US-131.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with interest at the default and post maturity rate of 25.00% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: August 17, 2005
First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

CORRECTED NOTICE & CHANGED PUB DATES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Steven C Kehrer and Ameda L. Kehrer, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2003 and recorded July 30, 2003 in Liber 559 Page 473, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents ($277,314.99) including interest 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at **11:00A.M. on Friday, September 23, 2005.** Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Beginning at the West quarter corner of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds East along the East and West quarter line of said section 202.00 feet; thence South 20 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds East 687.58 feet; thence South 27 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 267.00 feet to the Northwesterly right of way line of Old US 31 Highway; thence continuing South 27 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 33.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence South 62 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West 582.09 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the left 81.19 feet (radius of said curve is 818.15 feet, the central angle is 5 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds and the chord bears South 60 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 81.16 feet) to the West line of said section; thence North 0 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds East 38.24 feet along said section line to said northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 0 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds East 1181.89 feet along said section line to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 08855 Old US 31 North, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: AUGUST 11, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-37535 ASAP716973

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Carlston and Tammy Jo Carlston, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 26, 2004 and recorded March 2, 2004 in Liber 600, Page 802, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 98/100 Dollars ($103,960.98) including interest at the rate of 7.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on September 23, 2005. The premises

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are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 174, Block V, Nicholl's & Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, City of Boyne City according to the recorded plat thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 24, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2493 ASAP717899

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated February 2, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on February 11, 2004, in Liber 597, Pages 630 through 632 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $203,059.76 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 13 AND part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section 24, all in Town 33 North, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1: Lot 52, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 2: Lot 92, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 200.85 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 13.

PARCEL 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet) thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet; thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2: thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East, 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 6: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2 as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one year from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

Heather S. Frick (P67958)
Attorneys for Mortgagees
P.O. Box 309
Charlevoix, MI 49720
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Melrose-Chandler Water, L.L.C, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated November 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on November 17, 2003, in Liber 585, Pages 014 through 015 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $78,886.96 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of three (3%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lot "113", Springbrook Hills #2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated August 11, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on August 16, 2004, in Liber 631, Pages 948 through 949 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $64,269.04 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lots "138", "139" and "140", Springbrook Hills #2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

Heather S. Frick (P67958)
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of ANNA STALEY, Deceased

Dale of Birth: June 14, 1912

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, who lived at 401 Prospect Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on November 20, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Nancy Claire Staley and Susanne M. Lee, Successor Co-Trustees of the Anna Staley Living Trust, as amended, or the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Dated: August 23, 2005

Nancy C. Staley,
Successor Co-Trustee
703 State Street,
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
and
Susanne M. Lee,
Successor Co-Trustee
9136 Mercer Boulevard
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of LORI L. HENDERSON, Deceased

Date of Birth: April 19, 1939

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, who lived at 06685 M-66 North, Lot #22, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on July 4, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Kevin L. Henderson and Michael B. Henderson, Co-Successor Trustees of the Lori L. Henderson Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, or the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-9941

Dated: August 10, 2005

Kevin L. Henderson,
Co-Successor Trustee
Michael B. Henderson,
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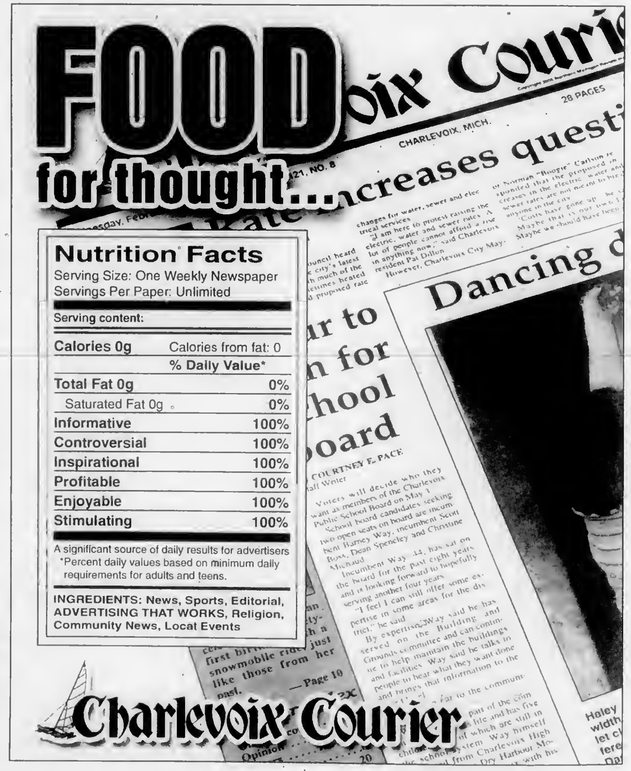

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Area events

Northwest board meeting

There is a special meeting of the Northwest Academy Board of Education at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at Northwest Academy on 115 West Hurlbut Street. For more information call (231) 547-9000.

CPR classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital: from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 31 Adult Heartsaver CPR in Classroom B; 6-9 p.m. Sept. 7 Pediatric Heartsaver CPR (Infant/Child) in Classroom B; and from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 14 Basic First Aid in Classroom B. Cost is $25 for each CPR class, which includes CPR card and course materials. The cost for the Basic First Aid is $30. There is a price reduction for the 3 class series. Pre-registration is required for all classes. All classes are taught by certified instructors and are through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. For more information call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

ROV field trip

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and SEE-North are sponsoring two field trips that will use a Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle (ROV) to explore different areas of Little Traverse Bay. The trips are planned for 12:45 p.m. and 2 p.m. Aug. 31. The trips will leave from the Pier in Harbor Springs. The cost to participate is $20 for members of the Watershed Council and $25 for nonmembers. To reserve your space or to obtain more information, call Kathleen at (231) 347-1181, ext. 100.

Marion Township reunion

Former students of Marion Township rural schools will hold a potluck luncheon reunion at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, at Barnard Grange. Phelps school students have held the gathering in odd number years since 1985.

Breakfast canceled

The American Legion Pancake Breakfast is canceled this Sunday, September 4, 2005 due to holiday conflicts.

Back-to-school breakfast

M.A.R.S.P. The Back to School Breakfast will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Sept. 6. All retired school personnel are invited to meet at the Dillworth in Boyne City, Darlene's in East Jordan or the Flap Jack Family Restaurant in Charlevoix to celebrate with former colleagues. No reservation is necessary.

Blood drive

The next Charlevoix community blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Community Reformed Church.

Day of Caring

The CharEm United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15. If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

In conjunction with this project, Charlevoix High School students will be stationed at the recycling center located in the parking lot at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office from 9 to 11:30 a.m. assisting and sorting goods for residents dropping off their recycling.

Gambler's Anonymous

Gambler's Anonymous 12-Step meetings will take place at 1 p.m. Monday's at Harbor Hall located at 520 N. Main #106, in Cheboygan. For more information contact Bonnie at (231) 818-0992.

Historical exhibit

The Charlevoix Historical Society exhibit on Charlevoix's Native-American residents, "Ancient Charlevoix," will be on display through Labor Day at the Depot Museum. The display includes recovered artifacts from the Pine River Channel dig on ground under the LaCroft condos date back to circa 1500 B.C. The display is open to the public from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Labor Day weekend.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers At-Work Program is forming at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church beginning in September. Lunchtime meetings to accommodate work schedules. For more information and to sign-up, call the church office at (231) 547-6430 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

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Area meetings

Service organizations —
The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Church groups —
The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —
Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW —
The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

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State steers new SOS road testing for motorists

The Department of State is in the driver's seat when it comes to making sure that new motorists are ready for the road, according to Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land.

With spring and summer being peak times for driver education, Land outlined steps that the department is taking to ensure greater consistency, communication and collaboration in the instructional process.

These include a comprehensive review of every program aspect and the creation of a Driver Education Advisory Committee to encourage input from all stakeholders.

"Preparing new drivers for their responsibilities behind the wheel demands participation by all partners," said Land, the state's chief motor vehicle administrator. "We're working more closely with instructors and safety advocates to enrich our program. Their expertise will help us to develop the highest testing and training standards that keep our roads safe. This is a tremendous opportunity to make Michigan's program a national model and we're taking full advantage of it."

This is the first full year in which the department is administering Michigan's driver education program.

Public Acts 70 and 71 of 2004 transferred it from the Department of Education.

One of the primary benefits of giving driver education responsibilities to the Department of State is that it consolidates all program components under one roof.

That promotes greater consistency and innovation in curriculum development, training and program oversight.

As more public schools are choosing to discontinue their driver education programs, a greater number of private driver-training schools are opening.

In 2000, more than 470 public schools offered driver education. That number fell to 360 last year. During that same period, the number of private driver-training schools teaching teens climbed from 119 to 183.

The department is responsible for the oversight of nearly 3,000 driving instructors and more than 540 public and private organizations conducting driver education programs statewide.

The majority of schools serve first-time vehicle operators while others teach commercial vehicle drivers.

More than 126,000 students were trained in 2004.

The department and its partners are launching a comprehensive review of the entire program to guarantee consistency in objectives, curricula, driver education program requirements and instructor qualifications.

Changes to the law or administrative rules may be recommended based on the evaluation.

Land also has created a Driver Education Advisory Committee to promote collaboration among stakeholders.

The 10-member committee has a unique chance to shape the driver education agenda by directly working with Land and her key staff. The group is comprised of instructors, school owners, third-party skills testers, law enforcement and traffic safety leaders.

More information about the program, as well as a list of road-skill testing organizations, is available at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

County farmers and land owners eligible for contracts

Agricultural Deputy Secretary Chuck Conner announced that 110 watersheds, including two watersheds in Michigan, will be eligible for the 2006 Conservation Security Program (CSP).

"This voluntary program recognizes farmers and ranchers for their ongoing stewardship activities on working agricultural lands," said Conner. "Natural resource conservation efforts by America's producers benefit everyone through healthier soil, cleaner air and water and improved fish and wildlife habitat.

In Michigan, the Boardman-Charlevoix and Maple River watersheds were selected to participate in the program during 2006. The two watersheds include an estimated 2,900 farms and over 570,000 acres of farmland. The Boardman-Charlevoix Watershed includes portions of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Otsego counties.

The sign-up period will take place early in fiscal year 2006 which begins Oct. 1, 2005. Farmers/landowners will have only one opportunity to sign up for the program every 8 years.

Farmers will complete a self-assessment of their conservation practices to determine if they are eligible to sign-up. Program participants can receive contracts for five or 10 years with annual payments of up to $45,000.

Information meetings will be held in both watersheds eligible for the 2006 program sign-up. Meeting information will be announced locally and on the Web at www.mi.nrcs.usda/programs/csp.

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Cross country makes its mark at first season meet

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season.

"We are stronger up front than previous years," she said. "But we have a large gap between our first two until we get to our next five."

She added, "We will need to work on that to be competitive as a team at meets."

In the girl's varsity A-B division, medalists Brittney Lamb and Lindi Edger took 15th and 17th place with times of 20:45 and 21:01 respectively.

Others who placed were Mia Matchett in 50th place with 23:52; Caitlin Taylor in 54th place with 24:08; Lisa Kuebler in 56th place with 24:09 and Emily Westenbroek in 57th place with 24:10.

Junior varsity medalists were KC McCary in 9th place with 22:49 and Chantel Novotny in 21st place with 23:58.

Others who placed were: Lauren Bradley in 31st place with 24:43; Shelby Goss in 45th place with 25:01; Kristina Alden in 54th place with 27:17; Jennifer Rich in 57th place with 27:27; Lauren Dupuis in 64th place with 28:10 and Samantha Shull in 75th place with 30:01.

Charlevoix was 6th place overall with 178 points. Rockford won the meet with 21 points while Traverse City Central was 2nd with 57 points out of the 12 teams that competed in the A-B division.

Peaceful return to Beaver Island after tumultuous past

ISLAND

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still regarded as effective.

Anderson is currently taking SEROQUEL, an anti-psychotic drug commonly used to treat schizophrenia and acute manic episodes.

He has also quit using marijuana, a substance he reasoned was a "temporary release from the illness," and has been clean for a year-and-a-half.

According to the National Institute for Mental Health, alcohol and substance abuse is common among people with bipolar disorder as a means of self-medication.

Anderson has also begun to work out three days a week at a Grand Haven gym.

Although employed from 1993 to 1998 without being interrupted by a single episode, Anderson does not have a full-time job at this time — he receives governmental disability funds and food stamps. However, he has submitted an application for employment with Touchstone.

"I'm doing great now," said Anderson, the father of an 11-year-old daughter who he visits twice a week. "I've written articles that could be published in local papers."

One such article is titled "Giving up Grandeur," submitted to the Charlevoix Courier in mid-August, which recounts his rampant ordeal on Beaver Island in 1999.

"Writing has long been recognized as a viable intervention," said Anderson, who conducts support classes at Touchstone. "Journals can be very helpful in keeping track of where you are mentally. People with mental illness may write poems that are usually quite meaningful. In David's case, he wanted to get back to writing and I just encouraged him to do that."

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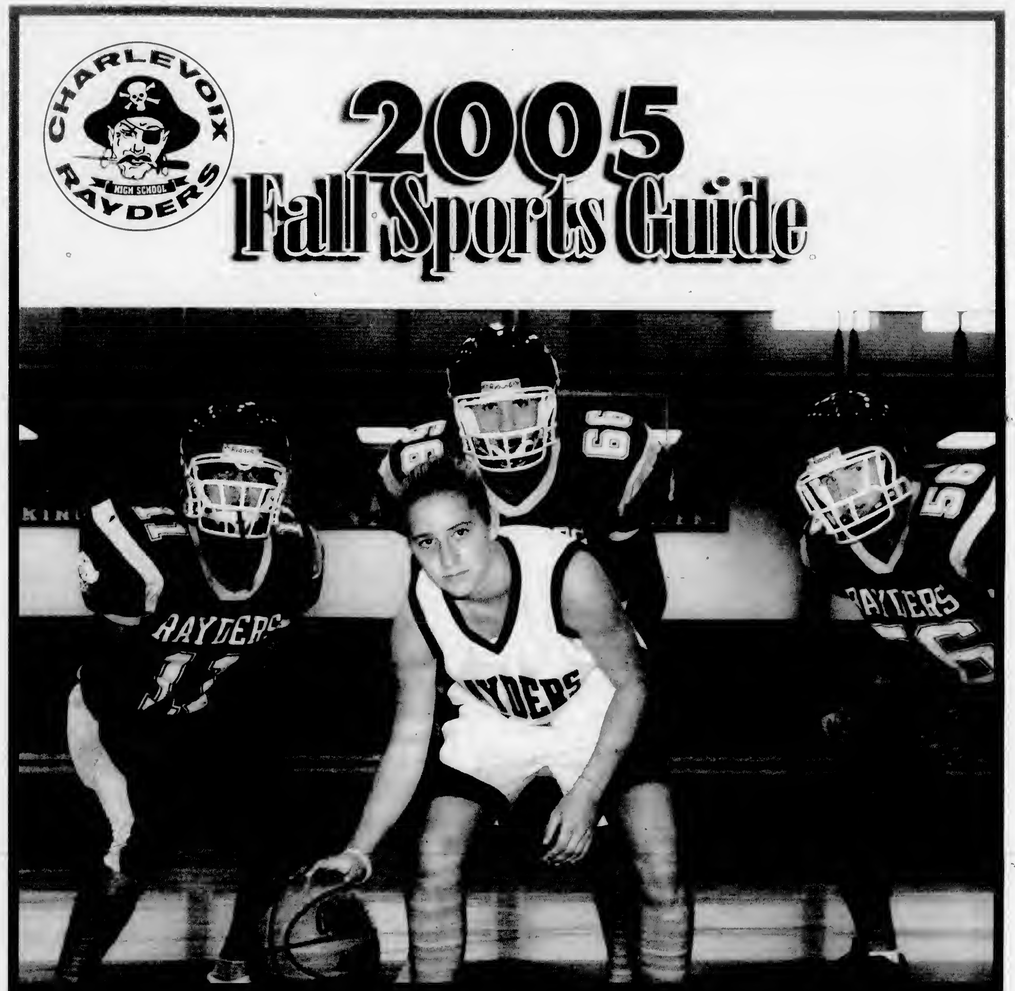

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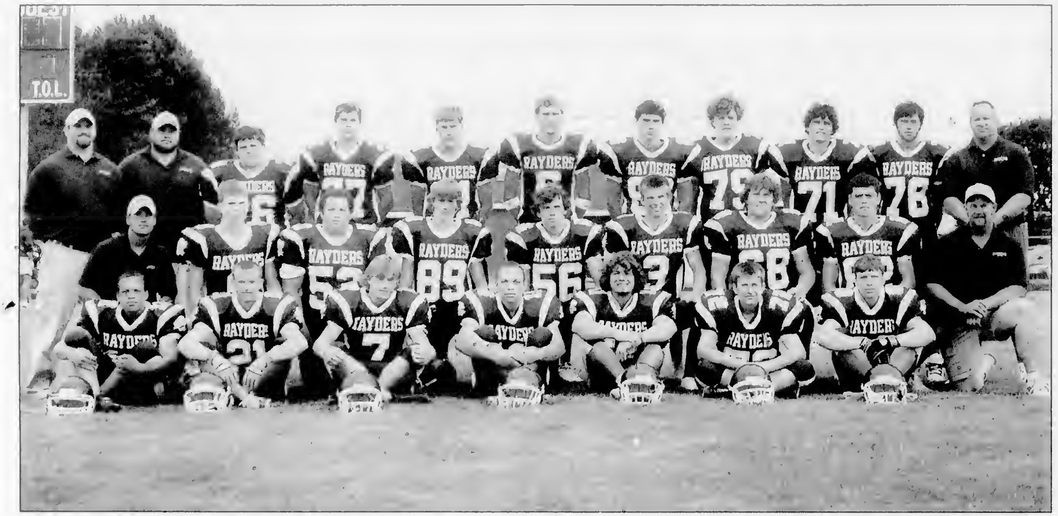

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The 2005-2006 Varsity Football team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Cliff Jones, Matt Kanine, Brad Cyr, Kyle Jones, Russell Williams, Travis Jakeway and Dan Swenor. Center row: Head Coach Don Jess, Matt Kautz, Ray Jones, Nick Gotshall, Chris Aepelbacher, Josh Saur, Mike Greyerbiehl, Drew Klooster and Assistant Coach Tracey Simpson. Back row: Assistant Coach Josh Skeel, Assistant Coach Mike Rautio, Patrick Russell, Danny Waldron, Scott Sladek, Eddie Waldron, Jeff Golovich, Phillip Michaud, Evan Keller, Zak Rankl and Assistant Coach Pat Klooster. Missing from the photo: Travis Burke and Darron Munson.

Football team's focus is on balancing offense

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

While the defensive line for Charlevoix High School's varsity football team plays its strong, scrappy game the team's focus will be on maturing its offensive game.

"We have to have balance on offense. We have to be able to run and throw the ball. We've got young kids in skilled positions and they'll have to mature quickly," head coach Don Jess, said.

Jess is in his third year coaching the Rayder football squad. He is joined by a coaching team that includes, Josh Skeel, Mike Rautio, Pat Klooster and Tracy Simpson.

The five-man coaching machine is charged with rounding out the 25-person team's game. Of the players, eight are new and four are returning seniors. Seniors that make up the defensive backbone include linebackers Jeff Golovich and Chris Aepelbacher and running back Russell Williams. They are joined by die-hard junior nose guard Ray Jones.

"We have a lot of tough kids who fly to the ball — we've got good speed on defense," Jess said.

Junior, Matt Kautz will lead the offense at quarterback. Jess said Kautz is working hard and will be a key to the Rayder's offensive success. Kautz showed his talent in the team's first game of the season played at St. Ignace. He went 11 for 17 for a total of 151 yards in the 35-0 Rayder shutout and lead rushing with 14 carries for 105 yards and one touchdown.

With the team's skill weighing heavily on its defensive game, Jess said precision will be the key to their success this year.

"We have to be precise on every play. We can't have any mistakes. The conference is tough, top to bottom," he said.

Game two will be on Rayder turf when Charlevoix meets the Benzie Central Huskies from Benzonia at 7 p.m. Friday Sept. 2, at Kipke Field in Charlevoix.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country teams have their sites set on making the state meet

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Ken Plude
Boy's Coach

Charlevoix High School's girls and boys cross country teams have strong veteran leadership that their coaches, Mary and Ken Plude say should lead them to success this fall.

Boys coach Ken Plude, who has coached the team for almost two decades, is leading a group of 21 runners. He said at the core of the team is a band of five returning seniors providing deep veteran leadership.

"We've spent two years building, this is the year we are ready to go," he said.

While senior leadership should provide stability, Ken said sheer numbers also work in the team's favor.

"We have a deep team as far as numbers — 10 can run under 18 minutes 40 seconds for the 5K (3.1 miles)," he said.

While the 10 runners have great individual times Plude said teamwork will take the team the distance.

"We have to run as a team, not as individuals. We have a lot of talented guys that are individually motivated that need to come together and work together," he said.

Ken added that if they are able to come together the team's lack of experience at the state competition level shouldn't stop them from taking the championship.

Ken's wife, Mary Plude, is head coach of the girls cross country

Mary Plude
Girl's Coach

team. She will be assisted by Marilyn Morehead.

The two will lead a group of 19 female runners, nine of which are new to the team and three of which are returning seniors.

The team graduated 13 runners in 2004.

In spite of the loss, Mary said tough freshmen and seven runners with state meet experience will help fill the gap and contribute to a successful season.

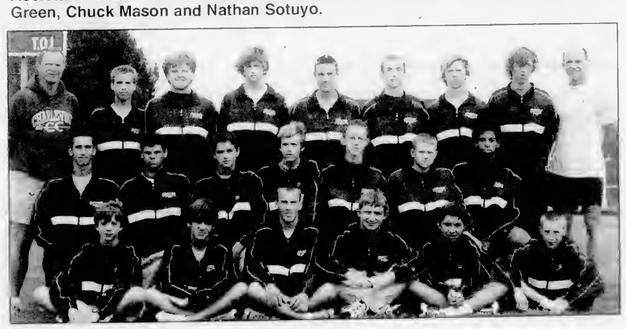
Mary is looking to leadership from senior Lisa Kuebler and two time all-stater Lindi Edger to help run the roost.

She is anticipating it taking about four meets before the new and returning runners mesh.

The two teams kicked off the season Aug. 27 at the Benzie Central Invitational. The Charlevoix girl's team finished sixth overall with 178 points. The boy's finished seventh out of 14 schools they competed against.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) The 2005-2006 Girl's Cross Country team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Alina Dhaseleer, Caitlin Taylor, Mia Matchett, Rachael Nuttall and Chantel Novotny. Back row: Head Coach Mary Plude, Lindi Edger, Brittney Lamb, Shelby Goss and Lauren Dupuis. Missing from the photo: Assistant Coach Marilyn Morehead, Christine Bradley, Lisa Kuebler, Michelle Lemond, Lauren Bradley, Jennifer Rich, Samantha Shull, Westenbroek, Laura Larsen, Kristina Alden and KC McCary. (Below) The 2005-2006 Boy's Cross Country team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Nick Wimmer, Alex Buday, Zach Scharenbroch, Michael McDonough, Logan Smith and Steven Gelderblom. Middle row: Brandon Stevens, Nate Gilmore, Sam Balasz, Logan Nuttall, Dustin Arp, Issac Matchett and Joseph Graham. Back row: Coach Ken Plude, Calvin Towsley, Dan Myers, Logan Stachler, Robby Shutler, Jacob Hunt, Jacob Wimmer, Scott Plude and Assistant Coach Paul Gelderblom. Missing from photo: Ted Dilworth, Chuck Green, Chuck Mason and Nathan Sotuyo.



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GOLF

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The 2005-2006 Men's Golf team includes in the front row (from left to right): Woody Nitchman, Kris Bartling, Chase Beatty, Nick Williams, Alex Molter and JD Speigl. Back row: Kevin Kusina, Kyle DeYoung, Kyle Smith, Matt Novotny, Stephen Parker, Kenny Anderson and Assistant Coach Bruce Beaudoin. Missing from the photo: Head Coach Jim Glynn, RJ Moore and Zach Lake.

Keys to golf success: balance, senior leaders

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Balance, senior leadership and experience could take the Rayder golf team to the finals.

According to head coach of the Rayder golf team, Jim Glynn, if the team's short game improves they will be unstoppable.

Of the 16 players that made the cut this year two are new and five are seniors.

"I'm senior laden — I have more seniors than I've had in 13 years," Glynn said.

Seniors are Kyle DeYoung, Stephen Parker, Kenny Anderson, Matt Novotny and Kevin Kusina.

With veteran leadership at the helm all Glynn said the team needs now is four consecutive scorers.

High school golf is a team sport — the four top scorers out of the six that play are combined for a team score.

On Aug. 15 the Charlevoix Rayder golf team opened the season with a Lake Michigan Conference match against all eight teams at Grayling Golf Club.

"We're off to a fast start. We need to play better, but we're in the hunt," Glynn said. "We've got a shot at playing for the Lake Michigan Conference title of course."

He added, "Traverse City St. Francis is the team to beat."

Last year's champions, Traverse City St. Francis, took first place at the opener with a 318. The Rayders were in third with 327.

On Aug. 26, the team shot 352 to place 13th in an 18-team tournament hosted by Traverse City St. Francis on the Spruce Run course at the Grand Traverse Resort.

Kris Bartling shot 83 to lead the Rayders, followed by J.D. Speigl, 88; Matt Novotny, 90; Kyle Smith, 91; and Kyle DeYoung, 93.

Bartling placed 24th, Speigl was 48th, Novotny, 59th; Smith, 63rd; and DeYoung, 70th.

The Rayders play at the Bulldog Invitational at Indian River Inland Lakes on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

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SOCCER

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The 2005-2006 Varsity Soccer team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Nick Mailloux, Jonathon Jelinek, Tyler Kenifeck, Colin Campbell, Matt Mailloux and Peter Londgren. Middle row: Sam Scheelk, Ben Castiglione, Mik Papp, Collin McDonough, Brennan Stebe, Brian Whitley and Scott Haselschwardt. Back row: Coach Josh Block, Ben Scheelk, Weston Bryan, Matt Teuscher, Trevor Mays, Michael DiMartino, Josh Godfrey, Andy Ennis and Shannon Gillespie. Missing from the photo: Travis Klooster.

Soccer team to build on young talent

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Charlevoix High School Boys soccer team is packed with talented players with potential but head coach Josh Block said their success depends on passion.

Block said of the 23 players on the team the majority are coming out for the first time.

"We are rebuilding the program with six freshman and some juniors and sophomores playing for the first year," he said.

The season kick off Aug. 26 when the team faced Gaylord at Kipke Field. This was one of many tough teams Block said the team will face early this season.

"We need to stay focused on where we want to be at the end of the season and not get frustrated early," he said.

Block sees potential in his players and said if their attitude includes a willingness to learn they can be strong.

He said he is looking to get a few games under the team's belt to see what his major focus will be. Thus far, practices and games have focused on the fundamentals — good passing, good positioning and physical fitness.

"I believe at one point I will have some depth," Block said.

The next Rayder soccer show-down will take place at 5 p.m. Sept. 1 at Kipke Field in Charlevoix.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The 2005-2006 Girls' Varsity Basketball team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Lori Zimmerman, Zita Anderson, Genevieve Kochanny, Shannon Dibble, Liz Jadwin, Charisse Rogers and Madison Ramsey. Back row: Caitlin Cole, Sally Haselschwardt, Stevie Murray, Laura Nitchman, Bethany Pearson, Ashley Bradley, Sasha Spencley and Robyn Petzak. Missing from the photo: Coach Keith Haske, Assistant Coach Jim Gels and managers Teresa Potter, Kali Crain and Chelsea Haske.

Basketball looks to mature outside game

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Keith Haske

This year's varsity Rayder girls' basketball team has a lot to live up to and the talent to make it happen.

Last year's record setting season which ended with a state championship loss at the Jack Breslin Student Event Center on the Michigan State University campus, Charlevoix girls basketball players tasted the thrill of going to the big dance.

While coach Keith Haske, who is in his second year heading up the girls program, is optimistic about arriving a second time in East Lansing, he is focusing on the here and now.

Haske said to be successful this season his eight returning seniors will have to step up to lead their seven teammates who have graduated from junior varsity to varsity play.

He said this veteran leadership, which includes standout Laura Nitchman, has seen some intense competition and will have to carry the team while their younger inside game develops.

"We'll need to lean on them heavily early in the year and hopefully the big kids inside will improve throughout the year," Haske said.

To get the immature inside game ready for fierce competition, Haske and assistant coach Dr. Jim Gels have been spending a good deal of practice time on drill work and individual work with those student-athletes.

"We need to continue to establish our work ethic. We have to practice hard," he said.

The team will host Gaylord at its first scheduled home game to take place at 6 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Charlevoix High School gymnasium.

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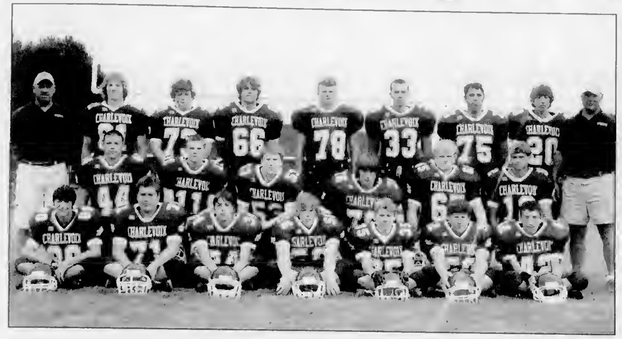
JV, cheerleading and marching band



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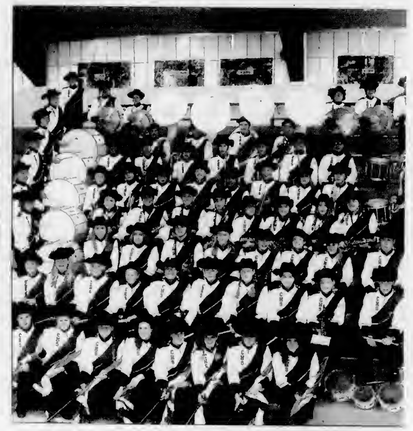
(Above) The 2005-2006 Junior Varsity Football team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Zeke Galloway, Corey Ciesielczyk, Rusty Bolt, Drew Largent, Josh Wolletz, Jake Rankl and Jon Putman. Middle row: Nate Tripplehorn, Justin Klooster, Corey Loucks, Michael Whisler, Tanner Fisher and Michael Heckendorn. Back row: Assistant Coach Doug Waha, Connor Louiselle, Rex VanPelt, Bill Foley, Hunter Boss, Corey Gotshall, Trevor Cole, Brock Yenglin and Coach Dan Yenglin. Missing from the photo: Assistant Coach Rob Scholey and Nate Golovich.



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(Above) The 2005-2006 Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band under the direction of Jayne Bennett and drum majors Kara Fitzgerald and Mya Matchett. (Below) The 2005-2006 Varsity Cheerleading squad (from left to right) includes front row: Samantha White, Kara Fitzgerald, Kara Ciesielczyk and Maria Hall. Back row: Coach Erin Nickel, Mikki Travers, Kim Way, Ashley Price and Kayla Schneider. Missing from the photo: Rachel Barta, Juli Neidert and Bailey Yenglin.

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(Above) The 2005-2006 Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) in the front row: Leah Kelly, Emily Foster, Caitlin Mitchell, Brooke Whittaker, Desi Faust, Ariel Ramsey and Kaleigh Blanchard. Back row: Coach Liz Grunch, Jessica Gauthier, Megan Cross, Becca Madison, Murphy Gillespie, Kandis Way and Emily Colvin. Missing from the photo: Jessica Stewart.

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September 6	6:00 p.m.	HOME Gaylord
September 8	6:00 p.m.	HOME Cheboygan
September 13	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Ellsworth
September 15	6:00 p.m.	AWAY East Jordan
September 20	6:00 p.m.	HOME St. Ignace
September 22	6:00 p.m.	HOME Harbor Springs
September 29	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Grayling
October 4	6:00 p.m.	AWAY TCSF
October 6	6:00 p.m.	HOME Kalkaska
October 11	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Boyne City
October 13	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Elk Rapids
October 18	6:00 p.m.	HOME East Jordan
October 20	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Harbor Springs
October 25	6:00 p.m.	HOME Grayling
October 27	6:00 p.m.	HOME TCSF
November 1	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Kalkaska
November 3	6:00 p.m.	HOME Boyne City
November 8	6:00 p.m.	HOME Elk Rapids
November 10	6:00 p.m	AWAY Petoskey

Head Coach: Keith Haske JV Coach: Liz Grunch
Asst. Coach: Brett Erskine Asst. Coach: Jim Gels

VARSITY FOOTBALL

September 2	7:00 p.m.	HOME Benzie Central
September 9	7:00 p.m.	AWAY East Jordan
September 16	7:00 p.m.	AWAY Boyne City
September 23	7:00 p.m.	HOME Elk Rapids
September 30	7:00 p.m.	AWAY Kalkaska
October 7	7:00 p.m.	HOME Harbor Springs
October 14	7:00 p.m.	AWAY Grayling
October 21	7:00 p.m.	HOME TCSF

Head Coach: Don Jess
Asst. Coach: Tracy Simpson, Pat Klooster, Josh Skeel, Mike Rautio
Cheer Coach: Eri Nickel

JV GOLF

September 6	4:00 p.m.	AWAY Harbor Springs at Boyne Highlands
September 13	4:30 p.m.	HOME Charlevoix Host at City Course
September 19	4:30 p.m.	AWAY East Jordan Host at Mallard

Head Coach: Bruce Beaudoin

CROSS COUNTRY

September 7	4:30 p.m.	AWAY East Jordan Invite.
September 10	10:00 a.m.	HOME Charlevoix Classic Mud Run
September 17	9:45 a.m.	AWAY Ludington Invite.
September 24	9:30 a.m.	AWAY Petoskey Invite.
October 8	TBA	AWAY Ogemaw Heights West Branch
October 18	4:00 p.m.	HOME LMC Championship
October 22	9:00 a.m.	AWAY Elk Rapids Invite.
October 25	4:00 p.m.	AWAY Gaylord Rotary Invite.

Girls' Coach: Mary Plude Asst. Coach: Marilyn Moorhead

VARSITY GOLF

August 31	1:30 p.m.	AWAY Bulldog Invitational at Inland Lakes
September 7	4:30 p.m.	HOME Charlevoix Host at Belvedere Club
September 9	9:00 a.m.	AWAY Petoskey Invite at Petoskey Bay View CC
September 14	4:30 p.m.	AWAY East Jordan Host at Mallard
September 16	9:00 a.m.	AWAY Gaylord Invitational
September 20	4:30 p.m.	AWAY Harbor Springs Host at Moore
September 22	4:30 p.m.	AWAY Kalkaska Host at Grandview
September 27	10:00 a.m.	AWAY Charlevoix Host at Antrim Dells LMC Championship

Head Coach: Jim Glenn

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

September 1	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Benzie Central
September 8	6:00 p.m.	HOME East Jordan
September 15	6:00 p.m.	HOME Boyne City
September 22	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Elk Rapids
September 29	6:00 p.m.	HOME Kalkaska
October 6	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Harbor Springs
October 13	6:00 p.m.	HOME Grayling
October 20	6:00 p.m.	AWAY TCSF

Head Coach: Dan Yenglin
Asst. Coach: Doug Waha, Rob Scholey

FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

August 31	4:15 p.m.	HOME Gaylord
September 8	4:15 p.m.	HOME Cheboygan
September 15	4:15 p.m.	AWAY East Jordan
September 20	4:15 p.m.	HOME St. Ignace
September 22	4:15 p.m.	HOME Inland Lakes
September 29	4:15 p.m.	AWAY Grayling
October 4	4:15 p.m.	AWAY TCSF
October 11	4:15 p.m.	AWAY Boyne City
October 13	4:15 p.m.	AWAY Elk Rapids
October 18	4:15 p.m.	HOME East Jordan
October 20	4:15 p.m.	AWAY Inland Lakes
October 25	4:15 p.m.	HOME Grayling
October 27	4:15 p.m.	HOME TCSF
November 3	4:15 p.m.	HOME Boyne City
November 8	4:15 p.m.	HOME Elk Rapids
November 10	4:15 p.m.	AWAY Petoskey

Head Coach: Sara Muladore

BOYS' SOCCER

September 1	5:00 p.m.	HOME Leland
September 8	6:00 p.m.	AWAY Cheboygan
September 12	5:00 p.m.	HOME Harbor Springs
September 17	11:00 a.m.	HOME Glen Lake
September 19	5:00 p.m.	AWAY Grayling
September 22	5:00 p.m.	AWAY TC Christian
September 26	5:00 p.m.	HOME East Jordan
September 29	7:00 p.m.	AWAY Elk Rapids
October 3	5:00 p.m.	HOME Boyne City
October 6	5:00 p.m.	AWAY Harbor Springs
October 8	12:00 p.m.	AWAY Leland
October 11	5:00 p.m.	HOME Grayling
October 13	5:00 p.m.	AWAY East Jordan
October 15	10:00 a.m.	AWAY Forest Area
October 17	5:00 p.m.	HOME Elk Rapids
October 20	5:00 p.m.	AWAY Boyne City

Head Coach: Josh Block Asst. Coach: Marvin Witthoeft

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The City of Charlevoix Police Department welcomed a new patrolman last week.

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Charlevoix resident serves as interrogator

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Charlevoix resident Jamey Spencley departed for Afghanistan on Monday.

For the next nine months, he will take up residence in one of the poorest and most deprived countries in the world, sleeping in a plywood hut, rising at 6:30 a.m. six days a week to work 12 to 14 hour workdays and spend his single day off volunteering at a shabby orphanage.

Spencley, 36, had just returned to his hometown, Charlevoix on Aug. 15 and is now embarking on his second stint as an interrogator, contracted by the U.S. Department of Defense. Along with 15 to 20 other officials; Spencley's job is to question some of the most ruthless and feared criminals in the world — al-Quaida suspects, members of the Taliban and insurgents at Bagram's prison.

"Sometimes you think, 'Wow, this guy would more than likely love to see me dead right now,' but it's also a very controlled environment and, to be honest, 99 percent of the people that I deal with react very well to being treated well," he said. "I usually do about three or four interrogations a day and spend the rest of the time writing reports about those interrogations."

Spencley said prisoners in Bagram receive three meals per day, clean water and clothes and showers. The quality of life most detainees enjoy while behind bars, he added, rivals that of their free existence — men have begged Spencley for extended prison terms, while those who remain silent during his interrogations are frequently threatened with emancipation.

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Courtesy photo

While Charlevoix resident Jamey Spencley provides interrogation services in Afghanistan he is also volunteering to renovate an orphanage. Above he is pictured with an interpreter, Maiwand, and kids at the orphanage.

Summer send-off

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix's official end to summer, the Little but Mighty Labor Day Bridge Walk took place Sept. 5. The beautiful weather and many enthusiastic walkers made for a great day. Donations and T-shirt sales brought in about $850 for Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. the fund-raising group taking charge of constructing a skate/BMX park in Charlevoix.

Guthrie, Gennett lend a hand to hurricane victims

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Two local men armed with their skills, faith and a carload of supplies left Charlevoix Sept. 2 en route to hurricane ravaged Baton Rouge, La. where they'll assist in 10 days of relief work.

"Wherever we are needed we'll go," said former City of Charlevoix Fire Station shift commander of 25 years, Lyle Gennett.

Gennett was watching the news Wednesday, Aug. 31 when he saw images of New Orleans, La. a city where he and his wife spent a memorable vacation in December, which is now under water up to 20 feet deep in places.

He saw thousands stranded and he saw the good and bad sides of humanity.

"I feel for those people down there, they've lost everything. It's a total disaster," Gennett said. "It's a situation where it doesn't matter who you are or what you did in life — they have nothing."

The mission started when Steve Guthrie, a local chaplain and friend of Gennett's for about 20 years, contacted the Red Cross volunteer coordinator in Baton Rouge, La. who gave him directions and said he and Gennett could help as soon as they could get there.

With directions in hand and a mission in his soul, Guthrie called Gennett early Sept. 1 and said, "Are you ready to go."

Gennett, a licensed medical technician specialist, plans to administer medical assistance as needed in conjunction with the Baton Rouge chapter of the American Red Cross. He and Guthrie will be stationed at a shelter housing 7,000 people.

They plan to park a camping trailer just outside the shelter.

Guthrie will spend his time ministering to refugees.

"We live in a society today that needs a lot of helping hands," Gennett said.

To lend a hand he packed minimal provisions for himself and he and Guthrie loaded the car with supplies to distribute.

The devastation they will encounter in the week-and-a-half long sojourn was caused by Hurricane Katrina which hit Louisiana Aug. 29 packing 160 mph winds, and driv-

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District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Casey James Fortune, 44, Boyne City. Disorderly person/drunk. Serve 50 days in jail with credit for six days, to serve 44 days; $300 in fines and costs.

Jesse Lee Bowman, 49, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana; attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Serve 270 days in jail with credit for 58 days, to serve 212 days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

Christopher Paul Ferguson, 19, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Five days of community service work; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with victim; $600 in fines and costs.

Daniel Wayne Monteith, 44, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail; nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $930 in fines and costs.

Brandon Scott Murdza, 17, South Lyon. Attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Seth Matthew Zimmerman, 19, Boyne Falls. Domestic violence. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for three days, 27 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; $300 in fines and costs.

Hal Jerome Barhour, 49, Boyne City. Unlawful use of license plate. Serve 12 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Terry Lee Courtright, 23, Ocala, Fla. Operating while intoxicated first offense, operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for nine days, to serve 84 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Angela Maxine Devers, 26, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 10 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve seven days; $950 in fines and costs.

Michael John Rostar, 52, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, 30 days on electronic monitor device, 289 days held in abeyance, 30 days community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; attend substance abuse classes; $1,435 in fines and costs.

Alexander Patrick Kur, 18, Charlevoix. Minor possess/purchase/consume alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $160 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court:

Charles Henry Baker, Jr., 42, Boyne City. Two counts of controlled substance-possession of methamphetamine/ecstasy; one count of controlled substance maintaining a drug house. Serve a minimum of 18 months and 18 months on counts one and two to a maximum of 120 months on counts one and two in prison with credit for 87 days. To serve a minimum of 16 months to a maximum of 24 months in prison with credit for 87 days on count three; $240 in fines and costs.

Dion Martin Fennell, 19, Petoskey. Lareeny in a building. Serve 11 months in jail with credit for one day, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; $4,553 in fines and costs.

Mary Ann Mosley, 25, Boyne City. Controlled substance/delivery/manufacture. Serve 120 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; $670 in fines and costs,

Jacob John Maltby, 22, Boyne City. Driving while under the influence of alcohol-third offense. Serve 11 months in jail with credit for 15 days, to serve 180 days in jail, to serve 480 hours of community service work; serve 36 months probation; $1,320 in fines and costs.

Barry James Munich, 39, East Jordan. Criminal sexual conduct second degree-person under the age of 13. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 365 days in jail; serve five years probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Kerry Franklin Moore, 43, Walloon Lake. Driving while under the influence of alcohol-third offense. Serve 11 months in jail with credit for two days, to serve 90 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; $1,010 in fines and costs.

Nathan Edward Shureb, 31, Walloon Lake. Attempted criminal sexual conduct fourth degree-force or coercion. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 14 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Maids 4 Hire, 05834 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix by Kimberley Gates

Jammer Rentals, 05886 U.S. 31, Charlevoix by Sally A. Gates

Preferred Roofing, 205 West Hurlbut, Charlevoix by Timothy Dale Russell

Sunny Smiles Daycare, 08080 Susan Shores Drive, Charlevoix by Cindi Ann Baird

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Travis Scott Johnecheck, 31 and Shannon Leah Skrocki, 29 both of East Jordan

Eugene Francis Norton, 53 and Nancy Jill Gibson, 47 both of Boyne City

Adam Scott Hubble, 26 and Laurie Marie Massey, 28 both of Boyne Falls

John Anthony Mullen, 56 of Fremont, N.H. and Lesley Joan Pritchard, 53 of Boyne City

Timothy Jerome Vondra, 27 and Mandi Kay Meggison, 26 both of Carefree, Ariz.

Alan Lee Jackson, 26 and Heidi Ann Stevens, 25 both of Elmira

Steven Gordon Bradley, 52 and Astrid Kay Schuette, 45 both of Euless, Texas

Bullet-proof vest grant awarded to Sheriff's office

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office received three donations in July to replace all the deputy sheriffs' lifesaving, bulletproof vests.

Advanced Energy Services L.L.C. donated $2,500, O.I.L. Energy Corp. donated $2,500 and The Oleson Foundation donated $8,400.

The need for replacing the deputies' vests came about with the inadequate reliability of the Ultima vests made with Zylon fabric purchased from Second Chance.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater can now furnish all deputy sheriffs with a new bulletproof vest and commends these donors for their stalwart concern for the safety of all law enforcement officers.

Births

Katherine Lindsey Cunningham weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces was born to Michael and Denise Cunningham of Charlevoix on Sept. 1, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her brother is Richie. Grandparents are Leslie and Ben Cunningham of Charlevoix and Duane "Dewey" Arnott of East Jordan.

Mallory Kehealani Wilson weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces was born to Shaun and Kristin Wilson of Charlevoix on Sept. 1, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings

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Jamey Spencley returns to Afghanistan

SPENCLEY

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pation.

"Most of these people are put in a bad situation," said Spencley. "Rather than watch their families starve to death, they accepted bribes from members of the Talibian to plant IEDs (improvised explosive devices, or homemade suicide bombs) or to grab weapons and shoot at Americans."

Jamey Spencley

Because $20 will help these hapless citizens feed their entire family for a week, they are easily bribed to carry out attacks.

"They're very uneducated so they're easily manipulated — easily manipulated with religion," said Spencley. "Most are extremely devout Muslims and can't interpret the Koran for themselves."

Those who can decipher the sacred text, he added, may misinterpret its teachings, steering unsuspecting persons to perform violent acts.

Detainees at the Bagram prison sit with Spencley in a small room for the interrogation process. One interpreter, typically an educated Afghan who fled the country during the Russian invasion in 1979, and a military police guard are present to monitor the scene.

"We make sure everything is done correctly according to the Geneva Conventions," said Spencley. "Ever since Abu Ghraib, things have been heavily scrutinized."

When donning a full beard, Spencley, with dark eyes and an olive complexion, could easily be mistaken for a native Afghan — comparable physical traits provide him an advantage in his line of work.

"With a beard, they (prisoners) trust me more. I've had guys say to me, 'I totally trust you, you look like you're from my village.'"

The absence of facial hair, on the other hand, has also discouraged prisoners from talking to Spencley at all.

"There's a lot of different techniques you can use depending on the person's personality — whether you're going to be harsh and stern and try to scare them or be really nice," said Spencley. "I always go with the really nice guy approach and bring them tea and muffins."

Although 2005 has been the costliest year for American lives in Afghanistan, Bagram, the U.S. military's primary headquarters in the country, is relatively well-secured. Those troops stationed along the Pakistani border, said Spencley, may have deeper concerns about their well-being.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the U.S. ousted the active Taliban regime in Afghanistan. In October 2004, Hamid Karzai became the country's first democratically elected president. The country is looking forward to parliamentary elections on Sept. 18.

"The Taliban is probably going to pick up their operations a bit and try to disrupt the elections, but if we can make these elections come off without a hitch, that'll be a huge defeat for the Taliban," said Spencley. "Being in Afghanistan is not nearly as dangerous as being in Iraq, so I'm able to get off base and do some other things."

One of those things happens to be dedicating each Sunday to refurbishing a nearby orphanage, which houses 20 girls and 130 boys between the ages of five and 15.

"Their school is in shambles," he said. "There are a lot of broken windows and only one water source that puts out brown water. You could scoop up some water in Round Lake and it would be cleaner to drink than the water in Afghanistan."

Spencley has repaired all four of the facility's classrooms, installed new windows, painted and performed masonry work. Future projects on his agenda, however, include the students' dorms, and financing their uniforms and books.

"I bring the kids something every weekend, whether it's pens and paper or candy," he said, adding that he discovered the site while traveling with a fellow interpreter.

Sally Goodrich, a Vermont resident whose son was onboard one of the planes that struck the World Trade Center, inspired Spencley to revamp the rundown structure. Along with her husband, Goodrich raised nearly $200,000 to build a school in Afghanistan as a living memorial to her fallen child.

"I just thought that was incredibly neat that somebody who lost her son in the 9/11 attacks still had the open-mindedness to look beyond it and not blame an entire country that's in desperate, desperate need of education," Spencley said. "That's the number one problem in that country. Everybody who was educated or had money took off when the Russians came."

According to the CIA Web site, www.cia.gov, the literacy rate for males in Afghanistan stands at 51 percent, while the rate for females is only 21 percent.

Spencley joined the army while earning a degree in forestry from Michigan State University. He spent one year at a language school in Monterey, Calif., where he learned Korean and then moved east to Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., to attend interrogation school for 10 weeks. The remainder of his four-year tour was spent in Oahua, where he took frequent trips to Korea.

The opportunity to work for the U.S. government in Afghanistan is one that "fell in his lap." While managing a restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, a friend of Spencley's contacted him about a teaching job in Ft. Huachuca. After instructing future interrogators for about two months, word eventually spread to Spencley about full-time jobs for interrogators in Afghanistan.

"I was a bit apprehensive, but after spending four years in the (U.S.) Army, it doesn't really scare you to go because you feel like you probably should go," he said.

Spending the past few weeks in Charlevoix has made it "extremely difficult" for Spencley to want to return to the barren landscape and arid climate of Afghanistan. Similarly discouraging is the "h-hut" he will soon sleep in, which houses his 12-by-8-foot bedroom along with seven other living spaces for fellow government officials. Within the wire of the military base, however, sits Burger King, Dairy Queen and Subway establishments for the troops to savor once cafeteria cuisine loses its luster.

"You don't take grass for granted anymore," he said. "You don't take these vast amounts of fresh water that we have for granted anymore. It's all so precious. After seeing so much squalor, we're just fortunate to have so much up here."

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Local reaction to Hurricane Katrina is commendable

EDITORIAL

Most people who hit the road last weekend were headed to a barbecue or a family outing but two road tripping Charlevoix men drove 12 hours to meet their greatest challenge.

We want to thank Lyle Gennett and Steve Guthrie who after watching footage of the aftermath from Hurricane Katrina were compelled go to Baton Rouge, La. and help displaced residents.

In the face of chaos these two hung on to the strength of their faith and drove into the heart of what has been dubbed as our nation's greatest natural disaster area.

The community should also get a strong pat on the back.

In the 12 hours following their decision to venture on the pilgrimage to Louisiana a truckload of supplies and over $4,000 in cash was delivered for the trip and for the needy.

Charlevoix residents also papered the entryway at Glen's Market off M-66 with donor cards and pulled off a weekend fund-raiser at Lake Michigan Beach.

The Beach House Restaurant in cooperation with the American Red Cross is donating 100 percent of proceeds from its concession sales to the Disaster Relief Fund. The effort will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 3-9.

Also during the Labor Day weekend over 90 boats sailed in the Charlevoix Yacht Club's annual Red Fox Regatta. Those who participated donated, purchased hats and gave to raffles to raise $1,500 for the Red Cross.

While we have opened our hearts and wallets this community has also sacrificed its residents like Gennett and Guthrie as well as Detective Mike Wheat from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office who recently left town to assist in the relief effort.

All of these endeavors are part of the one reason we all call Charlevoix home and that is community.

For us the word community encompasses not only our friends, family and neighbors, it is the sense of caring, generosity and sincerity each person emanates as well as the beautiful natural surroundings we are so blessed to live in.

Thank you for letting the warmth of the Charlevoix community shine on Louisiana.

Husband's tales of triumph refresh the human spirit

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

The human spirit is forgiving, undaunted and optimistic.

This is what our readers need to know about the effect of Katrina as my husband, Lyle Gennett and his friend, Steve Guthrie venture into unfamiliar territory to help the victims of the hurricane.

It's ironic that such a beautiful name was given to a violent effect of Mother Nature. It took lives but brought back a sense of reality that life is short and we must never take it for granted. Some people say it was God's unhappiness with us, others say they knew this would happen because it's nature's way of maintaining checks and balances.

Whether Biblical, or scientific, the fact remains that the human spirit of these communities lives on. Each and every phone call I receive from my spouse tells new stories of hope and forgiveness, families reunited, families suffering loss, all coming together to help each other. These are the stories that need to be told.

There are many people, particularly the very young and the elderly who, though sick and injured direct the medical personnel to help someone else who may need more attention.

A gentleman who floated on a dumpster for four days was more concerned about others when he arrived at the shelter. A teenage girl, who had been walking for days, slumped in a corner of the shelter and asked only for a cot and some water. With so many people struggling emotionally they are truly appreciative to have anyone take the time to actually listen to their story.

Families are united daily through a database set up with names of the families living in the shelter. Relatives contact the center continually to offer a plane ticket for these displaced families to unite with relatives in another state.

Vans and busses continually make trips to the airport and volunteers stay with them until they are boarded, safe and feeling secure.

The areas most affected by the hurricane have an unusually high poverty area. These individuals have learned to cope with pain, loss and living with very little. As a result they are resilient and strong and feel this too shall pass. What an inspiration they are for all of us.

Prayer services take place daily at the shelters while communion is offered. Individuals are air lifted daily to hospitals to get the best medical care possible. As I write this article, there are children playing games and reading books in the shelters, people are sharing food, stories and many hugs. Neighboring communities have opened up their homes, condos, trailers, churches and schools to complete strangers.

Lessons I have taken away from this are my husband can endure 12 hours of work without food until he goes to bed, that the less advantaged are more resilient than most of us and that the human body may be weak but the spirit remains strong in the south.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

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Vote down big box

Editor:

I'm writing as a concerned property owner in Charlevoix Township.

The Charlevoix Township Zoning Board has in response to Wal-Mart almost coming to Charlevoix changed the zoning ordinance to block large retail stores from being able to build in Charlevoix. The changes they propose have been passed by the zoning and township boards, but not the citizens of Charlevoix.

The citizens have a vote on these changes on Nov. 8. The changes make it extremely difficult and expensive if not impossible to build a new large retail store. I think it is the township board's responsibility to promote smart growth not to prevent it.

Michael Manial
Central Lake

Craft Fair misrepresented

Editor:

Charlevoix, the Beautiful — so says the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

In such a beautiful city setting I find blatant misrepresentation, irresponsible management and the lack of common courtesy of answering a letter/complaint. I am talking about your Chamber of Commerce.

I write you so the community will be aware of unfair and dishonest business contracts issued by the chamber.

I speak of my recent participation in the July 9 and 10 art and craft show at the waterfront. The show contract was explicit in forbidding massed produced items and demanded that I send many photos of my work, a photo of myself painting my art and a check for $150. A number of us "first timers" had high expectations of a quality show. All of you who have

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attended would be quick to agree that it was more of a flea market than quality arts and crafts. Some locals and tourists knew better for the show lacked the upscale art enthusiast many of us count on.

I instinctively feel that this show has declined over the years, and the chamber simply can't admit the downgrade. I only hope they will reconsider and be honest in reclassifying it so others can escape being misled and ripped off. Gaylord openly admits to allowing flea market products for certain shows. They are honest.

Such shows I never consider entering.

Putting this issue aside, let me just say that despite the disappointment, my extended family and I had a wonderful stay. The city is lovely with flowers and crystal blue waters, the restaurants are delicious and the bed and breakfast was perfect.

But most of all we enjoyed the beautiful people of Charlevoix, who were helpful and friendly.

Bob Nowicki
Loveland, Ohio

Craft Fair quality

Editor:

Comments made in response to letter to the editor, Julie Witthoeft, from Robert Nowicki from Loveland, Ohio submitted on Sept. 1 to the Charlevoix Courier.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is proud of the overall quality of the arts and crafts exhibited at the 37th Annual Art & Craft Show held July 9 and 10, 2005. The Chamber is pleased with the number and caliber of patrons who attended this show annually.

Chamber of Commerce volunteers and staff members work diligently to improve each year's show, which is reflected in the on-going popularity of this event, which has been held for 37 consecutive years. On occasion an artist or crafter does exhibit work, which did not reflect the original representation submitted for jury purposes. Exhibitors who have misrepresented their work when applying and who do not bring their original work to the show are not invited and are prohibited from participating in future shows sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

We appreciate Mr. Nowicki's concern and continue to address concerns and ways to improve each and every event that we sponsor.

Jacqueline Merta
Director of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

Insufficient response

Editor:

For the past five days we have witnessed some of the darkest days of our nation's history. No one can control nature — it always plays the last card. But we can be prepared for the worst case — especially when it has been modeled and imaged in the past year. And we can move immediately to provide emergency and life-giving services to those in the midst of the destruction. This did not happen. Even today there are thousands of victims of Hurricane Katrina still waiting on roof tops, in befouled evacuation centers, and wandering the streets of New Orleans and other devastated areas of the Gulf Coast.

While there is blame enough to go around, the buck stops at the top. The recently revamped Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its new host, the Department of Homeland Security, are nominally in charge at the command of the president. It took President Bush two days to even speak of the problem and then with complacency and excuses. No one expected those levees to be breached. This is astounding; many have known for decades that the right storm could have just this effect; in fact, FEMA itself in a hypothetical hurricane modeled just such an event, with the same consequences we have seen. So ignorance is not possible and certainly no excuse.

In fact, this tragedy was years in the making. In June 2004, Walter Maestri, the emergency management chief for Jefferson Parish, speaking of funds for levee improvement, stated to the Times-Picayune in New Orleans, "It appears that the money has been moved in the president's budget to handle homeland security and the war in Iraq, I suppose that's the price we pay. Nobody locally is happy that the levees can't be finished and we are doing everything we can to make the case that this is a security issue for us."

Last year alone when the Army Corps of Engineers requested $105 million for hurricane and flood programs in New Orleans, they received $40 million. FEMA's ability to respond to emergencies has been sharply curtailed by the Bush administration which has led to a mass exodus of experienced professionals, according to James Lee Witt, a leader of FEMA under President Clinton, in testimony before Congress. And when a third of the National Guard including about one half of Louisiana's Guard, and half of all the National Guard's equipment are in Iraq, some of the inability of the federal government to respond in a timely and competent manner becomes clear.

There is no mystery here. Bush and his administration were and are totally unprepared to deal with any emergency; the war in Iraq waged on the basis of lies and the chaos there since, the tax breaks for the wealthiest citizens resulting in huge budget deficits and failure to invest in infrastructure, the cutbacks in social programs which have hurt the most vulnerable the primarily black, poor, old and youngest citizens who, not coincidentally, were Katrina's main victims, have left this country uniquely vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters. Can this tragedy be a wake-up call to all Americans that something has to change? We can only hope so, and the sooner the better.

Marilyn Morehead
Charlevoix

Harvest help needed

Editor:

The bounty of the land at this time of year overwhelms me. I hope everyone is enjoying all the farm-fresh foods that are available right now from backyard gardens, farmers markets and farms here in Michigan or wherever you may find yourself.

Unfortunately, we do not have enough help to harvest all that our farm is currently producing. We would like to offer, for the next couple of weeks, the bounty of our gardens to anyone who is willing to come lend a hand picking vegetables on Tuesdays or Fridays during the day, or Mondays and Thursdays in the evening.

Contact us at the farm at (231)536-0333 to find out more about what we can offer a family or possibly a food pantry or other organization in exchange for your help.

Jennifer Lewis
Program Coordinator
Wagbo Peace Center

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & ADOPTION OF A HEALTH REGULATION ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEALTH CLEAN INDOOR AIR REGULATION OF 2005"

The Board of Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency will hold a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 30, 2005 at the Charlevoix County Sherriff's Department, 1000 Grant Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 to receive public comment regarding eliminating smoking in or about public and private work sites which employ two or more individual persons, certain public places, public or private assemblages and certain business vehicles used by more than one person. The proposed regulation shall not apply to food service establishments, bars, private residences except when used as a childcare, health care or adult day care facility, or certain gambling or casino operations.

Public comment by data, views and arguments on the proposed regulation may be offered by any person at the hearing.

The proposed regulation of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency will apply to Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties if adopted by the Board of Health and approved by the Boards of Commissioners of each county, unless a county specifically exempts itself from the regulation.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, The Board of Health shall consider adopting the "Public Health Clean Indoor Regulation of 2005" on Friday, September 30, 2005.

The Board of Health shall also consider the repeal of a prior regulation adopted on December 7, 2004 which is known as Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation.

The "Public Health Clean Indoor Regulation of 2005" shall be effective 60 days from and after the date on which the last of counties Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet or Otsego, by their respective Boards of Commissioners approve this regulation.

For additional information or a copy of the "Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation of 2005," please visit www.nwhealth.org or contact Teresa Sington, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, (231) 547-6523.

This notice is published pursuant to MCL 333.2441 and MCL 333.2442.

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COMMUNITY

Second annual 'Day of Caring' set for Sept. 15

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

On Sept. 15 a group of local workers will shift their focus from the job, to the community.

The local manufacturing company Harbor Industries is working with the CharEm United Way to mobilize the business community in Charlevoix and Emmet counties to volunteer for the second annual Community Day of Caring.

"Harbor Industries has been doing it for probably six years now, but this is our second year that we encouraged businesses to help out," said Jennifer Archambault, human resources manager at Harbor Industries. "Part of Harbor Industries' mission statement is to be the preeminent leader in the community. We always support the United Way but we wanted to give back with some manpower help, not just financial support."

In addition, Archambault said employees of some other area businesses will be out and about volunteering at places like Mt. McSauba, Boulder Park and the Bergmann Center.

For Harbor Industries, this year's focus will be on improvements to the Charlevoix Senior Citizen's Center off Norwood Road.

The volunteer effort will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will go through 4:30 p.m.

The goal is to build a new deck at the center, work on landscaping, prepare food and make some indoor improvements.

Area professionals have been meeting regularly since last year's event to plan the day.

The event takes place in early September in recognition of the lives lost in the terrorist attacks that took place on Sept. 11, 2001.

For more information or to get involved, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail the group at GetInvolved@harborind.com.

Hunter's ed clinic to take place at Rod and Gun Club

A free Hunter Education Clinic will take place Sept. 24 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club, located north of Charlevoix on U.S. 31.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., in the clubhouse. The days activities will conclude at 4 p.m.

There will be a lunch break and registrants are asked to bring a drink and sack lunch.

This clinic is open to all area residents regardless of age and is required of all first-time hunting license buyers born since Jan. 1, 1960. Students under 11 years of age shall be accompanied by a parent of guardian or other adult, designated and provided by the parent or guardian, during the course.

A testing session, for those who complete the Sept. 24 clinic, will take place at 6 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club.

Attendance is mandatory at both sessions to receive the Hunter Education Certificate.

For additional information and pre-registration call Jim Mansen at (231) 547-6862 or leave a message at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club at (231) 547-2785.

Wedding

Terryberry — Milward

Ann Terryberry and Laurence Milward were married June 18, in Frankfort at the United Methodist Church in a double ring ceremony by Rev. Greg Culver.

A reception followed the ceremony at Crystal Mountain Resort given by the bride's parents.

A rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Dale and Mary Terryberry of Charlevoix. She was dressed in a strapless white satin gown with cafe trim. The bodice and chapel train were embellished with diamond beadwork. She work a crystal tiara and waist length veil. Her flowers were red and pink roses.

Music was provided by a string trio consisting of Andy Tuck, Josh Pugh and Mary Beth Liederback.

The groom is the son of Elaine Milward of Grandville and Anthony Milward of New York.

The bride was escorted by her parents. The sister-in-law of the bride Amanda Terryberry, was the maid of honor. Bridal attendants were Trina Vanderark, Kristen Terryberry, sister-in-law of bride, Carrie Titus, Karry Swanson and Melissa Seigel. The junior bridesmaid was Bailey Zywicki, cousin the of the bride.

Rebecca Terryberry, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. Dylan Terryberry, nephew of the bride, was the ring bearer.

Bestmen were Michael Milward and Mark Milward, brothers of the groom. Also standing with the groom were brother of the bride, Jason Terryberry and groomsmen Aaron Patrick and Jarret Seigel.

Ushers were Brian Titus and John Behnke.

The couples wedding trip was to Punta Cuna in the Dominican Republic. They now reside in Wyoming

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. The groom is employed at Stiles Machinery of Grand Rapids.

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Cub Scout outing

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Cub Scouts recently completed the 4-day, 3-night Webelos Adventure Camp at Camp Greilick. Each Cub Scout earned numerous activity pins from the following areas of interest: communicator, artist, showman, craftsman, aquanaut, forester, geologist, conservationist, naturalist, archery and BB gun. This year celebrates the 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouts. Any boy from first through fifth grade can join Cub Scouts, and any adult can volunteer to be a leader by calling (231) 547-6862 or (231) 547-7347. (Left to right) front row: Casey Riley, Dan Riley, Eric Tripplehorn, Jeff Musser, Mack McPherson, Tristan Rudolph, Nicholas Snabes, Jody McKinney, Kyle McGarey, Logan Eckhardt, Parker LaVanway and Austin Edger. Back row: Webelos Leaders Janet McGarey and Christopher Snabes.

Pool offers Fall 2005 'Learn to swim' lessons

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is announcing their Fall 2005 "Learn to Swim" programs.

American Red Cross swim lessons will take place on Saturday mornings. Classes meet for a total of six weeks and are 45 minutes long. Levels are offered for children as young as 12 months through those ready for competitive swimming. Saturday lessons will begin Sept. 17 and Oct. 29.

The pool will also be offering semi-private swim lessons on Thursday afternoons. Classes meet for a total of six weeks and are 30 minutes long. Semi-private lessons have no more than four swimmers per class. Thursday lessons will begin Sept. 15 and Oct. 27.

New this fall are toddler/pre-school swim lessons which will be offered on Thursday afternoons at a reduced cost. The class was made possible with partial funding from a Charlevoix County Community Foundation grant. This six week class will meet from 2:15 to 3 p.m. beginning Sept. 22.

Register early class size is limited.

Private lessons and adult lessons are also available. Contact the Charlevoix Area Community Pool for registration information at (231) 547-0982.

4-H names Ashley Jones a scholarship recipient

Ashley Jones

Ashley Jones was recently selected to receive one of two 2005 Charlevoix County 4-H Council Scholarships.

Jones will attend North Central Michigan College in the fall and continue her degree at Kendal College of Art and Design at Ferris State University.

Jones has been a member of the Hilltop Renegades 4-H Club and active in the Emmet-Charlevoix County 4-H Market Livestock Program.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Elms: Aug. 30, 1922 - Aug. 28, 2005

Dorothy "Rita" Elms, 82, died at her home on Beaver Island on Aug. 28, surrounded by her family.

Her deep faith and the love of relatives and friends sustained her through the last several months of illness.

Rita was born on Beaver Island on Aug. 30, 1922, to Nels and Sophia (Boyle) LaFreniere. She was the youngest of eight children in the family. After graduating from Beaver Island High School, Rita attended Davenport Business College in Grand Rapids.

She met the love of her life in Perey James "Buster" Elms, who was serving at the Coast Guard Station on Beaver Island.

They were married on the island on July 23, 1942 and their four children were born on Beaver Island.

The Elms family moved to Ludington in 1951, where Rita worked in the business office of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. Rita was a very active member at St. Simon's Catholic Church in Ludington and was a member of the church's altar society, the Little Flower Cirele.

The couple returned to live on Beaver Island in 2003.

Rita enjoyed spending time with her children, grandehildren, great-grandehildren, and her two surviving sisters, Helen Pike and Winifred (Lawrence) McDonough. She was also a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island.

Rita was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Theresa Elms. She is survived by her husband, James "Buster" Elms; sons Michael (June) Elms, Richard (Mary Kay) Elms, Thomas (Barbara) Elms; a daughter Nancy (Don) Tritsch; 14 grandehildren and 23 great-grandehildren.

The Mass of the Resurrection took place at 2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 3 at Holy Cross Catholie Chureh on Beaver Island, with Father Pat Cawley officiating. Internment will take place at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beaver Island Rural Health Center, or Holy Cross Catholie Church on Beaver Island, or Beaver Island Hospice. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is in charge of arrangements.

M. Eugene Hill: Died Sept. 3, 2005

M. Eugene Hill, Jr. died at his home on Sept. 3, 2005 in Memphis, Tenn.

This was the first year he did not spend time in Charlevoix in more than 50 years. His grandchildren loved their childhood summers at Cottage 208.

He is survived by his wife, Irene McDonnell Hill, and three children — Andy Schumacher, Gene Hill and Mac Hill.

He asked that donations go to Christ Episcopal Church, 200 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Memorial service

Margaret Duerr: Sept. 17, 2005

A memorial service for Margaret Duerr, who died July 26, 2005 will take place at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at First Congregational Church.

The family weleomes Margaret's friends at her home on Park Avenue following the servicе.

Sheriff warns of traveling criminal scam in the county

A traveling group from South Carolina is currently working Eveline Township trying to contract with senior citizens to paint barn roofs.

Home and business owners are urged by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office to be cautious when approached by persons selling services for painting, asphalt paving and sealing products. If suspicious of fraudulent activity is detected, consumers should call the nearest local law enforcement agency.

Traveling criminals usually leave their customers with a job that will eventually reveal poor workmanship. Poor work is not always evident immediately. Problems may not appear for several weeks or months. The traveling criminal will be long-gone when the job they've done begins to break up, making legal action difficult or impossible.

Traveling criminals traditionally have no real local business address. They are even known to use the name of a reputable local supplier in order to win customer confidence. They may use business cards and truck signs that appear legitimate. Addresses and telephone numbers are frequently those of only an answering service in another city.

Traveling criminals sell materials door-to-door after having scouted neighborhoods for their best targets. Their sales pitch is designed to appeal to those who are especially susceptible to the offer of a so-called bargain. Their victims are often northern Michigan senior citizens.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is presently investigating several complaints of this nature.

No injuries reported in plane/ deer encounter on Beaver Island

Just after 8 a.m. Aug. 29 the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to an accident involving a plane operated by North Flight EMS after the plane hit a deer while landing at the Beaver Island Airport.

There were no injuries to either the crew or passengers and damage to the plane was confined to the left landing gear and wheel. The Federal Aviation Administration closed the runway pending an investigation.

The patient that the plane was there to transport was treated and released.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

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05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Divine Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton
Sunday Holy Communion 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care 9:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday 2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society 12:15 p.m.
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Presidenl Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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M-66 (across from Post Office)
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Worship 10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121

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US 31 North
Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
June, July & August 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastnr: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

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Norwood
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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1404 Howard Street
Sabbath School 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Greg Timmins 231-238-0052

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US-31 & Old US-31
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

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Lake Michigan Federation beach clean-up Sept. 17

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

Thousands of volunteers are expected to pitch in during the Lake Michigan Federation's annual September Adopt-a-Beach event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 17.

Participants in the one-day beach cleanup program, always held on the third Saturday in September, clear shorelines in both Michigan and Illinois of waterlogged and withered waste while recording their findings for educational reports.

This year, Daniel Mann, a family practitioner with Pine River Medical Associates, will coordinate Adopt-a-Beach efforts in Charlevoix County for the third year.

"From Norwood to Bay Shore, volunteers are divided into 10 different cleanup groups," he said, adding that the county's turnout last year totaled nearly 70 people.

After garbage is collected at each site, Mann said, it is compiled into one heap and weighed to track shoreline pollution in the area. Last year, 1,100 pounds of waste were removed from Charlevoix County beaches and 8,773 pounds of trash were collected at more than 120 sites in the state.

About 50 percent of that mass, said Mann, is cigarette butts.

According to the Alliance for the Great Lakes Web site, www.great-lakes.org, cigarette filters are composed of cellulose acetate, a plastic that may take up to five years to decompose.

In addition to disrupting the natural beauty of local beaches, waste such as balloons, food, wrappers and beverage bottles also pose a threat to wildlife and beachgoers. Ribbons tied onto balloons may become tangled in a boat's propellers when washed to sea, while an abandoned wrapper may create a mishap for a hungry animal. Leftover snacks deserted in sand may not only attract unwanted wildlife to beaches, but also increase the presence of animal waste and other harmful bacteria in the water.

Second to smoking-related items, the Alliance for the Great Lakes reports that food-related leftovers such as straws, six-pack holders, lids and wrappers constituted 31 percent of trash collected on Michigan beaches during the 2004 Adopt-a-Beach event. Balloons made up 4 percent of waste collected and other garbage filled the remaining 12 percent.

Since its inception in 1991, the annual cleanup has assisted in the removal of about 109,000 pounds of trash from Michigan's shores.

Mann encouraged volunteers to attend next Saturday's event, but suggested those interested in participating contact him as soon as possible to ensure sufficient supplies are available. The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the Lake Michigan Beach pavilion near the lighthouse in Charlevoix. Mann can be reached at (231) 547-6554.

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Pat Fralick

'Kids corner'

As families get their children ready for another school year they look at what items need to be replaced such as shoes and backpacks. It's also an important time to review a child's health record to see what immunizations may be needed.

Immunizations have been recognized as one of the 10 greatest health achievements of the twentieth century. Vaccines that prevent whooping cough, measles, mumps, meningitis and polio prevent pain and suffering for children and their families. Children also miss fewer days of school as they are healthier.

Children's immunizations need to be updated periodically from kindergarten through college.

Children entering kindergarten usually need a booster dose of Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR), Polio, and Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP). They also need varicella (chickenpox) vaccine if they haven't had the disease.

Sixth graders may need a Tetanus Diphtheria (Td) booster. It's also important to complete their series (three doses) of Hepatitis B vaccine if they didn't receive it as an infant. Sixth graders may also need the varicella vaccine if they haven't had chickenpox."

A new meningitis vaccine, Menactra, is now available for 11 and 12 year olds. Meningitis is an infection of the brain and spinal cord coverings.

College freshmen, particularly those living in dormitories have a slightly increased risk of getting meningitis. The meningitis vaccine can prevent four types of meningococcal disease, including two of the three leading types of meningitis. Immunization recommendations for college freshmen include meningitis, Tetanus Diphtheria, and Hepatitis B if needed.

Call your child's physician or the health department if you have questions about immunizations or would like to make an immunization appointment for your child.

A child's general health status and their ability to accurately see and hear have a tremendous impact on their ability to learn. Free vision and hearing screening is available for preschool and school age children at the health department. Vision and hearing technicians go to our local schools and provide vision screening to children in kindergarten, first, third, fifth and seventh grades and those students in driver's training. Hearing technicians provide hearing screening to children in kindergarten, second and fourth grades. Both services are provided free of charge.

Low-cost and free health care coverage programs are available for many children, including those in working families. In Michigan, these programs are known as Healthy Kids and MIChild.

Healthy Kids is a free health insurance program for pregnant women, babies and children under 19 years of age. Coverage includes doctor and dental visits, hospital care, lab and x-ray tests, prescriptions and most medically necessary health care needs. A family of four with an income below $2,418 per month qualifies for Healthy Kids. If the family includes a pregnant woman or a child under one year of age, the income guidelines are higher.

MIChild is a low cost health insurance program for children up to 19 years of age who have no health insurance. A fee of $5 per month provides health insurance coverage for all children in the family. In our area, the insurance provider is Blue Cross. MIChild covers doctor and dental visits, hospital care, prescriptions, mental health and other health services. A family of four with an income below $3,225 per month qualifies for MIChild. Call the health department if you would like more information on health insurance programs.

Take the opportunity to utilize these community resources and send your children off to school healthy and ready to learn.

Pat Fralick is the family health director for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency located at 220 West Garfield St. in Charlevoix. She can be contacted at (231) 547-6523.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for September reading.

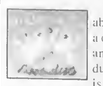
David Gordon, "The Three Little Rigs."

Ages 2-6

Three little rigs look for help when the big, bad wrecking ball comes to destroy their garages. This fractured fairy tale is a fun spin on "The Three Little Pigs" story we all love. The three little rigs, while building their new homes, encounter a bully wrecker who demands "Little rig, little rig, let me come in," and each rig in turn responds, "Not by the chrome on my chinny chin chin." Children will delight in the whimsical red, blue, and yellow illustrations drawn by the author.

Martin Waddell, "It's Quacking Time."

Ages 4-8



This deceptively simple story about the hatching of a duckling is a charmer. Mommy duck lays an egg and duckling wonders how a baby duck can fit in that shell. Duckling is amazed at the fact that she too once was lived in an egg as well as all the other ducks. The watercolor drawings and story work well together in celebrating life's changes.

Cothy Rodowsky, "Not My Dog."

Ages 7-11

For three years, eight-year-old Ellie has been dreaming of getting a dog that will "give puppy kisses" and "skid across the floor." Ellie is sorely disappointed when her great-aunt gives the family her full-grown mutt, Preston, because she doesn't get to watch a puppy grow up. Ellie almost loses her new dog because of her difficulty in seeing his virtues. Eventually though, Ellie finally comes around and welcomes Preston into her heart. For the dog lover in your family, "Not My Dog," is a heartwarming tale of a girl who works through her disappointment to find a loyal lovable pet.

Jeffrey S. Stone, "Tiger."

Ages 11-14

The Legend.... When China's Cangzhen Temple is destroyed, only five young warrior monks survive. Each is named after an animal — tiger, monkey, snake, crane, dragon — for each is the youngest ever master of that animal's fighting style. The five scatter and begin teaching not only their formidable fighting skills but also their peaceful philosophy of life. It is said that today's martial arts come from the teachings of these five young warrior monks, who are known in legend as... the Five Ancestors.

"Guys write for guys read."

Ages 11 and up

There's something for every guy in this collection of stories, brief memoirs, advice, poems, comics and drawings. Chosen by readers on the Guys Read Web site, contributors include world-famous writers, illustrators and editors of publications like Sports Illustrated, Esquire and The Onion. The 90 children's authors' and illustrators' pieces reveal memories that defined their boyhood and, in many cases, launched them on their career paths. This is an irresistibly readable book, filled with defining guy moments. The contributors keep their works succinct and what emerges is a composite of the humiliations and triumphs of youth, touching on themes of sports, girls, school, fathers, brothers and the creative process.

All of these books are available at Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix. For more information contact Meyerson at (231) 547-2651.

Monthly featured event: *Mom-to-Mom sale*

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Kids and teens grow like weeds and bills for new duds and toys can grow just as quickly.

Moms who are tired of paying full price for children's gear, can find relief at the upcoming Sixth Annual Mom to Mom Sale.

This year the sale will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 24 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym located at 13513 Division Street.

The event will feature over 20 moms and teens selling oodles of "gently used" infant, children's and teen clothing, toys, books furniture, bikes and more.

Adults who are 18 and over and wish to attend will be charged a $2 entrance fee.

For moms or teens looking to unload some gear, event coordinator Beth Martin still has booth space available. There is a charge of $25 per space.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Charlevoix Elementary School.

Volunteers to help set up and run the event are also still needed.

The opportunity to shop from 8 to 9 a.m., before the doors open to everyone else, is offered as an incentive to vendors and volunteers.

To volunteer or set up a booth space call Martin at (231) 547-1768.

Parenting page event idea

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Foundation's Chicago Club fund benefits area children

For more than a century, members of the Chicago Club have made their mark on Charlevoix – enhancing our summer resort-town ambiance, preserving the unique history of this area, and participating in numerous civic activities.

What many might not know is that the Chicago Club is also a generous benefactor of Charlevoix children.

In 2000, members of the club established a special charitable fund within the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Focused on meeting the health care needs of area school children, the Chicago Club fund has distributed nearly 60 grants totaling more than $28,000 since that time.

Over the years, the fund has helped provide medical and dental services to youngsters, supported "Fit Kids," a health-screening program that encourages exercise and healthy lifestyles and taken care of numerous other immediate health care needs that otherwise might have gone unmet — from eyeglasses to sports physicals.

This year, Chicago Club members decided to expand the fund's mission to include a broad range of children's issues and promote child welfare.

Richard Platt, a Chicago Club member who helped spearhead the fund, says donors wanted to extend their reach beyond the direct health needs in recognition that modest investments in other areas that affect children's lives could also yield benefits well into the future.

"While our primary emphasis will continue to be on urgent health needs of children, we recognize there are other issues that influence child welfare. Now, our Chicago Club fund will be able to address a multitude of concerns, help kids grow to become healthy, productive adults, and make an even greater impact."

Bob Tambellini, president of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, said the Chicago Club fund will continue to make rapid-response grants for urgent needs, and will also be a resource for other grant making during the year.

"This fund is a flexible, innovative tool for promoting youth initiatives and helping area kids," he explains. "Once again, Chicago Club members have demonstrated their strong attachment to our community, and their commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of our children. We're grateful to all of them."

The Chicago Club fund is one of more than 160 funds held by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, each one designated to support a specific cause or address general philanthropic needs in our area. For information about the fund, or any other programs of the community foundation, call the foundation office at (231) 536-2440.

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A Royal craft affair

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

George Hoffman of South Rockwood, Michigan shows off his wares at the second annual Royal Craft Show held at Castle Farms over Labor Day weekend.

Boater hits Ironton Ferry cables: No damage reported

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated an incident on Lake Charlevoix involving the Ironton Ferry that took place at approximately 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 26.

Despite warning notices from the ferry operator a boat operated by Gretchen Hoyt of East Jordan attempted to pass into the path of the ferry as it approached the west side loading ramp.

Her boat became lodged on one of the ferry cables requiring the ferry to stop within 20 feet of the loading ramp. Vehicle traffic was delayed while her boat was maneuvered off the cable line. There were no injuries during the incident and no vessel damage was noted.

According to Sheriff George T. Lasater, Hoyt was cited for careless operation and the incident remains under investigation.

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Dzwik joins city police department

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The City of Charlevoix Police Department has welcomed a new patrolman.

Adam Dzwik

A selection committee made up of city police chief Dennis Halverson, deputy police chief Scott Hankins and fire chief Paul Ivan picked Adam Dzwik, 26, out of a pool of 105 applicants.

"Adam rose to the top. His former chief had excellent comments on his work, he has a big heart and comes from a good family. He's a natural fit for us," Halverson said.

Dzwik started with the local department Sept. 2. His primary duty will be patrol work.

While the department has been down a patrolman since Dale Meredith retired in early July and Hankins was promoted to deputy chief, there is no rush to get Dzwik on the street.

Halverson said he has about three weeks of training ahead of him with Hankins to learn the streets and the mobile data computer system.

His prior experience in law enforcement includes four years of work split between the City of Cadillac Police Department and the Lansing Township Police Department.

Prior to his time in the field, Dzwik, a Traverse City native, attended Traverse City St. Francis High School and earned his degree from Northwestern Michigan Community College in Law Enforcement.

He recently moved to Charlevoix and said the new job will allow him to continue to be close to his family while working in his field.

Island senior picnic

Join Beaver Island locals for their first ever Senior Appreciation Day Picnic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21 at the Peaine Township Hall on Beaver Island.

The picnic and door prizes are available from noon to 1 p.m. featuring barbecue chicken, baked beans, potato salad, vegetables, fruit, roll and dessert. Cost is a $3 donation for 60 and over and $6 for those under 60.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Peaine Township Hall at 36825 Kings Highway on Beaver Island to celebrate the event.

Individuals and agencies will be available in the morning from 10 a.m. to noon for inquiries and services.

They will have a meeting following the picnic to follow-up progress for senior services and nutrition programs available to Beaver Island seniors.

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Ferris State University honors Dean Davenport

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Dean Davenport

Charlevoix resident Dean Davenport was recently honored by his alma mater, Ferris State University.

In the late 1970s during Davenport's 14-year stint as the athletic director at Ferris he started a Bulldog of the Year award at the school. During that time Ferris won the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference President's Cup every year. The cup is given to a school in the conference which has the most outstanding all-around athletic department.

"I was fortunate to win it every year — I had a knack for getting good people to coach," Davenport said.

He recently received a call from current athletic director, Tom Kirinovic, informing him that the award's name had been changed to the Dean Davenport Bulldog of the Year award.

Kirinovic said that since its inception the award has recognized the efforts of male and female cream of the crop student-athletes. Coaches make their selection based on athletic achievement academic success, leadership and contributions to the campus and community.

"It has always gone to prestigious athletes. It is the top award in the athletic department," Davenport said. "It's important to recognize students who have made major accomplishments in athletics and academics and brought prestige to the university. Winners have gone on to play professional sports, be coaches or outstanding leaders in their communities."

Kirinovic said while the award recognizes student achievement, the name change will recognize Davenport's contributions to the campus well into the future.

Aside from his role as athletic director, Davenport, 70, was also a professor and coach at the school bringing his total number of years there to 23. He created a recreation and leisure major at the school, coached basketball there for eight years and headed up the football program for a year.

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University's athletic achievement award named after Charlevoix resident Davenport

DAVENPORT

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For the past three years Davenport has acted as consultant for basketball coach Bill Sall. During this time, the team has taken the conference two years in a row. He also remains a member of the Hall of Fame selection committee at Ferris.

In Charlevoix, Davenport, who is a native, is a former city recreation director and current Junior Golf director as well as commissioner of the Venetian Festival games program.

"I take pride in my home town," he said.

The new era for the Bulldog award will be marked with a display at the school including pictures of this year's recipients and name plates for former winners.

Official recognition of 2004-2005 school year winners as well as Davenport's inclusion in the award name will take place at a football game this fall.

"I think any time you are recognized by your colleagues and peers it is a great honor but we all know it takes many to turn anything into a success — I owe gratitude to a lot of people," Davenport said.

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SPORTS

Football takes two in a row defeating Benzie

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

After a tense first quarter, the Rayders managed to maintain a slight but effective 9-6 lead for the duration of Friday's game against the Huskies.

"I knew it would be a low scoring game because we're dealing with two good defensive teams," said Don Jess, varsity head football coach for the Charlevoix Rayders.

Charlevoix couldn't have asked for more than this, the team's second win in a row. However, the night didn't begin in Charlevoix's favor.

Benzie managed to keep a score of 0-6 until the beginning of the second quarter when Charlevoix's Patrick Russell pulled out a two-point conversion.

With about 21 seconds left on the clock in the first half, Eddie Waldron scored a touchdown to make the score 8-6 with an extra point the score was 9-6 where it would remain for the rest of the game.

Quarterback Matt Kautz was 10 for 15 for 100 yards and threw one touchdown. Kautz was also the leading rusher with 53 yards. Eddie Waldron had six catches for 75 yards and one touchdown.

Drew Klooster had 14 tackles and one interception while Jeff Golovich had 10 tackles.

Next the Rayders plan to face the Red Devils of East Jordan at 7 p.m. Friday Sept. 9 in East Jordan.

The Rayders narrowly defeated the Red Devils by three points last season. And, according to Jess, it's shaping up to be a tough game.

He added, "We are going to work on line blocking."

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Number 16, Kyle Jones, ran approximately 40 yards during Friday night's game against Benzie Central.

Over 80 boats compete in weekend's Red Fox Regatta

Nucore Triangle results for Friday, Sept. 2:

The Nucore Triangle is a pre-Red Fox event open to any competitor. The race was sailed in medium winds and consisted of three windward-leeward legs. Twenty-six boats competed in the race. Race results provided by Keith Attee and Mike Miller, committee chairs.

Fleet A: 1 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 — Eclipse (Hiser); 3 — Cheemaun (Heininger); 4 — Apothecary (Ochs); 5 — Exitus (Pung).

Fleet B: 1 — Spar Wars II (Huhble); 2 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 3 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 4 — Stringthing (Thomas); 5 — Four at Play (Herald); 6 — Runaway (Ayres); 7 — Original Sin (Miller).

Fleet C: 1 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 — Blasen IV (Jurries); 3 — Screamin Bahy (Harris).

Fleet D: 1 — Northern Light (Orlow); 2 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Fleet E: 1 — Flying Toaster (Dow); 2 — Moxie (Jensen); 3 — Li—l Iodine (Laundra); 4 — Afraid— Knot! (Avink/Lindhout).

Fleet F: 1 — JuJu Magic (Kato); 2 — Relentless (Hagan); 3 — Bramble (Rohrer); 4 — Stinger (Lehman); 5 — Kokomo (Schulz); 6 — Surprise (Irish).

Red Fox results for Saturday, Sept. 3:

The first day of the Red Fox Regatta was sailed in medium winds. The race is from Charlevoix to Boyne City, and is open to any competitor. Eighty-nine boats competed in the race, with two collision-related disqualifications. The race back from Boyne City to Charlevoix was cancelled due to lack of winds. It is the first time in the history of the race that a cancellation has occurred.

Jib and Main fleet A: 1 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 — Exitus (Pung); 3 — Apothecary (Ochs); 4 — Fury (Schultz/Mielke); 5 — Gee! Louise! (Malusi); 6 — Rampant (Parkhurst); 7 — Cheemaun (Heininger); 8 — Perennial (Hallberg); 9 — Ariel (Schmall).

Jib and Main fleet B: 1 — Sonnet (Lepman); 2 — Flash (Gordon); 3 — First Light (Light); 4 — Big Red (McCave); 5 — Outrageous

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Yacht Club closes Wednesday night racing

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Aug. 24, 2005 are:

The ninth and final race of the summer series was sailed in good weather, although light winds warranted a shortened course. The race consisted of a triangle and one windward leg. Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Blasen IV (Jurries); 2 — Sonnet (Lepman); 3 — Apothecary (Ochs); 4 — Exitus (Pung).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Cygnus (Stuart); 3 — Artemis (Bowerman); 4 — Tireless (Carland).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Stringthing (Thomas); 2 — Four At Play (Herald); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 — Fairret (Seymour); 5 — What's Her Name (Robinson).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 — Kamikazee (Funck); 4 — MJ2 (Begrow).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 2 — Moxie (Jensen); 3 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 4 — Northern Light (Orlow); 5 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Final summer series results after nine races with three drops:

Jib and Main fleet; 1 — Flash (7); 2 — Blasen IV (11); 3 — Sonnet (13); 4 — Exitus (15); 5 — Apothecary (20).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (7); 2 — Tireless (9); 3 — Artemis (15); 4 — Cygnus (17); 5 — Original Sin (20).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (9); 2 — Stringthing (9); 3 — Paleface Lite (11); 4 — Four At Play (21); 5 — Suzie Q (25); 6 — Booma (27); 7 — What—s Her Name (40.5); 8 — M3 (45); 9 — Fairret (45.5); 10 — Scurry (47.5).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Hoi Polloi (6); 2 — Gotcha! (10); 3 — Kamikazee (15); 4 — Sail La Vie (21); 5 — MJ2 (24).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Moxie (8); 2 — Affinity (9); 3 — Northern Light (13); 4 — Padawan 2 (19); 5 — Windrunner (28).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for August 31, 2005 are:

The first race of the fall series was sailed in light winds. The course consisted of six windward-leeward legs. Twenty-three boats participated.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 2 — Sonnet (Lepman); 3 — Flash (Gordon); 4 — Four at Play (Herald); 5 — Tireless (Carland); 6 — Artemis (Bowerman); 7 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 8 — Apothecary (Ochs).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Original Sin (Miller); 3 — Cygnus (Stuart).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 2 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 3 — M3 (Carey); 4 — Stringthing (Thomas); 5 — Kamikazee (Funck).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 2 — Moxie (Jensen); 3 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 4 — Northern Light (Orlow); 5 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 6 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 7 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Rayder golf at third at Bulldog Invitational Aug. 31

The Charlevoix Golf team took third place at the Bulldog Invitational at Indian River Golf Club Aug. 31.

Kyle DeYoung

The 18 team field was lead by St. Ignace with a 327. Followed by Harbor Springs with a 330. The Charlevoix Rayders maroon team shot 350 for third place.

The Rayders were lead by Kyle DeYoung with a 82 and a top 10 medalist. Sophomore Chase Beatty in his first varsity appearance shot 86, Stephen Parker 89, Matt Novotny 93, Kyle Smith 98.

"The team is starting to play better and I'm optimistic about the future," head coach Jim Glynn said.

Charlevoix's white team also played and shot a 377. For a 10th place finish. Kevin Kusina lead with a 86, Kenny Anderson 93, Zack Lake 95, R.J. Moore 103, Nic Williams 106.

The team's next match will take place at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7 at the Belvedere Golf Club. This is a Lake Michigan Conference Match.

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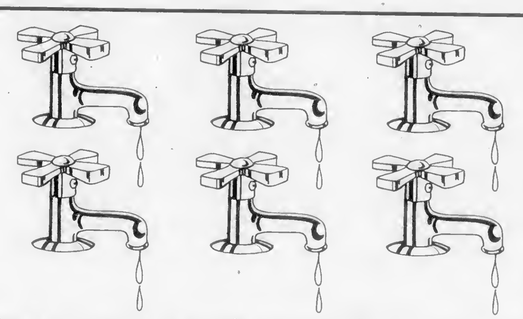

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Fuel prices soar in wake of Katrina

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

With gas prices averaging $3.40 a gallon on Thursday in Charlevoix, Charlevoix Public Schools will once again be feeling the financial squeeze.

According to Terry Francl, American Farm Bureau Federation senior economist, crude oil derived from the Gulf accounts for 30 percent of domestic production and when hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast earlier this week it forced much of the oil production in the United States to close down in addition to as many as nine oil refineries. This is one reason Francl said gasoline prices increased to over $3.25 a gallon throughout Northern Michigan.

With school starting this week and school budgets having already been established Charlevoix Public Schools are looking at absorbing yet another cost.

"It's just one of those things we have to absorb," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Schools, Dr. John Sturock. "We have trips to make."

Despite the increase in fuel costs, the school's transportation will go on as planned.

Sturock said the schools' cut transportation for field trips out of the budget so the school could maintain other programs, so there isn't much else which can be cut from the transportation budget.

"As long as we're running the program we're going to have to absorb the higher cost of transportation," he said.

Places with fleets of vehicles, such as the public schools, will be some of the hardest hit since driving is such a large part of what they do.

According to Charlevoix Schools Transportation Supervisor, Gordon Russell, school busses use a large amount of fuel.

"Some of them run for a week on a tank, some have to be fueled every other day," he said. "On average they probably get 7 miles to the gallon. There again it depends upon the bus, the route and weather."

Russell said his staff is trying to trim back as much as possible while still being able to pick up the kids.

"We're feeling it like anybody is," he said.

At the state and federal levels officials are making efforts to curb the impact of gas prices.

According to Governor Jennifer Granholm's Press Secretary, Liz Boyd, because gasoline is on the free market, the governor's office can't do anything to cap wholesale or retail prices.

But, she said, "We're monitoring the gasoline prices and we have taken steps to ensure the availability of gasoline. Just last week the governor paved the way for gasoline inspectors to make sure customers are getting the quality and quantity of gas they need."

"The governor's office has received over 1,200 calls on the issue of gas," Boyd said.

Anyone with concerns of quality, quantity or the price of gasoline they purchase should call (800) MDA-FUEL, she said.

Boyd said the governor released funds to double the number of fuel inspectors to ensure accuracy at the gas pumps.

According to an Aug. 31, press release from Congressman Bart Stupak, President George W. Bush plans to release barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to ease the burden.

"I'm glad to see that President Bush has heeded my advice to tap into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in order to ease the pain we're feeling at the pump," he said.

"I attempted a number of tactics in the legislative process to release oil from the SPR and help relieve gas prices. This was a focus when we were looking at a record breaking $50 per barrel price," Stupak said. "Now that we're fast approaching a devastating $80 per barrel, the president is finally taking action — it's certainly better late than never."

Stupak said the oil released from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve should help stabilize the market thus allowing some financial drop at the pump.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina included rising fuel costs. (Above) As fuel prices hit their peak last Wednesday, customers lined up to top off their fuel tanks at the Shell station on Bridge Street where the price of gas was the lowest in the city. Prices have since settled at an average of $3.15 per gallon in town.

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Two new teachers join Northwest Academy

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The teaching staff at Northwest Academy welcomes two new additions.

Karl Redmer

Art, social studies and history teacher Karl Redmer, 28, who grew up in East Jordan joins the charter school staff this year.

He earned his teaching degree in art, history and social studies from the University of Michigan Flint, completed his student teaching as well as two years of substitute teaching in East Jordan schools and looks forward to the new school year at Northwest Academy.

"I love it. I love the atmosphere, I really enjoy the student body and I'm excited about the new programs," he said.

And, he added, "I'm excited about establishing a more in-depth art department."

Redmer said he wants to teach kids more about art than just the basics.

"Instead of just teaching kids to draw (I'll) focus more on specifics like tools, techniques and media, things kids haven't been exposed to until now," he said.

Redmer's wife teaches in East Jordan and they have three sons Garett, Brady and Isaac.

As far as social studies and history classes are concerned, Redmer said he plans to, "Focus on hands-on experiences."

Redmer said he became interested in teaching while he was coaching football and basketball and he hopes to go beyond the typical textbook lessons.

The other new educator who signed on with Northwest Academy is Kris Rasmussen, who will be teaching English.

Rasmussen, who grew up in Petoskey is delighted to be teaching in Northern Michigan.

"I've been trying to stay in the area to teach," she said. "This is a great opportunity that came up."

She added, "I've been teaching as an adjunct instructor at North Central Michigan College for the last year and I've been (substitute teaching) in the district for two-and-a-half years."

Rasmussen said she worked in the business world for a while, some of that time spent working with teens, and that's when she decided she wanted to be a teacher.

Kris Rasmussen

She said she is excited because she feels there are many possibilities with her curriculum.

"I think we're just going to have a lot of fun with creative projects," she said.

Northwest Academy started the 2005-2006 school year today, Sept. 7. The school is located at 115 West Hurlbut Street in Charlevoix.

Rotary Club heads up fund-raising effort

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix residents are reaching out in the wake of what President George W. Bush has called "one of the worst natural disasters" in our country's history.

The morning of Thursday, Sept. 1 Americans awoke to news of gunfire, looting and small fires in Louisiana where Category 4 Hurricane Katrina tore through New Orleans Monday, Aug. 29.

"It was hard to believe it was actual footage — I couldn't believe this country had been victimized like that," Rotarian and Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson said.

That same morning Halverson attended the local Rotary Club's weekly breakfast meeting at the Flap Jack Shack Family Restaurant. He said the footage was the main topic of conversation.

Talk of the devastation quickly turned to discussion of outreach.

Club members decided to donate $500 and a club member quickly matched that with a personal contribution that brought the total to $1,000.

The club is now coordinating local contribution efforts. Those who wish to donate can drop off or send checks payable to Charlevoix Rotary Club with "hurricane relief" written in the memo, to the city police department off Mason Street, the Clothing Company and the Bridge Street Book Shop off Bridge Street.

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(8-31-2-086)

HELP WANTED 086

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AmeriCorps is commonly referred to as the domestic Peace Corps, Char-Em ISD is about to enter it's 8th year of a program designed to reduce school/community violence. We are seeking new members, each of whom will be placed in a school building in one of the schools within Charlevoix-Emmet ISD. The commitment is full-time and requires completion of 1700 hours of service during the school year for which a member receives a stipend of approximately $10,000. Members must be 17 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED, and be free of any criminal convictions. Contact Linda Johnson at 547-9947 for more information or an application. Interviews will begin immediately. Char-Em ISD is located at 08568 Mercer Boulevard, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Char-Em is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
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(11-10-tf-168)

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(11-1-tf-171)

STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT 174

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(9-15-tf-174)

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(3-31-tf-174)

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(12-28-tf-174)

FARM EQUIPMENT 180

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.
(8-27-tf-180)

LIVESTOCK & FEEDS 181

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed. Grulers Farm Supply, 05475 US-31 South, Charlevoix. 231-237-0893.
(8-27-tf-181)

BIDS 209

The City of Charlevoix will accept sealed proposals for window cleaning services for City Hall at 210 State Street, and office area of the Electric/Water Department building at 401 W. Carpenter Street.

Bids shall cover window cleaning services for one year, commencing with the City taking total possession of City Hall. All company employees working in City Hall must undergo a background check by the City of Charlevoix Police Department prior to being assigned cleaning tasks in City Hall.

The proposals will be accepted until Friday September 16, 2005 at 12:30PM in the Office of the City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix. Proposal packages and all inquiries are to be directed to Fire Chief Paul Ivan at 231-547-3279.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

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Vacation Properties Network
203 Bridge St. Charlevoix
REAL ESTATE

BIDS 209

The City of Charlevoix will accept sealed proposals for carpet cleaning services for City Hall at 210 State Street, and office area of the Electric/Water Department building at 401 W. Carpenter Street.

Bids shall cover cleaning services for one year, commencing with the City taking total possession of City Hall. All company employees working in City Hall must undergo a background check by the City of Charlevoix Police Department prior to being assigned cleaning tasks in City Hall.

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BIDS 209

The City of Charlevoix Fire Department is seeking bids for repairs to a portable classroom used as a Fire Department Training Smoke House.
The building is located at the City Electric/Water Department Office at 401 West Carpenter Street. The specified work is to be bid:

Build stairs and a small deck (no roof, large enough to open the door) to both the front and back doors with appropriate hand railing (per building code)

Supply and install skirting around the perimeter of the building, made of appropriate sheet metal or wood

Repair damaged soffit material and repair/replace damaged or missing fascia material

Prepare and paint the exterior of the building (existing colars)

The proposals will be accepted until Friday September 16, 2005 at 12:30PM in the Office of the City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix. All inquiries are to be directed to Fire Chief Paul Ivan at 231-547-3279.

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BIDS 209

The City of Charlevoix will accept sealed proposals for daily cleaning services for City Hall at 210 State Street, and weekly cleaning services for the office area of the Electric/Water Department building at 401 W. Carpenter Street.

Sealed bids will be for cleaning services at City Hall with the exception of the police garage and Fire/EMS Apparatus Bays. Bids shall cover cleaning services for one year, commencing with the City taking total possession of City Hall. All company employees working in City Hall must undergo a background check by the City of Charlevoix Police Department prior to being assigned cleaning tasks in City Hall.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 12, 2001, by Joseph R. Breidenstein Jr., a single man, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on November 19, 2001, at Liber 444, Page 235, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having matured and become fully due and payable in accordance with the provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $126,484.96 principal, $6,664.19 interest, and $969.19 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, September 23, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; Also that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West, lying easterly of the easterly line of highway US-131.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with interest at the default and post maturity rate of 25.00% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: August 17, 2005

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450, Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

CORRECTED NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Steven C Kehrer and Ameda L. Kehrer, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2003 and recorded July 30, 2003 in Liber 559 Page 473, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents ($277,314.99) including interest 7% per annum. Un-der the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at **11:00A.M. on Friday, September 23, 2005.** Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Beginning at the West quarter corner of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds East along the East and West quarter line of said section 202.00 feet; thence South 20 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds East 687.58 feet; thence South 27 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 267.00 feet to the Northwesterly right of way line of Old US 31 Highway; thence continuing South 27 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 33.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence South 62 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West 582.09 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the left 81.19 feet (radius of said curve is 818.15 feet, the central angle is 5 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds and the chord bears South 60 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 81.16 feet) to the West line of said section; thence North 0 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds East 38.24 feet along said section line to said northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 0 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds East 1181.89 feet along said section line to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 08855 Old Us 31 North, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: AUGUST 11, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-37535 ASAP716973

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE

SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Carlston and Tammy Jo Carlston, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 26, 2004 and recorded March 2, 2004 in Liber 600, Page 802, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 98/100 Dollars ($103,960.98) including interest at the rate of 7.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on September 23, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 174, Block V, Nicholl's & Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, City of Boyne City according to the recorded plat thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 24, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2493 ASAP717899

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated February 2, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on February 11, 2004, in Liber 597, Pages 630 through 632 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $203,059.76 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 13 AND part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section 24, all in Town 33 North, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1: Lot 52, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 2: Lot 92, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 200.85 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning: being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 13.

PARCEL 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet) thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence North 00°53'47" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet; thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2: thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East, 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 6: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2 as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one year from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

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Attorneys for Mortgagees
P.O. Box 309
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Melrose-Chandler Water, L.L.C, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated November 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on November 17, 2003, in Liber 585, Pages 014 through 015 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $78,886.96 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of three (3%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lot "113", Springbrook Hills #2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated:August 17, 2005

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NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lots "138", "139" and "140", Springbrook Hills #2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010854 DE

Estate of Edward M. Wolschleger, Deceased

Date of birth: 11/15/1921

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Edward M. Wolschleger, who lived at 08536 U.S. 31, North, Charlevoix, Michigan died July 23, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James E. Wolschleger, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St., County Building, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: August 29, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010858 DE

Estate of Jerry D. Moyer, Deceased

Date of birth: 10/18/1915

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jerry D. Moyer, who lived at 535 E. Main Street, Boyne City, Michigan, 49712 died February 25, 2004.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert G. Prebble, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St., County Building, Charlevoix MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: August 30, 2005

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Church kick-off

The Ironton Congregational Church, UCC Sunday, Sept. 11 will have a Fall Kick-Off Sunday with our Pastor Michael Smith preaching. This returns our service to 10 a.m. worship service. Following the service there will be a potluck barbecue to celebrate our "Return to Fall." The community is invited and is encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

Blood drive

The next Charlevoix community blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Community Reformed Church.

Day of Caring

The Char-Em United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15. If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

In conjunction with this project, Charlevoix High School students will be stationed at the recycling center located in the parking lot at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office from 9 to 11:30 a.m. assisting and sorting goods for residents dropping off their recycling.

Gambler's Anonymous

Gambler's Anonymous 12-Step meetings will take place at 1 p.m. Monday's at Harbor Hall located at 520 N. Main #106, in Chehoygan. For more information contact Bonnie at (231) 818-0992.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers At-Work Program is forming at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church beginning in September. Lunchtime meetings to accommodate work schedules. For more information and to sign-up, call the church office at (231) 547-6430 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Skatepark hours

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. Saturdays and closed Fridays, Sundays and holidays. Also, it's closed if weather is inclement. A waiver is required to be signed by a parent or guardian if under 18. The park is supervised.

Northern Lights

St. Mary School is proud to announce the 10th annual Northern Lights Celebration dinner dance auction. This year's event which will take place from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 22 in the St. Mary Parish Center. Dinner will be catered by Grey Gables and music provided by Class Act Productions. An Italian theme will be weaved through the entire event being called "Little Italy." A preview will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 21. Reservations and donations are now being accepted. Call the school for more information at (231) 547-9441. Tickets are $75 per person and includes all beverages.

Historical Society

The Charlevoix County Historical Preservation Society is sponsoring a series of genealogy classes at the Boyne District Public Library. All classes will be from 7-9 p.m. and the cost will be $10 for nonmembers and $7 for members. The instructor will be professional genealogist, Carol Goodenough.

The class schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 12 — "The Ancestor Hunt Begins" or "What is Family History and How Do I Begin?" This class teaches basic techniques to begin your genealogical research.

Monday, Sept. 19 — "What Do I Do With All this Stuff?" or "Organizing Your Genealogical Research." This class helps the beginner or more advanced genealogist organize all the materials they have collected and find ways to keep it organized.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 — "Technology for Genealogists" or "Using a Computer, Choosing Software, and a Brief Introduction to the Internet for Family Historians." This class is for those ready to venture into the computer world of genealogy. It will make the participant comfortable with the advantages of the technical world for their research.

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The Charlevoix Historical Society recently gave a painting of writer Rex Beach's home in Norwood to the Norwood Historical Society.

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St. Mary's in process of permit renewal

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

St. Mary's Cement Plant in Charlevoix will soon receive their new discharge permit.

According to a public notice regarding the plant's new water discharge permit, which has a few minor changes from the previous permit, St. Mary's will be authorized to continue their outfalls which include cooling water, groundwater seepage, quarry water, removal water, non-contact cooling water, storm water runoff, treated groundwater, cement kiln dust (CKD) pile seepage, coal pile runoff, sump water and kiln dust landfill leachate to Lake Michigan.

"Yes there are changes in the permit," said Ryan Blazic, an environmental quality analyst with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in Gaylord. "The permit is fairly complicated because we are monitoring numerous outfalls with numerous parameters."

But, he said, the permit issued to St. Mary's is the same type of permit which is issued to the cement plant every five years.

According to Cortney Schmidt, environmental manager at St. Mary's Cement, the cement plant is working off the permit from 2000. And, barring a few minor changes, this new permit is simply a renewal.

"There are elements in it that have changed from the last permit," he said. "The state has made us sample for certain metals — in those samplings we have had no significant finds in the last four years."

For those concerned by the recent issues surrounding Bay Harbor and their closed beaches do to high pH levels resulting from kiln dust concentrations in the water, those levels are closer to a pH of 13 which, Blazic said, are caustic.

According to Blazic, the pH levels in St. Mary's outflow must fall between 6.5 and 9, which are required by the state. He said the changes to the permit do not involve anything that will have a significant impact on the environment.

And, he said, the issue at Bay Harbor doesn't have anything to do with a "well regulated" cement production facility. The problems at Bay Harbor arose when buried cement kiln dust was disturbed by developers.

"If anything," Blazic said. "The permit is more restrictive than the one from 2000."

Blazic said, "Regarding CKD seepage, it looks like the parameters they have are two outfalls which would eventually have CKD seepage and there is not a lot of variation from their previous permit."

"They have the same requirements in the new permit, but now they have a limit for suspended solids and temperatures as well," he added.

St. Mary's must also monitor substances such as mercury and potassium in addition to monitoring the amount of cement kiln dust which may eventually be discharged into Lake Michigan.

There are some who are concerned that the level of cement kiln dust could cause the pH level in Lake Michigan to increase to a dangerous level.

Schmidt said anyone with concerns should have a tour of St. Mary's to get a better understanding of what they do.

"I say come out and take a look at us," he added.

"We have systems in place that gather the groundwater," Schmidt said. "Some of the groundwater may have been impacted by some CKD (cement kiln dust)."

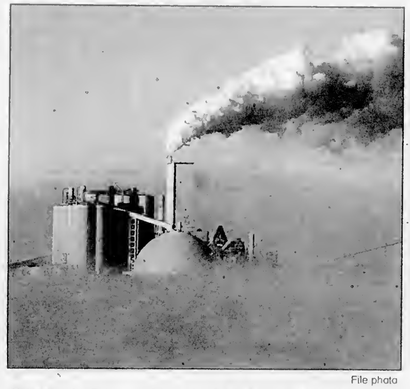
But, he said, the levels of kiln dust are closely monitored and well within the requirements of the State of Michigan.

And just like all the industries the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality oversees, St. Mary's is both self monitored as well as regularly tested by the state for accuracy.

"They take their own samples and submit them to us. And, we have a team who goes around and samples separately," Blazic said.

According to Schmidt, any plant with a smokestack seems to be a target of angst by those concerned with the safety of the environment.

"I think in the world we live in there is a more heightened awareness of the possible impact industry might have," Schmidt said. "Our track record may have not been ideal, but the new owners are making great investments to improve."



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St. Mary's Cement plant in Charlevoix is currently in the process of receiving a renewal of their discharge permit to reflect the change in ownership as well as a change in the wording of the permit.

Regatta boaters enjoy sunny weather during weekend races

REGATTA

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(Kramer); 6 — The Patriot (Frederickson/Glueck); 7 — PS (Caviston).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Original Sin (Miller); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Cygnus (Stewart); 4 — Lickety Split Too (Jablonski); 5 — Affinity (Love).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 2 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 3 — Helsing (Cadreau); 4 — True North (Gross); 5 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 6 — Fairett (Seymour).

Spinnaker C fleet: 1 — Spar Wars II (Hubble); 2 — Night Moves (Hawkins); 3 — Stringthing (Thomas); 4 — Magic Twinger (Rose); 5 — Four At Play (Herald); 6 — Runaway (Ayres); 7 — Eclipse (Hiser).

Spinnaker D fleet: 1 — Sails Call (Stepnitz); 2 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 3 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 4 — Screamin Baby (Harris); 5 — MJ2 (Begrow); 6 — Blasen IV (Jurries); 7 — Mistify (Dluge); 8 — Spyke (Spyhalski).

Spinnaker E fleet: 1 — Wiplash (Wipperman); 2 — Insatiable (Silverman); 3 — Northern Light (Orlow); 4 — Bramble (Rohrer); 5 — Illusion (Porter).

Melges 24 (Spinnaker F) fleet: 1 — Flying Toaster (Dow); 2 — Hoodlum Racing (Helsey); 3 — Major Woody (Skibowski); 4 — Moxie (Jensen); 5 — Li—l Iodine (Laundra); 6 — Bling Bling (Jahn); 7 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 8 — Flyer (Holtzman); 9 — Fu (Hollerbach); 10 — Flying Camel (Bunn); 11 — Fetzer Valve (Torreson); 12 - #312 (Cromwell); 13 — Cagey (Gottwald); 14 — Afraid—Knot! (Avink/Lindhout).

Spinnaker G fleet: 1 — Merengue (Dau); 2 — Wind Czar (Lehmann); 3 — Exit Strategy (Martin); 4 — Liberty (Phelps); 5 — Go Blue (Pike); 6 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Spinnaker H fleet: 1 — Equation (Alcott); 2 — Surprise (Irish); 3 — Stinger (Lehman); 4 — Kokomo (Schulz); 5 — Relentless (Hagan); 6 — JuJu Magic (Kato).

Multi-hull fleet A: 1 — 2 Dogs Down (Westrick); 2 — Uptight (Kletke); 3 — Kids Make It Fun (Hilk); 4 — Czar (Cook); 5 — Chicken (Parkinson); 6 — Karkass (Glance).

Multi-hull fleet B: 1 — Space Monkey; 2 — In Tents (Miller); 3 — Candied Yams TPQ (Krutty); 4 — Over Easy (Kletke); 5 — This Side Up (Cunningham); 6 — Shukahn (Bauldry); 7 — La Poderosa II (Kittinger); 8 — Valkarie (Wright).

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The Northern Light crew including Charlevoix Yacht Club members Tom and Linda Orlaw take a break while racing in the club's annual Regatta event Labor Day weekend.

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Local preschooler heads up toy drive

Kiley Mann, a Charlevoix preschooler, is collecting funds to be turned into toys and books that will be delivered to the children effected by Hurricane Katrina.

The tiny activist is one of many in the U.S. participating in the Kids Helping Kids of Katrina's Fund-raiser.

The recent natural disaster destroyed many families homes. So many of them have nothing left.

Kiley's mom, Tonya Mann is helping her daughter lead this effort.

"Children need toys and books to open their world. No matter how big or how small, you can help," Tonya said.

There are 6,000-8,000 children in the Houston Astrodome alone. The toys will be delivered to East Harris County Corps Community Center in Pasadena, Texas and will be distributed through the Salvation Army.

Discovery Toys will match every donation made in September by five times the amount.

"We want to send educational toys, games, and books to help these children grow. It will give them something that is theirs," Tonya said.

Tonya will be purchasing the products through Discovery Toys, Inc. Tonya will be donating back her consultant discount to buy more toys for the children in need.

For more information, or to make a credit card donation, Contact Tonya at (231) 237-0360. All donations are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. Send donations in no later than Sept. 12.

Make checks payable to Tonya Mann and send donations to 06090 Maple Grove Rd Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Two Charlevoix residents tackle disaster aftermath

HURRICANE

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ing a wall of water over the city's levees.

On Aug. 31 President George W. Bush announced that the powerful hurricane damaged tens of thousands of homes and businesses beyond repair and left more than 78,600 people in emergency shelters.

Earlier that day, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said the storm probably killed thousands of people in New Orleans.

"This recovery will take years," Bush said in his address that day from the White House.

New Orleans residents were warned to expect prolonged displacement.

In spite of the looting and violence that was splashed across the news Sept. 1 Guthrie and Gennett said they're not afraid.

"It's put up or shut up time," Guthrie said. "It's like a war zone but I believe God goes before and clears the way."

In the 24 hours that passed between the two making the decision to go and starting their 1,100 mile trip Guthrie said there was an outpouring of community support.

Community members donated just under $5,000, socks, blankets, pillows, underwear and small stuffed animals for children.

"It's been really remarkable," Guthrie said.

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Council members call for firing

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Two members of Charlevoix City Council feel Charlevoix city manager Mike Wiesner's role in a check mishap that cost the city just over $220,000 is grounds for his dismissal.

Gabe Campbell

"As city manager you should make sure things like this don't happen. That's why you get a lot of money and it's not working out," second ward councilman Gabe Campbell told Wiesner at council's Sept. 6 meeting.

Campbell's comments were based on an investigative report delivered to the manager's office Sept. 2

The report was authored by Michael Neihardt, a detective with Michael Neihardt Investigations in Kalkaska. He was hired by city council in mid-July to look into what went wrong at city hall to have resulted in the city paying over $220,000 to the wrong recipient.

The check at the heart of this mess was written on April 2, 2004 to CCMS and Associates, a contractor out of Sault Ste. Marie hired by the city in 2001 to work on roads and sidewalks.

However, the check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

A report given to council in February outlining why the mistake was made pointed to miscommunication.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandt, who was on vacation when the check was issued, claims he was not aware United Fire was supposed to be paid instead of CCMS. United Fire claims they sent a letter to Brandt with check writing instructions, prior to his vacation, but Brandt says he never received it.

Brandt's stamped signature as well as that of deputy city clerk Stephanie Brown, appeared on the check. At that time, Brown was sitting in for former clerk Liz Gooch, who had resigned.

Mike Wiesner

When Brandt realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment but it was too late, CCMS owner William Montgomery had cashed the check.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain said his fellow council members should end the attack on Wiesner and focus on Montgomery.

"There isn't anyone in the city that intentionally did this.

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Kirk jailed following suspension of bond

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Arthur Kirk, who is facing felony charges and was free on a $10,000 bond, landed in Charlevoix County Jail Thursday, Sept. 8 after his bonding company pulled out.

According to a statement from Charlevoix County Humane Society executive director Gregory Tate at around 1:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon he fielded a call from Kirk asking for "owner surrender" privilege for his five-month-old pet rabbit, "Flopsy."

Tate took the call at the society's shelter in Boyne City where electronic caller identification revealed the name Art Kirk.

He said Kirk explained that he had to give the pet up because he was traveling overseas and would be gone for about nine months on an emergency business trip.

Tate told his co-worker, Charlevoix County Animal Control Officer, Julie Whitley, that Kirk would be dropping

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Katrina victim car wash

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

A Sept. 9 Northwest Academy luncheon and car wash fund-raiser to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina raised around $1,000 to be donated to the American Red Cross. Charlevoix K-Mart agreed to match these earnings. (Above) Northwest student Chris DeKorne takes a minute to show his water power while cleaning one of over 60 cars that passed through.

Dick Devos, candidate for governor, tours town

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Republican candidate for Governor, Grand Rapids resident Dick DeVos, stopped in Charlevoix this week to discuss his qualifications.

"I'm running because I think I can make a difference in this state. Michigan is in need of jobs. We need to invest in this state. We have the highest unemployment in the United States," he said. "Michigan has the worst climate for small business and in my view is it's time to get a business person in charge or we're going to end up with young people who are unable to make it here."

Devos, 49, the son of cofounder of Amway Corp. and one of the largest Republican campaign contributors in America recently announced his gubernatorial ambitions for Michigan in 2006.

He is a husband and father of four, with a résumé which includes holding the vice president's seat at multilevel marketing giant Amway, president of

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Renee Kirby-Loveland, 36, Charlevoix. Allowing minors to have drugs or alcohol on premises. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for one, to serve 29 days; $200 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Ray Kern, 22, Petoskey. Reckless driving. Serve 25 days in jail, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Amy Catherine Hunter, 21, Eastport. Driving while operator's license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 10 days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Christopher Michael Fitzhenry, 20, Gaylord. Minor in possession of alcohol-third or subsequent offense. Serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test, attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Douglas Robert McKnight, 41, Sterling Heights. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; $770 in fines and costs.

Kyle Richard Eitman, 23, Grand Rapids. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $720 in fines and costs.

Dale Scott McMahon, 42, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve 15 days in jail with 78 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to operate a motor vehicle; $800 in fines and costs.

Heidi Jo Flewelling, 28, Rogers City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one, 30 days held in abeyance, three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail; to serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $720 in fines and costs.

Christina Marie Idolski, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. To serve 60 hours of community service work; attend zero tolerance class; $160 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Lucinda L. Hall, 02368 Old Horton Bay Road, Boyne City by Lucinda L. Hall

A Mother's Touch Cleaning Service, 2769 Genesis Road, Boyne City by Cassandra A. Krussell

R & M Painting, 8755 Central Road, Charlevoix by Russell W. McKian

The Year Of The Doo.com, 01545 Sunterra Trail, Boyne City by Elizabeth H. Doody

Canine Art.com, 01545 Sunterra Trail, Boyne City by Elizabeth H. Doody

East Jordan & Southern R.R. Co., 204 Depot, East Jordan by Larry MacEachern

Joseph Rouleau, 03230 Jensen Road, Boyne City by Joseph Rouleau

Sports C.L.U.B. M1, 13408 Cedar Street, Charlevoix by Lane Beatty

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jeffrey Douglas Morency, 28 and Rachel Lynn Somes, 25 both of Boyne City

David Paul Hissong, 28 and JoDee Ann Cam, 29 both of Boyne City

Edward Joseph Schwager, 22 and Trista Jamie Martin, 19 both of Charlevoix

Adam Richard Kline, 23 and Jill Marie Ramsey, 24 both of Boyne City

Timothy Wayne Fraley, 28 and Karen Arlene Hall, 35 both of Charlevoix

Jason James Repaal 23 of Charlevoix and Ashley Grace Evans, 19 of Cheboygan

Joseph Craig Manary, 54 and Lorraine Berry, 43 of Boyne City

Birth

Kaleb Alexander Pollington weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born to Jeremy Pollington and Krista Westman of Petoskey on Sept. 4, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Sibling is Gabriel Leigh Pollington. Grandparents are Christine Danielson of Boyne Falls, Paul Stieber of Boyne Falls, Joe Howard of Standish and Fred and Lynda Byrd of Gladwin.

Party fit for a prince

Courtesy photo

Tucker Hilligan was "Prince for a Day" when he celebrated his sixth birthday with 15 of his friends. They traveled by trolley to Castle Farms for a treasure hunt and McDonald's Mighty Kids meals. The girls received wands, the boys, swords, and all wore beaded crowns. The day was capped off by a swim at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Tucker's grandparents were the successful bidders for the outing, an item at the pool's recent auction.

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Council split on who is at fault for CCMS check

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Unfortunately, we were dealing with a contractor that didn't have any integrity. That's where our focus should be," Chamberlain said.

Mayor Norman Carlson agrees.

"If there's anyone to blame, it's the contractor," he said.

This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the city. In December of 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United Fire the over $220,000 it already paid CCMS.

At city council's July 18 meeting, council members voted unanimously to hire Bob DeJong, an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. DeJong will take the lead in the case the city plans to pursue against Michigan Municipal League Insurance, its insurance carrier, for not covering a check.

City attorney Jim Young said he is currently reviewing a draft of the complaint which should be filed by Sept. 18.

At the same meeting when DeJong was hired council decided the internal conclusion that the problem of miscommunication led to the debacle wasn't enough. And first ward councilman Bob Timms led the effort to hire Neihardt to investigate the entire scope of the problem.

Timms said in interpreting the results, like Campbell and Gibson, he feels Wiesner is to blame.

"I would say it points at Mike more than anyone else. With Rick (Brandi) on vacation it fell to Mike to take care of that and he didn't. I guess that's where the buck should stop. Its malfeasance — whether it's a fireable offense, I'm not too sure right at this moment," Timms said.

Neihardt started interviewing members of city staff in early August — conducting interviews with Brandi, Brown, Wiesner and city engineer Don Swem, who handled most of the project's details.

Campbell said his opinion that Wiesner should be fired is grounded in part in information uncovered by Neihardt that showed memos were written to Wiesner by Swem, highlighting the need for a two party check to CCMS and United Fire to be written.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson, who supports Campbell's call for firing Wiesner, said, "This is going to end up costing the city over half a million dollars. He should have paid closer attention to the memo he received from Don Swem."

Wiesner's outlook on the costly mistake follows suit with both Mayor Carlson and councilman Chamberlain.

"It's unfortunate it happened. And I don't think we'll ever know entirely what happened, but the really unfortunate case is the person who broke the law and didn't note his mistake. It would have been corrected right away," he said.

While this issue will lead to a lawsuit and possible firing of Wiesner, it may also result in criminal charges against CCMS.

Because the check was easbed in St. Ignace city police chief Dennis Halverson has been working with detective Robin Sexton from the Michigan State Police post there to investigate the matter.

Punt, pass and kick Sunday at Kipke Field

Registration for the Charlevoix area Punt, Pass and Kick competition begins at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 at Kipke Field.

The competition is open to all boys and girls ages eight to 15.

The Charlevoix area competition is sponsored by Armor Seal, the NFL and Pepsi Co. who invite you to participate in the event which will kick off at noon that day.

Contestants must bring a copy of their birth certificate and a pair tennis shoes. Entry/waiver forms for parent's signatures will be available during registration Sunday.

The top finishers from each of eight age groups will advance to the sectional competition on Oct. 8 in Traverse City, with the possibility of advancement to state competition held during a Detroit Lions game at Ford Field.

For additional information call Brad Waldrop at (231) 547-1040.

Family of Faith celebrates 20 years of worship in Charlevoix

Family of Faith Ministries in Charlevoix will be having a special day of celebration on Sunday, Sept. 18.

The service will mark 20 years of ministry in the City of Charlevoix and paying off of the church mortgage.

The church, located at 203 East Upright Street began in 1985 under the leadership of Rev. Mark Hill and united with the Churches of God in 1987. Pastor Michael Arp has been with Family of Faith since Aug. 22, 2004.

The celebration will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will include music, memories and guest speaker Bishop Jimmy Smith. After the service there lunch will be served and facility tours offered.

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Reminder: The post office has relocated

Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

At least five times a summer I'm asked the same question from drivers slowly passing by the Courier's Mason Street door with an unfailing bewildered look on their faces.

"Where's the post office," they ask.

At the beginning of the summer my typical response includes a smile and directions to the stop light at M-66 and U.S. 31, followed by routing to the "new" office off M-66 adjacent to the K-mart plaza.

I wait and listen to their nostalgic tale of shipping a package or mailing a letter at the former stone faced office across the street from the Courier, next to city hall, where the city police and fire departments currently operate out of.

But by this time of year, my patience is waning and my smile has faded as directions to the facility, which opened in April of 1998, roll off my tongue.

As I point down Mason Street, squinting under the reflection from their shiny car doors, my silent giggle thunders a little louder as thoughts of leading the innocent visitor to the scenic Bell's Bay Road turnaround, spin my gears.

On Monday my unspoken giggle turned to an all out roar when a package from the United States Post Office in Washington D.C. was delivered to our office.

The outside envelope was simply labeled to "Charlevoix." Without first looking at the physical address, the Courtier's classified ad manager, Val Pederson tore open the paper in typical office mail fashion, to find a letter addressed to the Charlevoix Postmaster Station Manager.

The misdirected mail included a poster and supporting materials for the United States Postal Service Accuracy of Delivery Campaign.

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A quick check of the envelope label found 109 Mason Street, the address of the former post office, not the Courier office at 112 Mason Street.

I gathered the materials and made a run to the post office assuming headquarters should be notified to update its address database before something really important is missed.

From this amusing case of misdirected mail I've learned that in spite of all our attempts to cut ties and let the newer, improved post office take over the reins, the Courier and that old post office are intended to have a symbiotic relationship for life.

So, if we are answering questions and even accepting mail why not open a mini post office location here. It would save confusion and may even improve weekly paper delivery to subscribers.

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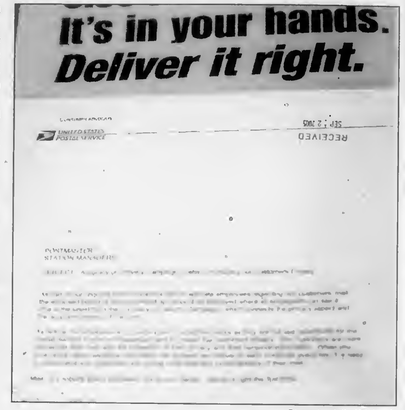

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Above is a portion of the poster and mailing misdirected to the Courier office that was sent to the former post office by the United States Post Office in Washington D.C.

Letters to the editor

Community thanks

Editor:

The Evans family wishes to express our deepest and sincerest thank you to our friends, neighbors and co-workers who have made donations toward helping our family in Gulfport, Miss. The huge response of money, food, thoughts, prayers, clothing and inquiries was incredible.

Peggy Evans was born and raised in Gulfport where she met her husband Jim while he was stationed at the See Bee base there. Peggy has extensive family who live along the coast including her mother, three siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and long time friends. As many families in northern Michigan did after Katrina made landfall, we watched the television almost around the clock. Unable to make phone calls to family, many sleepless nights were spent praying for their safety.

Finally the call came through, they were safe. As expected, they were in need of supplies after losing much of what they considered "home." On Friday, Sept. 2, Jim and Peggy made the decision to head south. A car load of supplies was delivered to Peggy's sisters and their families. With empty gas stations and closing highways, Jim and Peggy were relieved to be able to make the trip and return home with Peggy's mother, Eugenia Kates.

After seeing the devastation first hand, the family would also like to comment on the relief efforts. As much of the media is busy finger-pointing and dishonoring the help that has been sent, we feel a tremendous appreciation and respect for the hard work that many, many Americans are providing. With the overwhelming amount of people and areas in need and the tremendous amount of debris and damage, our current lifestyles of getting what we want and getting it now simply weren't possible. Military, law enforcement, medical personnel, church groups and volunteer civilians are currently on the coast or are on their way from all over our great country. So many people are offering their time and assistance in a stressful and sometimes thankless position. The generosity of total strangers in our community as well as from those helping out in Mississippi has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated.

We urge people to thank those in our towns that help us, rather than wasting our emotions on things that might have went wrong. Not all the neighborhoods in the south are full of ungrateful looters. Neighbors and strangers of all ages and race are helping each other — you just might not see that on TV.

Again we extend our most gracious thanks to all the many people who've donated to, prayed for and asked about our families.

The Evans family of Charlevoix

The June Simmons family of Gulfport, Miss.

The Linda Hughes family of Gulfport, Miss.

The Eugena Kates family of Mississippi

The BB Kates family of Saucier, Miss.

P.A. fund-raising success

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for its ongoing support of the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Program. Over the summer, students, parents and community volunteers have been raising funds and building enthusiasm. Our never-ending bottle/can drive is successful with your support. The bottled water sale and Ferry Beach Garage Sale were successful — look for us next year.

Thank you to the Charlevoix Council for the Arts for your generous donation. Thank you to the artists that tipped parent and student volunteers during the Charlevoix Waterfront Art

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Fair and the Chamber of Commerce Art and Craft Fair.

Supporters are invited to our monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the high school back stage.

Alumni and their parents are invited to get involved. For more information please call Connie Ford at (231) 547-3222 ext. 2034 or Nancy Beghein at (231) 547-0578.

Connie Ford
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Charlevoix

Craft show response

Editor:

I am writing in support of Mr. Nowicki's view (letter to the editor published Sept. 7, 2005) that the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce is misrepresenting the nature of the July Craft Show to prospective artists and craftsmen.

Last year, I was the "rookie" who was duped out of my entry fee. Though I sold some of my art it was clear that many attendees were looking for bargain merchandise rather than art or finely crafted goods. To add insult to injury, I was forced to endure two days of close proximity to two individuals hawking cheap manufactured goods right across the aisle from my booth. I toured the fair and found numerous booths selling manufactured goods some clearly labeled "made in China."

I wrote to the chamber expressing my distaste for decline of this once nice fair. In return I received a half piece of paper with a similar if not identical, message that Ms. Merta supplied to the Courier this week (letter to the editor from chamber director Jacqueline Merta published Sept. 7.) I suspect the chamber receives so many artist complaints that they print a form letter two to a page to save on paper.

This year I walked through the show and was dismayed that it seemed even more of a flea market than last year. Ms. Merta claims they are trying to improve it, yet they allow the non-compliant sellers to remain in business even though the contract gives the chamber the right to compel them to dismantle their displays and leave.

The chamber needs to decide what type of an event they are hosting. If it is to be a flea market, then promote it to sellers and buyers as such. If it is to remain a juried show of hand-made art and crafts, then the chamber needs to inspect the booths prior to the show opening and enforce the contract by shutting down any exhibitors selling any manufactured products.

I suspect that the current criteria for acceptance into this show is the entry fee check clearing the bank.

Kathie Briggs
Charlevoix

Experiencing the disaster

Editor:

We have returned from our 2,800 mile round trip to work in the River Center evacuee shelter in Baton Rouge, La., and wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Charlevoix community for their generous outpouring of cash and goods to aid in the response to Katrina.

Our original idea was that we'd let a few people know we were going in the hopes of raising a couple hundred dollars to buy the socks, underwear, blankets and pillows we were told were in short supply there. Instead, we were blessed with $11,250 in cash and $2,150 in checks made out directly to the American Red Cross. Most of this money was raised within one day, and while most of it came from the people of Charlevoix we also received donations from the surrounding communities and from donors as far away as Florida and Maine.

In addition, we crammed so many donated pillows, blankets, and stuffed toys into our car and trailer that it took six people a half hour to unload it all in Baton Rouge.

Although we did not use your money to purchase underwear and socks as we'd originally planned, we believe we used your money wisely.

A few hours after our arrival on Saturday, Sept. 3, we were discussing our shelter assignment with local Red Cross management. The manager was telling us that the previous day her husband was working the help desk at the River Center shelter, the shelter often featured on news reports, when a man arrived covered in filth from the waters of New Orleans. He had lost six members of his family — they had literally drowned before his eyes and floated away — and more than anything else he just wanted a shower. A simple request, but one the shelter couldn't grant. Never before had the Red Cross received evacuees who had spent days partially immersed in filthy and contaminated water, and there were no showers or towels at the shelters.

Just then our meeting was interrupted to deal with an urgent problem with the evacuees, who were just beginning to arrive at the shelters in large numbers. The problem of showers had been partially addressed through the erection of some emergency hazmat decontamination showers on the sidewalk outside the shelter, but the towels were still a problem.

There was no emergency funding in the Red Cross budget for towels. Using $3,000 of your money we were able to buy up every towel at every Wal-Mart and Target for miles around. On the strength of your donation, the next day local Red Cross managers contracted with Dollar General to buy towels in case lots at cost, and the remainder of your donation went toward that purchase. All told, you purchased nearly 4,000 towels and wash cloths. We can't express to you how much they were appreciated.

Our trip to Baton Rouge — which we came to refer to as "Lyle and Steve's excellent adventure" — was physically demanding, spiritually exhausting, and mentally frustrating. It also ranks right up there among the most important things we have ever done in our lives. We have a new benchmark for what it means to have trouble in life, and we quickly realized we don't have any real trouble in ours.

We quickly found a new level of appreciation for the ways God has blessed us, and felt guilty for ever complaining about our so-called difficulties. We think it's fair to say we received more than we gave. We heard horrific tales of destruction, of families separated, homes destroyed and lost pets. And underlying every tale of woe was an expression of the human instinct for survival, of hope and faith in the goodness of God.

We heard tales of man's inhumanity to man even in the darkest of times, but these were offset by other stories of kindness and sharing. Like any tragedy, Katrina pulled some people toward God while others pulled away.

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Arts center to present its annual eddi Awards

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Area artist and educator, Paul Varga designed the bronze eddi Award.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is presenting the Fifth Annual eddi Awards at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

This annual event honors area residents for their contributions to arts and culture in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, and was founded in recognition of eddi Offield's personal and positive impact on the quality of life in northern Michigan.

The 2005 nominees represented many talented individuals and organizations. A selection committee comprised of Scott MacKenzie, Boyne City; Marina LaBlance, Charlevoix; Peggy Midener, East Jordan; Peter Sims and Doug Flewelling, Petoskey; Diane Bell, Gene Reck and Lynn Dinning, Harbor Springs; and Gig Stewart, Conway, met recently to determine the winners.

Winners who will receive an original sculpture by Paul Varga, include visual artist Yvonne Walker Keshick, sponsored by Gaslight Gallery; performing artists the Price, Duverney, Graham families, sponsored by CMU Public Broadcasting; arts and cultural organization Raven Hill Discovery Center, sponsored by Bay View Association; arts in education Julie Stoppel, sponsored by National City Bank; arts and cultural leadership John Stevens and Jane Diller, sponsored by Victories Casino and Hotel; individual patron Thomas Moran, sponsored by North Central Michigan College; Benefactor Dorothy Gerher Family, sponsored by Landscape Depot & Market; and Lifetime Achievement Willard Pierce, sponsored by Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

Additional sponsors include Fabiano Brothers, Northern Michigan Cutstone, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

"We are presenting a ninth eddi Award this year. And the announcement won't be made until Sept. 16," said event co-chair Teresa Crouse.

The 9th eddi Award winner is selected by the planning committee.

Tickets are $40 per person and include a champagne toast, beverages, hearty hors d'oeuvres, dessert and the awards ceremony. Chef Bob Vala of the Crows Nest is catering the event.

For more information or to reserve a ticket, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Four generations

Courtesy photo

Recently four generations of this Charlevoix family gathered. Here, the youngest, Marissa Kolp, is pictured in the center. Her mother, Ana Kolp of East Jordan is shown at left, Marissa'a great-grandmother Betty McKenzie of Charlevoix is in back and grandmother Diane Psihopaidas of Charlevoix is at right.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, September 6, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place.

- A Public Hearing was held to discuss the condition of the cemetery chapel and options for repair/restoration.
- Motion adopted to accept the quote of $11,816.00 from Cooper Regulators for a substation regulator.
- Motion adopted to accept the bid of $15,421 from OBD for a new leaf vacuum
- Motion adopted to authorize the Mayor to execute the Fixed Base Operator's Amendment. (Amendment adjust fuel flowage fees for self-serve fuel and FBO will pay local share of grant for airport snow removal equipment.)
- Motion adopted authorizing the purchase of the new airport snow removal equipment and the sale of a loader.
- Resolution 2005-09-01 adopted, Federal Grant Project No. 3-26-0017-0605 (Snow Removal Equipment).
- Resolution 2005-09-02 adopted, MDOT Contract No. 2005-0529 (Snow Removal Equipment).
- Resolution 2005-09-03 adopted, Act 51 Designation of Airport Drive (places the street in the City Street system for obtaining funds).
- Council briefly discussed the CCMS investigative report and will place on the agenda for further discussion.

Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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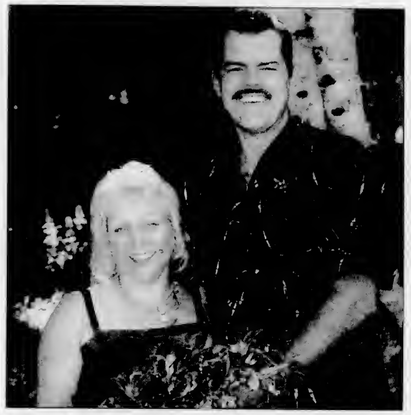

Eva Lucas and Neil Flower of Charlevoix were married on July 2, in a garden wedding, double ring ceremony conducted by Rev. Mary Snell Willis and witnessed by approximately 40 guests.

The music was waved in lieu of the sounds from the beach.

The bride is the daughter of Edna Daniel of Harrison, and David Lucas of Ohio. She was dressed in a two-piece satin, teal sun dress accented with antique jewelry from her grandmother, the late Eleanor Williams of Ironton. She carried a garden bouquet made by her cousin Christine Reedy.

The bride was escorted by her brother Anthony John Lucas.

The groom is the son of Bud and Shirley Flower of Charlevoix.

The bestman was Corey Richardson a very close friend.

The bride and groom's home situated on Lake Michigan served as the reception location.

The coupled traveled the Upper Peninsula of Michigan as a wedding trip.

Wedding photos were taken by Richard Hoig.

Eva is an artist who recently opened a shop on the north side of Charlevoix called Artistically Yours. Neil is a chef at Giuseppes.

Crooked Tree starts its new fall class series

Crooked Tree Arts Center's School of the Arts is beginning registration for the fall class schedule.

The ceramics program under the direction of Meg McClorey will run three and four week sessions in clay building this fall. Starting with "Raku September" moving into "October for the Table" and ending with "Tiles."

Elizabeth Abeel of Traverse City will teach a drawing workshop from Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 welcoming those with beginner and intermediate drawing skills.

Watercolor artist Charlie Murphy of Traverse City will teach a three day watercolor workshop on Oct. 12-14.

For home schooled children, Mary Jill Lemieur is teaching a new course called "Afternoon Art." Adult painting classes are being taught by Manna McGrew.

Ballet will be taught by Heather Raue based on elements of Russian, Italian and French schools. Jazz/hip hop taught by Cynthia Anthony.

Music instruction will be offered by a host of private music teachers as well as a Jazz Combo Class taught by Jim Owen. For more information about class registration, call Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Adopt-a-Beach cleanup to take place on Sept. 17

Thousands of volunteers are expected to pitch in during the Alliance for the Great Lakes annual September Adopt-a-Beach event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 17.

Daniel Mann, a family practitioner with Pine River Medical Associates, is coordinating Adopt-a-Beach efforts in Charlevoix County for the third year.

Mann encouraged volunteers to attend this Saturday's event, but suggested those interested in participating contact him as soon as possible to ensure sufficient supplies are available.

The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the Lake Michigan Beach pavilion near the lighthouse in Charlevoix. Mann can be reached at (231) 547-6554.

Volunteer efforts are critical to the health of the lakes, as the information they collect from the cleanup will be used in a pollution prevention education campaigns.

"The cleanup is successful every year because it's a way that people can play a hands-on role in ensuring our shorelines and waterways are safe and clean for people and for the wildlife of the Great Lakes," said Jamie Morton, alliance staff member and state coordinator for the annual event.

The 2004 regional cleanup in Michigan resulted in 2,394 enthusiastic volunteers hauling away 10,247 pounds of garbage from 174 miles of shoreline.

The Michigan cleanup is supported by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Coastal Management Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the L.C. and Margaret Walker Foundation.

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Obituaries

Paul Robert "Bob" Mousseau: Died Sept. 5, 2005

Bob Mousseau

Paul Robert "Bob" Mousseau, 78, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Sept. 5, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral took place at 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, the Rev. Harold E. Kruse officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Bob was born near Ubly, the son of Paul and Anna (Mellharge) Mousseau. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W.II. The following article was published in the Charlevoix Courier while Bob was serving in the army.

T/5 Paul R. Mousseau is now serving with the U.S. Constabulary, the new, all mobile security striking force which will soon be policing the entire American zones in Germany and Austria.

T/5 Mousseau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mousseau, now wears the distinctive uniform of the Constabulary which is an integral part of the Third Army, the only remaining major field command in Europe. His new dress consists of smooth-surfaced combat boots, an olive drab long blouse with matching trousers, a Sam Browne leather belt, a golden scarf and a helmet liner bearing insignia and alternating bands of blue and gold. Off duty T/5 Mousseau replaces his helmet liner with a sharp service cap with visor and removes his leather shoulder strap and pistol which every man, except the medics and bandsmen, carry in the Constabulary.

T/5 Mousseau is one of 39,000 officers and men, all volunteers or carefully screened reinforcements, who will carry out the missions with light tanks, armored cars and jeeps, motorcycles, horses and liaison-type aircraft.

As a member of this rapidly forming crack corps, led by major General Ernest W. Harmon, veteran combat commander, this soldier meets high standards of physique and ability and receives specialized training for his dual duty of soldier and special policeman.

On Oct. 11, 1947, he married the former Shirley Jane Williams in Ironton. Bob owned and operated Charlevoix Gravel and Dirt excavating for over 20 years, and he served on the Charlevoix County Road Commission. He enjoyed working, whether it was building, investing in property, or farming. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed playing cards and dice. Bob loved people and especially his family. Every spring he would take his grandchildren on a "picnic," followed by a trip to the Dairy Queen.

Bob is survived by his wife, Shirley of Charlevoix; daughters, Patricia (Jimmy) Mousseau of Paisley, Fla., Peggy (Jodie) Givens of Charlevoix, Jane (Walt) Holm of Ellsworth; grandchildren, Jakki (Joe) Goodenough, and Cindy (Chad) Stockman of Alba, Missy (Bob) Givens, Ryan (Jen) Pittman, Roger (Kaylee) Pittman, and Amy (Roger) Vanniman all of Charlevoix; 14 grandchildren; brother, Bernard R. "Bud" Mousseau of Charlevoix, sisters-in-law, Lynda (Maurice) Gardner and Jean Williams of Charlevoix; brother-in-law, Jack Lambdin of Port Charlotte, Fla. Bob's sisters, Phyllis Loucks and Helen Joles preceded him in death.

Donations in Bob's memory may be directed to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina.

Constance "Connie" Snider: Sept. 6, 1919 - Sept. 7, 2005

Constance M. "Connie" Snider, 86, of Bradenton, Fla. and Charlevoix died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Glenn and Mary Snider.

Connie was born Sept. 6, 1919, in Traverse City, the daughter of Floyd Dean and Joyce (Millard) Dean Drake. She grew up in Williamsburg where she was valedictorian of her high school graduation class.

On Feb. 28, 1941, she married Glenn B. Snider. They made their home in Charlevoix where she taught school for a number of years, retiring in 1975.

In retirement Connie enjoyed traveling, quilting, reading, the Tigers baseball team and playing cards with her wonderful Florida friends. She will be remembered for her delightful sense of humor, her loving support and her delicious lemon pie.

Connie is survived by her son, Glenn R. (Mary J.) Snider of Charlevoix; her daughter Nancy A. (James) Labiak of Kirkland, Wash.; her granddaughter Kate Labiak (Mark Adamo) of Edmonds, Wash.; and her sister, Virginia Watson of Sun City Center, Fla. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and many, many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her brother, Richard Dean and her half-brother, Clinton E. Drake.

Friends wishing to make a contribution in Connie's memory are asked to consider Northwest Michigan Community Health-Hospice, 220 W. Garfield Avenue, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The family requests no flowers.

A memorial graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, at the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. The Rev. Nancy Rhode will officiate, and an Order of the Eastern Star memorial service will be conducted under the auspices of the OES Chapter #72, Charlevoix.

Charlevoix County Sheriff warns of disaster scams

As the victims of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama cope with the aftermath of last week's devastation, millions of Americans are opening their hearts and wallets.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater warns local citizens to be cautious with their charity.

"Millions of Americans have shown us what is best about our nation in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina — volunteering their time and resources to aid the victims," Sheriff Lasater said. "Sadly, a large number of phony charities are attempting to profit at the expense of these victims."

Sheriff Lasater offers the following tips for those who wish to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina:

• Do not open e-mail requests for donations from unfamiliar sources. The best rule of thumb is for you to contact the charity directly, preferably by telephone.

• If you are uncertain whether a charity is legitimate, contact the Attorney General's Office at (517) 373-1152 or the local office of the Better Business Bureau.

• Donate to charities that have a proven track record such as the American Red Cross, United Way of America and the Salvation Army.

• Phone solicitors frequently are not a part of the organization they claim to represent. These telemarketers may not have the authorization to call on behalf of recognized charities and, in fact, may only be trying to obtain your personal financial information. Don't give it to them.

• If you have received a fraudulent e-mail, you should file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Fraud Complaint Center (www.IC3.gov).

• If you have information about a scam or have been victimized, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division toll-free at (877) 765-8388.

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County-wide smoking ban may be tweaked

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Board of Health invites community members to a public hearing regarding the "Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation of 2005."

The hearing will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office located at 1000 Grant Street in Charlevoix where the Board of Health will consider rescinding a similar regulation adopted in 2004 for the 2005 version.

"The response to the work site smoking ban has been overwhelmingly positive," said Gerald Chase, Health Officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

According to Chase, the lawsuit filed against the county this summer is not the cause of the proposed changes to the regulation.

The lawsuit was filed in July against Charlevoix County and the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency by three residents served by the agency. Kent McNeil of Bellaire, and Franklin Fisher and Roger Griffin of East Jordan are calling for Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas to overturn the Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation.

"We believe that most of the issues raised in the lawsuit were neither true in fact or law," Chase said. "In our total research we learned of a technical error (in the regulation) ourselves which wasn't raised in the lawsuit and we felt that it was important to be technically correct."

If adopted, it will become effective 60 days after the last of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties' boards of commissioners approve the regulation.

According to Chase, this regulation is an improved version of one that went into effect in July after being adopted by the board of health and approved by the four county boards of commissioners.

Chase said the new regulation will be less strict than the original since it will allow companies with one employee to smoke in vehicles operated by only one person.

"Our only concern is to protect the health of non-smoking employees. Obviously, if a business is a one-person operation, then that employee is not exposing anyone but himself of herself to cancer-causing chemicals," he said. "This regulation is not about stopping anyone from smoking. It's about protecting employees who don't smoke cigarettes from the over 50 carcinogens in tobacco smoke."

According to Michigan Department of Community Health, about 24 non-smokers die each year in the health district from the effects of secondhand smoke.

The "Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation of 2005" assures smoke-free air for most employees in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties by eliminating secondhand smoke from most work sites.

The proposed 2005 regulation does not apply to restaurants, bars and other food service establishments and certain gambling and casino operations since other laws already affect those establishments. Businesses operated out of private residences will also be exempt, except for those used for childcare, health care, or adult day care businesses.

For more information about the "Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation of 2005," visit www.nwhealth.org or call Teresa Sington at (231) 547-6523.

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Hayes, Telgenhof, Turkelson & Groat, P.C. has new location

The law firm of Hayes, Telgenhof, Turkelson & Groat are now located at 1404 Bridge Street, Suite #101. Congratulations on your move!

Reminder: the Chamber Car Raffle Party is September 15th

We are happy to report that ticket sales for the 2005 raffle were extremely successful! Thanks to the help of the crew at Pat McKeown Ford, and Raffle Chairman, Kirby Dipert, the Chamber was able to acquire a 2005 Ford Mustang LX Convertible, the most popular and sought-after car in the United States. We want to thank everyone who purchased a ticket, and we hope to see you at the Charlevoix Country Club, 9600 Country Club Lane, on September 15.

Bridge Street Book Shop will host a book signing on September 24th

Author Celia Hastings is signing copies of her book "Undertaker's Wife", a celebration of life through the lens of a small town funeral home and a woman's journey of faith. This event takes place at 7pm. For more information call the Bridge Street Book Shop at 547-7323.

Bergmann Center having a garage sale September 22-28

The Bergmann Center's annual garage sale is just around the corner. Shop while supporting a great cause. For more information please call 547-2979.

Friske Orchards celebrates Harvest Festival on September 24th

Stop out and enjoy a bushel of family fun at Friske Orchard's yearly Harvest Festival on September 24 from 10am to 4pm. There will be an antique tractor show, live music by "One Accord", U-Pick apples, wagon rides, old fashioned kids' earnival and oil portrait artist Jan Bower.

U.S. Submarine Veterans meeting in Charlevoix September 30th

Charlevoix is always happy and blessed when the U.S. Submarine Veterans and U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. come to town. This year these two organizations meet here on September 30 and October 1 and will be staying at the Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites. Show your respect for all that the veterans have done for our country by joining them for their Memorial Service in East Park, downtown on October 1 at 4pm. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Weathervane hospitality room.

Castle Farms hosting a bridal show on October 16th

Castle Farms is proud to present its first annual Grand Bridal Expo on October 16 from 11am until 4pm. A fresh and fun fashion show will commence at 2pm. For more information call the Castle at 237-0884.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Sept 15	Chamber Raffle Fund Raiser 547-2101
Sept 22	Bergmann Center's Annual Garage Sale 547-2979
Sept 24	Hurricane Fund Raiser at Castle Farms 547-0884
Sept 24	Harvest Festival Friske's 599-2604
Oct 1-29	Fall Fun Saturdays Friske's Orchard 599-2604
Oct 4	Harvest Potluck - Historical Society 547-0373
Oct 8-10	Fall Bulb Sale 536-7342
Oct 14-16	Charlevoix Apple Festival 547-2101
Oct 16	Castle Farms Bridal Show 237-0884

The next retail meeting is September 15 at 8:45am at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is at Grey Gables on October 7 from 7:30 – 8:30am with guest speaker Alan Lovelace of Castle Farms.

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A balloon ride to remember for St. Mary readers

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Teachers stress that reading can take their students to new heights and on Aug. 19, studies swept some local students off their feet.

As the result of a reading competition at St. Mary School last spring, six-year-old kindergartner, Julia Doskoch, was the youngest of five children to ride in a hot air balloon provided by ReMax of Charlevoix.

"It was very funny because I was the youngest person on there and you could barely see the tip of my head over the basket," Julia said.

Julia said she read many joke books and baby-sitter hooks, among others, to become the top reader in her class. And, she said, despite all the floating and fire involved, it was all worth it.

"It was a little scary because they shot flames up into the hot air balloon to make it fly," she said. "I could feel the heat coming down."

According to Julia's father, John Doskoch, this year's reading competition, called Round The World was judged on minutes read over a six-week period.

"We do the reading program every year, but this is the first time we did the balloon ride," John said.

In addition to the balloon ride the kids had their annual luncheon with the principal.

John said he hopes the winners of next year's reading contest will also be able to ride in the hot air balloon.

"They were super excited without a doubt. I don't think any of them had ever been up in a balloon," he said. "And they actually got to be there and see the whole thing inflated and the basket attached."

While the balloon didn't free float, it did rise about 100 feet, well above tree level according to John.

He added, "It was an incentive to get the kids excited about reading."

According to St. Mary's librarian, Danielle Baier, "We had a challenge to the children which started with March Is Reading Month. We carried it through March and April."

Each grade set a goal and every time the kids grades K-2 read 100 minutes in a week and grades three through six read 150 minutes they took their hot air balloon to the next continent.

The school-wide goal was to reach 70,000 minutes. The students ended up with 71, 948 minutes.

"Then we took each child who was the top reader from each grade on the hot air balloon," Baier said.

She added that the children were motivated by the idea of riding in the balloon.

"Children who didn't read as much were encouraged to read more and I think we had more reading as a school while this promotion was going on," she said.

Courtesy photo

On Aug. 13 top readers during St. Mary School's for the school's spring Round The World reading competition were rewarded with a hot air balloon ride. Pictured (left to right) are Julia Doskoch, Michael Nesburg, Nicholas Plude and Jackson Buday. Nicholas Plude is not pictured.

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Sepsis claims the life of Charlevoix's Zoie Johnson

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

In the recent death of one of Charlevoix's youngest residents, typical symptoms of a sick toddler were masking a fatal case of sepsis.

Zoie Johnson

Zoie Johnson, was just two-and-a-half when her time on earth was cut short Aug. 23 by sepsis, a blood infection.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, symptoms characteristic of sepsis patients include changes in temperature, heart rate, respiratory function and white blood cell count.

Sepsis is defined by the presence of pathogens or their toxins in the blood, bacteria in the blood or disseminated fungal infection.

According to information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "although the pathway to sepsis begins with an identifiable infection, when patients become septic their immune systems are intensely activated, setting off a cascade of events that may result in uncontrolled inflammation throughout the body. Sepsis also activates the coagulation system by promoting thrombosis and inhibiting fibrinolysis, which is how the body breaks up clots. These changes may contribute to multiple organ failure, which is a major cause of mortality from sepsis."

According to Zoie's mom, Nicole, on Aug. 22 her baby was ill, but she wasn't running a fever and like most sick toddlers, was mildly lethargic.

She said in the past she has brought her children into the doctor with these symptoms and was told, "They're kids — they're germ magnets."

This time, Nicole made the decision to keep her baby home and treat her symptoms.

The next morning, the little girl was lifeless.

Now, Nicole, an employee of Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and her husband of six years, Ron who works at the Belvedere Golf Club are left with empty hearts and arms.

"We are trying to keep ourselves busy. We are taking it day by day. But no matter what, from now on, if Renée has any symptoms I'm taking her in," Nicole said.

Renée, 5, is Zoie's older sister, who started Kindergarten last week. Her new school clothes and supplies are complimented by a permanent gold locket that hangs around her neck harnessing the picture and spirit of her best friend and sister, Zoie.

Nicole said she would send the Zoie and Renée upstairs to bed at their Charlevoix home and for an hour, every night, would listen as they chatted themselves to sleep.

"Renée could understand everything Zoie would say," Nicole said.

Her adorable toddler vocahulary was starting to take shape for the adults in her life as well.

Ron said his outgoing daughter was starting to say her own name.

The family members said they will miss watching Zoie, their little shadow and snuggle bug, toddle around with her chubby hands outstretched wanting to assist with laundry, dishes or whatever project her family tackled that day.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Renée Johnson wears this locket around her neck at all times. It holds a picture of her sister, Zoie, who died recently from a rare blood infection called sepsis.

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James Bridenstine

Crooked Tree Arts Center will hold its 25th Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition opening from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17.

The juror for this year's competition is James A. Bridenstine, the Executive Director of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Previous professional appointments include Executive Director of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Point Shores and Department of Education at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Bridenstine has a B.A. in History from the College of the Holy Cross and a M.A. in History from Art from The George Washington University.

For a "Call for Entries" application contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337.

Pajtas sentences Baker to prison for meth operation

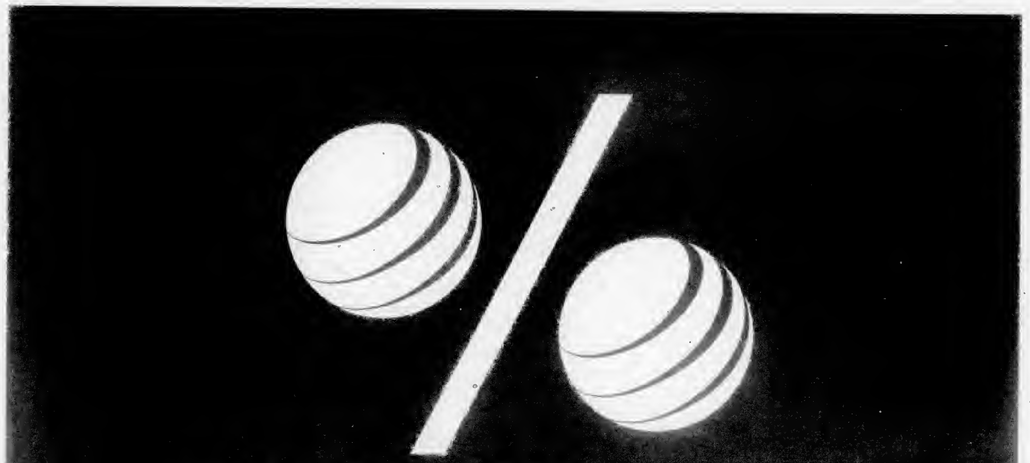
Charles H. Baker, Jr., was sentenced to prison by Charlevoix County Circuit Court Judge Richard M. Pajtas on Sept. 2.

He received a sentence of 18 to 120 months in prison for two counts of possession of methamphetamine and for maintaining a house used for the possession or sale of controlled substances.

Baker had been running a methamphetamine operation from a residence on Burnett Road, in Hayes Township, and was arrested in June, following an investigation by Detective Charles Vondra and Deputy William Church of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

Baker was convicted on July 19.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema commends these officers for their help in stopping the distribution of dangerous drugs in Charlevoix County.



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Library offers seniors on-line health information resource

Finding health information on the Internet can be overwhelming.

That is why the staff at the Charlevoix Public Library has compiled a list of reliable health resources that can be easily searched. It will help patients, family and friends research diseases and treatments. It has a medical dictionary and encyclopedia. The e-library offers links to drug and supplement information and will help patrons find out about clinical trials and support groups. The e-library can be found by going to the library's Web site www.charlevoixlibrary.org and clicking on Health Resources.

An award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine has made it possible for the Charlevoix Public Library to offer health outreach education to seniors in Charlevoix. The library will soon take its list of online health resources to seniors and young retirees. Linda Adams, librarian, will offer demonstrations of the online resources and help seniors find the information they need.

Six free training sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Mondays starting Sept. 19 and running through Oct. 24 at the Charlevoix Senior Center located off Norwood Road.

Sessions will also be held from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 12 and 19 at the library located at 109 Clinton Street.

The purpose of these sessions is to help patrons find the health information they need. Basics of Internet searching will be covered as needed. The sessions will explain how to find health information online and introduce the many support resources available. All are welcome to attend these sessions.

This demonstration is also available free of charge to community organizations that have seniors in their membership.

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Township residents to benefit from leaf vacuum service

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix Township residents will see a new piece of machinery and be able to enjoy a new service this fall.

This summer the township purchased a dumptruck size, bright yellow leaf vacuum for about $23,000 in order to better rid the area of piles of unsightly and often smelly leaves.

"We're trying to make Charlevoix Township a better place," said Charlevoix Township Department of Public Works Supervisor, Randy Holecheck.

Holecheck said, previously, residents were forced to burn the leaves or pay to have them hauled away.

"What we're going to do is dump them at Swansons K&D. And, in about three years we'll have compost for township residents," he said.

According to Holecheck, both the removal service as well as the resultant compost will be available to Charlevoix Township residents free of charge.

"Put them right on the edge of the road on the grass," he said. "We'll start picking them up as soon as they start dropping."

While grass clippings and brush may not be placed in the leaf piles, Holecheck said, there is no limit to how many leaves the township will pick up.

"The piles should be no more than two feet high and as long as you want," he said.

The service will be available throughout the fall.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix Township bought a $23,000 industrial size leaf vacuum this summer which they will use this fall when the leaves begin to drop.

SEE-North sets fall tour dates of weather station

SEE-North has arranged for a tour of the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Gaylord, a presentation about weather and weather forecasting by a staff meteorologist and observing the launch of an upper-air weather balloon.

This event is scheduled from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28. The event is free for SEE-North members, and the cost is $5 per person for non-members. To register call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700.

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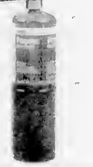

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As a result of that grant, the local mediation provider was able to have their office computers networked, purchase software that took advantage of that interconnectivity and update the state-required data-reporting system. The mediation staff is now able to access, enter and analyze data more efficiently and productively.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict.

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at (231) 487-1771.

Courtesy photo

Pictured at left, seated is Pat Dull, Program Coordinator for Northern Community Mediation and standing, Janice Elliot, Intake Coordinator, looking over the new software program funded through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

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Regulatory teams monitoring random rest areas and roadways around the quarantined area are performing targeted inspections.

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"The Michigan Department of Agriculture is intercepting potentially infested firewood and halting the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer into other areas of the state," said Patricia Lockwood, Emerald Ash Borer policy director for Governor Jennifer Granholm.

"These unannounced blitzes offer greater assurance that Michigan travelers are adhering to the state's Emerald Ash Borer quarantine and preserving our natural heritage."

The Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic, aggressive beetle native to Asia and discovered in Southeast Michigan in 2002.

To date, it has been responsible for the death or damage of approximately 15 million of the state's ash trees.

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Charlevoix minister starts new church in Gaylord

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

After 10 years serving the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, Pastor Jonathon Mays has moved on to start a new church.

Jonathon Mays

Mays started Jacob's Will, a church in the tradition of Reformed Church of America, but with a slightly different approach, in Gaylord once he was ordained.

"I've been in ministry, in one form or another, for most of my adult career," he said of his more than 25 years in service to God. "I think even way back in high school I found some higher purpose than just making a buck."

Mays did his seminary work at Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

"At the time it was the only accredited distance based masters of Divinity program," he said.

The Northern Michigan Classis, which governs the reformed churches in the area completed some demographic research and determined there was a need for a Community Reformed Church in the Gaylord area and Mays was asked to start it.

"We already miss Charlevoix but it's nice that it's still 40 miles away so it's easy to connect with friends and family," he said.

But, he added, "I feel that it's a partnership with the Charlevoix church. I have a sense of being, that I'm sent out as an acting partner. It was a very positive relationship with the Charlevoix church, but it was just time for me to be out on my own."

That is why Mays, his wife and two children entered into the whole process. Mays said this new church, Jacob's Will, is for people who may feel disenchanted with churches as a whole.

"We're trying to develop a church for people who don't go to church," he said. "We want to develop a Christian community for people who have had a negative experience with church or maybe none at all."

According to Mays, he decided to use the name Jacob's Will because it comes from the story of the woman at the well where Jesus crosses almost every social barrier to have a relationship with someone.

"This is what we're doing going into a new community," he said. "We're going to let them know the love of God and Christ is accessible to them."

According to Mays, he is currently building relationships with the locals in Gaylord, but as of yet the church has no physical location.

"People get a little suspicious when you say, 'I'm new in town and starting a new church', but when you say it's for people who hate church they say, 'Ah,'" Mays said.

To those who might say Mays is trying to connect with the postmodern culture, he responds, "We'll stay true to the scripture, but look for any way to connect with people."

The church will be hosting some of what Mays calls, "Taste and See" events designed to give potential parishioners a taste of what his church will be like.

"The first one will feature the Uganda trip," Mays said. "The next big step for us is to develop an indigenous care group which will set the direction for Jacob's Will."

He added, "There is still a need for encouragement for prayer and financial support for the church."

If anyone wants to help they can contact Mays at jonmays7@yahoo.com or call the church at (989) 370-1379.

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Hurricane victims find hope in Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

As many people recently found, you need not be in the path of a disaster in order to suffer its effects.

In a way Vera Milligan and her husband Devon were fortunate to be in Charlevoix, Devon's hometown, taking care of an ailing relative while their home in Ocean Springs, Miss. was being destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. But as blessed as they are to be alive, they are hurting.

"We've lost everything. My son and his wife and three little daughters — their home isn't even standing, it's totally destroyed," she said. "We had a canal that ran right by our house and that's why our home was completely destroyed."

Milligan added, "There are still people missing in the neighborhood — it's really bad. No funds, no water, no lights and the police officers are communicating with two-way radios."

"My son is Jackson County Deputy Sheriff. He can't leave and he is so overwhelmed with stress he can't explain it," she said. "He said, 'Mom, it's like trying to describe colors to a blind man. There are no homes to rent, no places to go and there is a very devastating depression and anxiety that is starting to build-up in people.'"

She added, "He said, 'Mom you're going to be so overwhelmed. You can watch it on TV but there is just no comparison to walking around in it seeing dead bodies or dead animals or people standing in their yards and they have nothing.'"

Milligan said, according to her son, looting is still rampant in much of the affected area and the people there are beginning to feel the aftermath of the situation.

Despite being safe and dry in northern Michigan, the Milligan's headed south Tuesday morning with a truckload of supplies.

"We're going to Ocean Springs, Miss — that's where our home is and that's where our children are," Milligan said.

With all the chaos, pain and anguish in the parts of America hardest hit by Katrina, Milligan said she simply couldn't stay in Charlevoix.

The Milligan's left yesterday with a truckload of supplies which they will take to the sheriff's department where her son works.

Local residents Bill Schuiling and Patricia Dillon, owner of My Sister's Closet in Charlevoix, donated items such as shoes, socks, dog food, cat food toys and soap to the Milligan cause.

And, Milligan said, Schuiling donated water, food and many other items including the use of a large truck.

"Mr. Bill Schuiling has very graciously gotten us a truck and many supplies like water, staple foods and personal hygiene products," she said.

Milligan said Christel and Jim Gibbons of Charlevoix collected sheets, pillow cases and other supplies which the Milligans will take with them.

"We're going to bring the truck directly to the sheriff's department and they will direct us which way to go," she said. "Our immediate response will be hopefully to go to our neighborhood first."

She added, "We're just hoping to get people some necessities — my son said there is just a tremendous shortage of blankets baby food and personal cleaning products."

According to Milligan, she has only been able to speak with her son for a few minutes at a time since communication is still shaky at best in the region.

Milligan said her husband also worked for the Jackson County Sheriff's Department and the, "Grand Casino which is not there anymore."

"We have been very blessed that we haven't lost family members," Milligan said.

The Milligan's will stay with family in an area a safe distance from the affected area.

"We're going to be down there from seven to nine days at my nephew's who lives about 35 miles off the coast of I-10," she said. "There has been some wind damage there but no flooding. He's got 28 people in his house so we'll make a round number of 30."

Milligan said the majority of people living with her nephew are family, but he did take in a family who had nowhere else to go.

"We're just going to help anyone we can because that is my family and my friends and they've lost everything," she said.

Though Milligan's husband was born and raised in Charlevoix, she spent most of her life in Mississippi. But, she said, she feels right at home in Charlevoix.

"The residents of Charlevoix County have been overwhelmingly responsive. I think it's just great that this community is so caring and giving. God bless them all," she said.

Milligan added, "I'm praying that everyone will redefine their lives over this tragedy and (I) hope that some goodness comes from this."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Vera Milligan loads the back of her pickup truck in front of My Sister's Closet Sept. 8 where she picked up donations in preparation for her humanitarian effort in hurricane ravaged Mississippi.

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The Island's Youth Consortium will oversee autumn crafts for younger participants along with showing them how to use an old-fashioned cider press.

There will also be an apple pie contest, with prizes for the top two bakers and an auction of their pies, with proceeds to benefit their favorite island charity.

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Later in the evening, head to the island's favorite watering hole, The Shamrock. Live music is planned.

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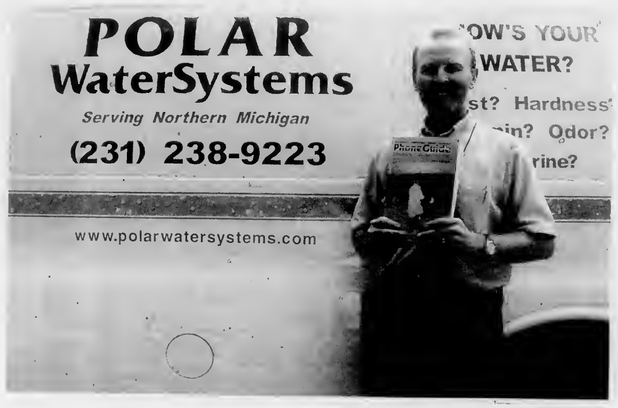

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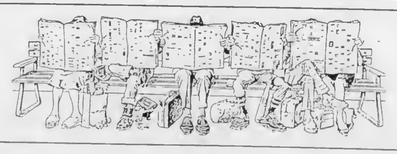

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Race for governor's seat brings DeVos to town

DEVOS

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Winquest Group a private investment company founded in 1989 and now running against Governor Jennifer Granholm in 2006.

So far, DeVos' competition for the Republican running slot includes State Representative Joe Hoogendyk of Kalamazoo.

According to DeVos, Michigan trails the nation in job creation. He said if something isn't done to pull the state out of its fiscal rut, even more people, especially young people will be forced to move to other states to make a living.

"Unfortunately, the hurricane (Katrina) may take us out of first place as the state with the highest unemployment figures," DeVos said.

DeVos Worked for Amway Corp. starting in 1974 before becoming the vice president in 1984. He has a bachelor of business administration from Northwood University in Midland and honorary doctorate degrees from both Grove City College and Central Michigan University.

DeVos said not only would he make for a business savvy governor, he has the confidence and ability to lead since he once lead an organization with over 10,000 employees. DeVos also cited his efforts which helped Grand Rapids make a financial comeback in recent years.

Dick DeVos

While the current governor presides over a state which long ago fell below the mark of financial despair, DeVos said, no matter how bad things get leadership at the state level should remain resolve.

"Leaders don't blame — real leaders anyway. They find solutions," he said. "Blaming doesn't get to the solution side of things. One can focus on the problem or the solution, this governor (Granholm) seems to have a problem with the solution side of things."

While DeVos admits there is no formula for calculating exactly how long it might take for Michigan's economy to turn around, he said, with the right leader making the correct decisions, "We could see substantial improvement in one to two years in areas such as unemployment and creating an environment which is attractive to businesses."

He added, "The competition for jobs isn't as much from India as it is from Indiana. Other states are all competing for the jobs."

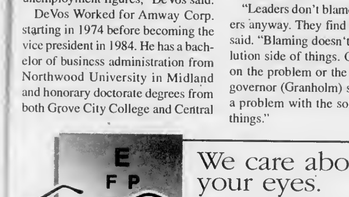
To make these improvements, DeVos said, there needs to be a more even keel when it comes to governmental involvement in regulation of business.

"I think it's a bad idea when the government favors one industry over another. It (business) should be guided with an even hand so the environment is conducive to all industries in both up times and down."

But, he said, "Economic theory is that the government doesn't create jobs, private industry does. The state can create an environment attractive to business, but the crux is convincing investors that Michigan has great things to offer."

DeVos is no stranger to the financial side of politics as, according to a report put out by the Associated Press, DeVos was the third largest contributor to the Republican party in 2004 after giving nearly $1.5 million to the GOP.

DeVos also lead a ballot initiative in 2000 which would have allowed public school funds to go directly to private school students. The initiative lost at the polls with about a 30 percent favorable to 70 percent unfavorable response from voters.



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SPORTS

Football takes East Jordan to go 3-0 for the season

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix's undefeated varsity football team won its first conference game of the season 24-6.

Eddie Waldron

The Rayders met the Red Devils of East Jordan last Friday night, Sept. 9 in a back and forth battle for the first game of the Lake Michigan Conference in East Jordan.

"The kids really worked hard this summer," said Charlevoix head coach Don Jess. "This is a talented group of kids."

East Jordan put themselves on the board first with a touchdown in the second quarter. The Red Devils score must have been the impetus the Rayders needed because they scored not once, but twice in the second quarter to make it 13-6. After that, Charlevoix never looked back.

Just a week before East Jordan met Charlevoix, the Red Devils pounded the Onekama Portagers in a 28-8 victory. But they were unable to fend off the brutal Rayder offense.

Russell Williams

Russell Williams had a 43-yard touchdown run, kicked a 22-yard field goal and a safety as well as taking 74-yards rushing. Matt Kanine had a one-yard touchdown run.

Quarterback Matt Kautz was 8 for 14 with 88 yards, Eddie Waldron had four receptions for 34 yards and he caught a 15 yard touchdown pass from Kautz.

Jeff Golovich had seven tackles and Dan Swenor had one interception.

Charlevoix needs to win three of its remaining six games to get to the playoffs this year and according to Jess, while the kids continue to come out strong each game, there are some things to work on.

"We had too many penalties last Friday," he said. "We need to cut down on the penalties."

Charlevoix faces the Boyne City Ramblers, whom the Rayders beat when the two met last year, and Jess hopes to repeat the outcome.

"They've got a real tough defense and they mix it up real good on offense," Jess said. "We're just going to work on eliminating penalties and working on being aggressive on defense."

The Rayders meet the Boyne City Ramblers for game two of the Lake Michigan Conference at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16 in Boyne City.

Girls basketball: Ups and downs in start of season

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

A brutal early season schedule and cold shooting conspired to start the Charlevoix Lady Rayders basketball squad to a 1-2 start.

Charlevoix went 27-1 last season, losing only in the Class C state finals to Detroit DePorres, 61-56.

The Rayders lost their opener to Frankfort, 64-44. They bounced back with a 64-26 trouncing of Gaylord but fell in their first nail biter of the year to Cheboygan, 57-53.

"Frankfort was 20-0 in the regular season last year and ranked number one in Class D all year long," Rayder coach Keith Haske said. "They have all except one of their players back from last season. They are probably the best team up north in all classes."

"There is no shame in losing to them," Haske continued. "But I wish we'd played better. We didn't play well."

Especially glaring was Charlevoix's 0 for 15 shooting from three-point range.

Madison Ramsey

Laura Nitchman led the Rayders with 19 points and five steals. Madison Ramsey scored eight points. Bethany Pearson pulled down six rebounds.

Charlevoix bounced back against Gaylord, racing out to a 28-6 first quarter lead and never looking back.

"I thought we picked it up a bit and played a little harder

See BASKETBALL, page 32

Rayder Football Outing 2005 *and what an outing it was!*

The weather was superb and the turnout was great.

On behalf of the Rayder Football team and the coaching staff I would like to thank the Charlevoix Country Club, registration helpers, hole sponsors, prize donors & golfers for helping to make this year's golf outing our most successful yet. Thanks to everyone involved for your generosity and most of all for your support.

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Go Rayders!!

SPORTS

Cross country keep pace at recent meets

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Sept. 7 the Charlevoix Rayders girls and boys track teams headed to the East Jordan Invitational.

"All of the girls showed great improvement in their times from 10 days ago at Benzie Central. I held out five girls so I could see how these seven would run in a varsity race. The results were good and another plus was how well the junior varsity ran without them in their race," said Mary Plude, girls track coach.

On the varsity team KC McCary took 21st place with a time of 22 minutes and five seconds. She was followed by Alina Dhaseleer in 27th with 22:35; Lauren Bradley in 35th with 23:22; Shelby Goss in 38th with 23:42; Lisa Kuebler in 39th 23:50; Chantel Novotny in 56th 25:04 and Christine Bradley in 57th with 25:27.

Junior varsity was lead by Kristina Alden with 25:29. She was followed by Rachael Nuttall with 25:32; Lauren Dupuis with 26:54; Jennifer Rich with 27:21; Samantha Shull with 28:01 and Michelle Lemond with 29:01.

Overall team standings were lead by Elk Rapids with 35. The Elks were followed by Benzie Central with 55; Harbor Springs with 96; Evart with 115 and Charlevoix with 132 who came in 5th out of 14 teams.

The boys team also met at the East Jordan Invitational.

"The team had a great race, placing fifth out of 14 schools while resting four varsity runners," said boys track coach Ken Plude. "On top of that the junior varsity team would have placed 7th in the varsity race as well."

Jacob Wimmer lead Charlevoix's varsity team in 11th place with a time of 17:23. Wimmer was followed by Nick Wimmer in 22nd with 18:09; Dustin Arp in 24th with 18:18; Alex Buday in 31st with 18:41; Nate Sotuyo in 37th with 19:09; Chuck Mason in 39th with 19:15 and Nate Gilmore in 45th with 19:34.

Jacob Hunt lead the junior varsity race with a time of 18:13. He was followed by Sam Balasz with 19:21; Ryan Graham with 19:23; Logan Stachler with 20:37; Logan Nuttall with 20:49; Rob Shutler with 21:18; Ted Dilworth with 22:26; Steve Gelderblom with 22:28; Mike McDonough with 24:41 and Logan Smith with 19:23.

On Sept. 10 Charlevoix held the annual Classic Mud Run Invitational.

"We had a solid team performance today," said coach Mary. "Lindi and Brittney ran strong and smart races."

She added, "For the eleventh and twelfth pack to be only 26 seconds apart is excellent. Now we can work on picking up the tempo."

The eleventh and twelfth grade race was lead by Lindi Edger in 3rd place with a time of 21:46 and Brittney Lamb in 5th place with a time of 22:05. They were followed by: Caitlin Taylor in 24th with 24:02; Bradley in 25th with 24:08; Mia Matchett in 26th with 24:09; Emily Westenbrock in 29th with 24:20; Kuebler in 31st with 24:28; Jennifer Rich in 74th with 28:28; Dupuis in 76th with 28:35; Michelle Lemond in 85th with 31:04 and Shull in 86th with 31:11.

Top finishers in the 9th and 10th grade race were: Novotny in 28th place with a time of 25:15; Goss in 33rd with 25:27; Kristina Alden in 47th with 26:57; Nuttall in 62nd with 29:28.

Overall team standings were: Gaylord with a time of 1:48:46; Troy Athens with 1:49:02; East Jordan with 1:52:44; Charlevoix with 1:56:10 who came in 4th out of 16 teams.

The boys ninth through twelfth grades also raced the Mud Run.

"Last year our team ran a combined time of 1:34:15 with everybody running. This year we ran faster as a team without our number tow and three runners running. This year's time was 1:34:13," said coach Ken.

Ken said his team will keep working hard and following their plan as they head into Ludington.

Eleventh and twelfth grade race was lead by Brandon Stevens in 6th place with a time of 18:17. He was followed by Zach Scharenbrach in 11th with 18:55; Isaac Matchett in 14th with 19:02; Sotuyo in 16th with 19:09; Arp in 18th with 19:27; Mason in 23rd with 19:35; Joe Graham in 32nd with 20:32; Gilmore in 33rd with 20:36; Shutler in 55th with 22:47 and Dilworth in 62nd with 23:28.

The ninth and tenth grade race was lead by Wimmer in 5th place with a time of 18:51. He was followed by Buday in 8th place with a time of 19:08; Hunt in 9th with a time of 19:29; Balasz in 15th with 20:17; Stachler in 48th with 22:43; Nuttall in 55th with 23:36; Calvin Towsley in 59th with 23:59; Gelderblom in 65th with 25:13; McDonough in 76th with 27:52 and Smith in 77th with 37:37.

Coach Ken said, "The boy's team had an outstanding week of running considering our injuries."

"We've had as many as five junior varsity runners contribute their best performances while filling in for our injured varsity members," he added.

The teams' next meet will take place at 9:45 a.m. Sept. 17 at the Ludington Invitational.

Rayder golf place second at Belvedere

Charlevoix's varsity and junior varsity golf teams improved their overall scores at recent matches.

The junior varsity golf match took place Sept. 6 on the Moor course at Boyne Highlands.

The Rayders junior varsity took second place with a score of 176 behind Traverse City. St. Francis, Zack Lake tied for medalist with a score of 39.

"The team played very well," said Rayders' golf coach Jim Glynn.

The varsity golf team played Sept. 7 at the Belvedere Golf Club. Eight teams competed in a Lake Michigan Conference match under cloudy skies.

Traverse City St. Francis shot a 159 while the Rayders came in second with a score of 169.

According to Glynn, this was his team's best showing yet this season.

"The hard work is paying off," he said.

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In Memory

Warren "Jeep" Belding

February 12, 1947 - September 11, 2004

Thank you, Warren!

Thank you for your friendship to Topper and to my family. My children will miss our annual Florida get-togethers. They will always treasure your shells and the dolls you made for them. We all miss your wit and wisdom. We were so sad to lose you, but we find comfort in knowing that Topper is delighted to have you back at his side. We know he was waiting to welcome you. As someone wrote to me when Topper died, "Heaven needs rascals, too!" Thanks for all the memories! We love you.

Nina (Carey) Merten, Steve, Christopher and Cassidy

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collectpr attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 12, 2001, by Joseph R. Breidenstein Jr., a single man, as mortgagor, to First Community Bank, as mortgagee, and recorded on November 19, 2001, at Liber 444, Page 235, Charlevoix County Records; and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having matured and become fully due and payable in accordance with the provisions contained in said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $126,484.96 principal, $6,664.19 interest, and $969.19 late fees; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, September 23, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West; Also that part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 9, Town 33 North, Range 5 West, lying easterly of the easterly line of highway US-131.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with interest at the default and post maturity rate of 25.00% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums that may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from date of sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with Michigan Compiled Law 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: August 17, 2005

First Community Bank
Mortgagee
200 E. Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450, Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

2ND CORRECTED NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Steven C Kehrer and Ameda L. Kehrer, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc., a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated July 24, 2003 and recorded July 30, 2003 in Liber 559 Page 473. Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents ($277,314.99) including interest 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, September 23, 2005. Said premises are situated in Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel A: Beginning at the West quarter corner of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence South 89 degrees 05 minutes 20 seconds East along the East and West quarter line of said section 202.00 feet; thence South 20 degrees 26 minutes 12 seconds East 687.58 feet; thence South 27 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 267.00 feet to the Northwesterly right of way line of Old US 31 Highway; thence continuing South 27 degrees 04 minutes 50 seconds East 33.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence South 62 degrees 55 minutes 10 seconds West 582.09 feet; thence continuing along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the left 81.19 feet (radius of said curve is 818.15 feet, the central angle is 5 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds and the chord bears South 60 degrees 04 minutes 40 seconds West 81.16 feet) to the West line of said section; thence North 0 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds East 38.24 feet along said section line to said northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 0 degrees 28 minutes 10 seconds East 1181.89 feet along said section line to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 10, Town 34 North, Range 7 West. Commonly known as 08855 Old Us 31 North, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: AUGUST 11, 2005 Mortgage Elec-tronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Homecomings Financial Network, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-37535 ASAP716973
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott R. Carlston and Tammy Jo Carlston, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated January 26, 2004 and recorded March 2, 2004 in Liber 600, Page 802, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. by assignment submitted to and recorded by the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of One Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 98/100 Dollars ($103,960.98) including interest at the rate of 7.88% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on September 23, 2005. The premises are located in the City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 174, Block V, Nicholl's & Morgan's Second Addition to South Boyne, City of Boyne City according to the recorded plat thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: August 24, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 207.2493 ASAP717899
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated February 2, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on February 11, 2004, in Liber 597, Pages 630 through 632 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $203,059.76 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City

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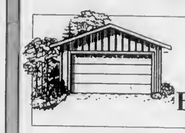

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of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 13 AND part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section 24, all in Town 33 North, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 1: Lot 52, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 2: Lot 92, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along the South line of said Section 200.85 feet for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 13.

PARCEL 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet) thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet; thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO.2: thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East, 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.

PARCEL 6: That part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 1, according the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

PARCEL 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, SPRINGBROOK HILLS NO. 2 as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is one year from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

Heather S. Frick (P67958)
Attorneys for Mortgagees
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Melrose-Chandler Water, L.L.C, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated November 13, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on November 17, 2003, in Liber 585, Pages 014 through 015 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $78,886.96 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of three (3%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lot "113", Springbrook Hills #2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE ON FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Walloon Winds Community LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt, husband and wife, dated August 11, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan on August 16, 2004, in Liber 631, Pages 948 through 949 of Charlevoix County Records. As of the date of this Notice, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage for principal, interest and late charges the sum of $64,269.04 and no proceedings at law are pending to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at a public auction to the highest bidder in the lobby of the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Friday, September 23, 2005 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest which will accrue thereon at the rate of seven (7%) percent per annum, fees and costs, attorney fees as provided by law and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagees should pay on or prior to the date of said sale, said premises being situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Lots "138", "139" and "140", Springbrook Hills #2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

The redemption period, as made and provided by statute, is six (6) months from the date of such sale.

BARRON & GOLSKI, P.L.C.

Dated: August 17, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedents Estate
FILE NO. 05-010813-DE

Estate of Elizabeth C. Palmer, Deceased

Date of birth: Dec 28, 1907

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Elizabeth C. Palmer, Deceased, who lived at 470 Palm Island SE. Florida died December 30, 1988.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Albert D. Cash, Jr., named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 8, 2005

Michael J. Corcoran P41254
203 Mason Street, P.O. Box 490
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-547-8990
Albert D. Cash, Jr.
1001 Tri-State Building,
432 Walnut Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-721-4550

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 05-010861-NC

In the matter of Jordan David Hardy

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including those whose address(es) are unknown and those whose interest in the matter my be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on September 21, 2005 at 2 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix MI 49720 before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition to Change Name filed by Amy Marie Barden requesting that the name of Jordan David Hardy (a minor) be changed to Jordan David Barden

Date September 2, 2005

Scott T. Beatty P24202
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 547-4059

Amy Marie Barden
526 N. Lake Street #5
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Medical incident classes

Two courses offered by Charlevoix Area Hospital can help participants handle unexpected medical incidents with knowledge, skill, and confidence.

A Basic First Aid class will be scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, in Classroom B on the hospital's lower level. The class will provide information on a number of topics - from how to treat minor cuts, sprains and lacerations to recognizing symptoms and stabilizing patients who may be having a stroke or heart attack. There is a $30 fee for the course to cover the cost of written materials.

An American Heart Association Basic Life Support instructor course will also be held at the hospital this month. The program is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1.

This life support course is designed to prepare health care professionals to become certified teachers and includes in-depth instruction in policies, procedures, and essential teaching methods. There is a $150 for this course.

Registration is required for both classes. To sign up, call Connie Roland, RN, Charlevoix Area Hospital Training Center Coordinator, at (231) 547-8570, or e-mail cpr@cah.org.

Blood drive

The next Charlevoix community blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Community Reformed Church.

Day of Caring

The Char-Em United Way in conjunction with local businesses are working on the 2nd Annual Day of Caring, scheduled to take place Sept. 15.

If you are interested in finding out how you can make a difference in your community by helping local non-profits with this project, call (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getiuvolved@harborind.com.

In conjunction with this project, Charlevoix High School students will be stationed at the recycling center located in the parking lot at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office from 9 to 11:30 a.m. assisting and sorting goods for residents dropping off their recycling.

Free gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free class "Dividing Perennials - Hands On Workshop," at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. Call (231) 599-2824 to register.

Pine Hill is located on US 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

Preservation society meetings

The Charlevoix County Historical Preservation Society is sponsoring a series of genealogy classes at the Boyne District Public Library.

All classes will be from 7-9 p.m. and the cost will be $10 for nonmembers and $7 for members. The instructor will be professional genealogist, Carol Goodenough.

The class schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 19 — "What Do I Do With All this Stuff?" or "Organizing Your Genealogical Research." This class helps the beginner or more advanced genealogist organize all the materials they have collected and find ways to keep it organized.

Tuesday, Sept. 27 — "Technology for Genealogists" or "Using a Computer, Choosing Software, and a Brief Introduction to the Internet for Family Historians." This class is for those ready to venture into the computer world of genealogy. It will make the participant comfortable with the advantages of the technical world for their research.

Retired federal employees meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Petoskey Friendship Center.

After lunch, Detective J. L. Sumpter from the Emmet County Sheriff's Office will speak about Frauds and Scams. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Retired school personnel meeting

The Charlevoix Chapter of retired school personnel will meet for a noon luncheon on Sept. 21 at the former Boyne City Middle School across from the public library.

The program Casa Materna, maternity homes in Peru, will be presented by Katie Madden.

Northern Lights

St. Mary School is proud to announce the 10th Annual Northern Lights Celebration dinner dance auction.

This year's event which will take place from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 22 in the St. Mary Parish Center.

Dinner will be catered by Grey Gables and music provided by Class Act Productions.

An Italian theme will be woven through the entire event being called "Little Italy."

A preview will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 21.

Reservations and donations are now being accepted.

Call the school for more information at (231) 547-9441. Tickets are $75 per person and includes all beverages.

Back country hike

North Country Trail member, Jerry Keency and Little Traverse Conservancy staff invite the public to hike from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, into the back country on two remote sites.

The discussion topics will be about how growth may affect the future of these trails and the wild places that surround them.

Total amount of trails covered will be no more than 5 miles.

Meet at 1 p.m. at the conservancy office located at 3264 Powell Road in Harbor Springs.

For more information, contact the conservancy at (231) 347-0991.

Story hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays.

Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays.

All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Gambler's Anonymous

Gambler's Anonymous, 12-Step meetings will take place at 1 p.m. Monday at Harbor Hall located at 520 N. Main #106, in Cheboygan.

For more information contact Bonnie at (231) 818-0992.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix.

Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers At-Work Program is forming at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church beginning in September.

Lunchtime meetings to accommodate work schedules.

For more information and to sign-up, call the church office at (231) 547-6430 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. weekdays.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Skatepark hours

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. Saturdays and closed Fridays, Sundays and holidays.

Also, it's closed if weather is inclement.

A waiver is required to be signed by a parent or guardian if under 18. The park is supervised.

Hurricane relief

Members of Charlevoix's church community will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 at Charlevoix's First Congregational Church at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue to discuss bringing families displaced by Hurricane Katrina, to Charlevoix. For more information, contact Barb Clagett at (231) 547-7444.

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SCRAPBOOK

Names and faces from the 1940 directory

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

When I wrote my August article, I inadvertently omitted several people that I had written about. I remember writing the stories, but somehow, they were erased. That portion is as follows:

Edna and Grace Meggison were teachers who lived at 202 Mason Street. Hattie Meggison was a widow (James E.) and lived at 217 Antrim Street. Clarence Meggison and his wife, Sadie, lived at 207 Stover Road. He was a representative, along with Herbert Wilson, for the Oldsmobile Motor Car Sales located at 107 Antrim Street. He was also supervisor for the third ward. In later years, he was elected State Representative for our area. I remember him well, as he came to my grandparents home in the Charlevoix County Jail, when my grandfather was sheriff. Many of the courthouse fellows came there regularly for coffee. Clarence was a go-getter, and an excellent representative for us. Their children were Frances, Donald, Eleanor, Beth and Nancy Faye.

Lowell Merica and wife, Julia, lived at 218 Bridge Street. She was the daughter of George and Mary Maud Glados, who owned the Sugar Bowl Cafe. Their children were triplets, Judy, Jana and Jara.

Frank Metcalf and wife Annie lived at 221 Park Avenue, where the "House on the Hill" was located. Annie ran the bed and breakfast. George Metcalf and Susannah Metcalf also lived there.

William and Ethel Meyers lived at 103 Antrim Street. He owned Meyers Service, a Buick and Pontiac Sales and Service located at 107 Antrim Street. Billie, their daughter, a clerk, also lived there. She later married Ira (Perry) Smith.

Lois Meyers was a nurse at Charlevoix Hospital, and lived at 311 West Hurlbut. There was a restaurant called The Midget, at 307 Bridge Street, and Mary J. Snyder was the manager. The above was the part eliminated from my August article.

Miley Miller and his wife, Laura, lived at 218 Antrim Street. He was a painter. Their children were David, Willis and Marilyn. Robert, another son, was a lineman for Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and also lived at 218 Antrim Street.

Earl E. Miller and wife, Margaret, lived at 306 Clinton Street. He was a rural mail carrier. Their daughter, Marjorie, a student, also lived there.

Theodore LeRoy Miller and wife, Mary, lived at 202 West Lincoln. He was a potato chip manufacturer. Mary Miller was a widow, (John C.), and also lived there.

Floranz Milner was a junior high school teacher. Frances M. Milner was a second grade teacher. They lived at 300 Clinton Street with their mother, Susan, a widow (Thomas). I had both Floranz and Frances as teachers. Floranz was the librarian at the Charlevoix Public Library in later years. Frances was a good friend of my Aunt Dorothy McRae, who was a kindergarten teacher at the time.

Frank Mindel and wife, Arlene, lived at 209 Ferry Avenue. Their children were William and Joyce.

Robert Mitchell and his wife, Myrtle, lived at 809 State Street. He sold sand and gravel, and loaded thousands of wagon loads of sand by hand with a hand shovel. Dale remembers, as a boy, that Bob would take his horse and wagon down over the hill on Park Avenue to get the sand from the beach. This was across the street from Jack and June Cross' home at 700 Park Avenue. Bob would go down to Lake Michigan Beach through a ravine, and load sand into the horse drawn wagon by hand. There was a 24-inch tile in the ground there, with a beautiful spring bubbling out of the earth. Dale remembers Bob laying on his stomach near the shore, and drinking directly out of the spring. Dale said you could see the spring when you went down the hill by the hospital, if you looked to the right. It's gone now. Bob would load sand onto the wagon, a shovel at a time. The wagon had 2 by 4's on the bottom of it, so that when he had to unload the sand at someone's home, he would tip the 2 by 4's at the back edge, and the sand would fall into a pile. The neighbor kids would jump on the back of his wagon and ride to wherever he delivered it. Bob and Myrtle's daughter, Arletta, later worked at Central Drug Store. I worked with her in 1950 and 1951. She was married to Bill Bergmann.

John Mol and wife, Emma, lived at 1214 State Street. He worked for R.R. Bonthron Heating, located at 104 Bridge Street. In later years, John owned his own plumbing business. Their children were Jack R. and J. Gordon.

Elizabeth Moon owned the Palace Theatre at 220-222 Bridge Street. She lived in Petoskey. Allie Moore and wife, Elva, lived at 302 Alice. He was a world champion skater, and performed for the King of England. He performed here many times, jumping barrels on the gym floor. He had a big sail boat, which Earl Young later pulled up on shore at Boulder Park. It was parked opposite the first stone gate, for many years. The kids of Charlevoix played on it and carved their initials all over it.

Joseph and Louise Moore lived at 402 Antrim Street. He was a court attendant, and their son was Herbert. I remember when Herb came home from World War II. He ran a bakery delivery service around town. We kids were thrilled when he came by in his truck, loaded with scrumptious baked goods. My favorite was chocolate upside down cupcakes filled with luscious white cream.

I am grateful to the man who compiled the wonderful 1940 Charlevoix Directory. I have gone through it many times since I was a small girl, and trust you, too, are enjoying reminiscing about old friend and relatives living here at that time.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Arthur Kirk jailed, bond set at $100,000

KIRK

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the rabbit off.

The pet was dropped off at around 3 p.m. at which time Kirk said the unexpected trip would take him to Denmark.

"I realized right away who this person is and thought it was strange that he would be leaving the country when he has charges pending," Whitley wrote in her statement for the sheriff's office.

In between Kirk's call and drop off that day Whitley contacted lieutenant Donald Sproul with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office and Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema.

The agencies were called again once Kirk arrived at around 3 p.m. He and Whitley discussed the trip to Europe he said he was planning.

"He seemed very genuine in his conversation," Whitley wrote.

After he left the shelter, law enforcement was called again.

Jarema said the information Tate and Whitley shared with him is of interest to local law enforcement agencies as Kirk's bond conditions stipulate that he is not to leave the country.

Lieutenant Sproul contacted Kirk's bonding company at which time his bond was revoked and he landed back in jail.

In the meantime, Jarema called an emergency bond hearing which took place before Charlevoix County District Court Judge Richard May. Bond was reset at $100,000.

Kirk was scheduled to attend a preliminary hearing at 2:45 p.m. Sept. 13 in Charlevoix County District Court. Kirk, 70, of Charlevoix Township, was arrested in early August and is now facing charges that include making a false statement on a pistol permit, felony possession of a weapon and three counts of perjury.

It was discovered that Kirk had been using an alias and has a criminal history, including several criminal sexual conduct convictions from 1978 and 1981, under the name Arthur Heilberg Kirkeby.

Fingerprints determined that Kirk is Kirkeby.

At the time of his arrest he was a contract worker coordinating volunteer operations for AmeriCorps through the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

In 2000 and 2001 he was an AmeriCorps volunteer at Charlevoix Middle School and in 2002 and 2003 was a counselor at Camp Daggett. Investigations are underway at the school and camp to review any interaction he may have had with students.

Results from the preliminary hearing were not available by press time.

Flopsy was adopted on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Rayders face Red Devils Sept. 15

BASKETBALL

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(than against Frankfort)," Haske noted.

Ramsey scored 12 points to pace the Rayders. Shannon Dibble tallied 10 points. Pearson had nine points and seven rebounds.

Nitchman dished out six assists and had three steals. Stevie Murray swiped four steals.

Charlevoix ran into another tough opponent in Cheboygan, according to Haske.

Laura Nitchman

"They will go 20-0 and be one of the top five teams in Class B before this season is over," Haske predicted. "It was really an excellent game (between Charlevoix and Cheboygan). It was back and forth the whole game."

The score was tied 48-48 with a minute and a half to go and the Rayders had their opportunities to win but couldn't capitalize.

Nitchman showed why she was an honorable mention all-stater last season with an excellent all-around game, tallying 15 points, five rebounds, six assists and seven steals.

Haske said Nitchman did all of that "playing one-handed" as she injured her left hand in a fall during practice.

Dibble scored 11 points, including three three-pointers in the fourth quarter to keep Charlevoix in the game. Pearson had eight points and nine rebounds. Ashley Bradley had six rebounds.

Charlevoix (1-2) played at Ellsworth on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Results were unavailable at press time. The Rayders open Lake Michigan Conference play at East Jordan on Thursday, Sept. 15.

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Ushering out one of hottest summers

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Beaches were packed throughout the summer and into Septmeber with residents and visitors seeking a cool repreive from what National Weather Service officials are calling one of the hottest summers on record.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

This year's average temperatures marked the second hottest summer in Charlevoix in the 114 years weather has been recorded in this area.

According to James Keysor, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Gaylord, Charlevoix had it's ninth hottest summer as far as high temperatures go, but the county ranks number two when the highs and lows are averaged together.

"Number nine is pretty impressive when you're dealing with a record that old," he said. "That number places it in some elite company."

But, Keysor added, the number two ranking is more accurate.

"That's the most comprehensive way to look at it. It demonstrates how extreme things were in regard to heat," Keysor said. "Sometimes nighttime lows are warmer than normal and when you look at averages for both high and low it might better show how the summer felt for people."

According to information compiled by representatives of the National Weather Service, summer 2005 was among the top 10 hottest on record across northern Michigan with nearly two-thirds of the days from June 1 to Aug. 31 recording above normal temperatures.

Charlevoix has a good database of precipitation and temperatures dating back to 1891, Keysor

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Surprise visitor graces Rotary Club meeting

Louisiana governor, Dr. Fortino attends

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A name on the political who's who list and a Hurricane Katrina refugee unexpectedly attended the local Rotary Club's regularly scheduled Thursday morning meeting.

District Governor Elect for 2006-2007, Dr. James Michael Fortino, attended the club's Sept. 16 meeting at Flap Jack Family Restaurant in Charlevoix.

While the politically savvy typically are part of the membership of non-profit clubs like Rotary, Fortino is anything but local.

He is the district governor elect for district 6840, which covers southern Louisiana, including New Orleans, and the State of Mississippi.

According to his son, John Fortino of Houston, Texas, his father is staying in the Charlevoix area pending the all's clear at his Mississippi home which he evacuated in late August as Hurricane Katrina bowled over the area.

"It looks like a war zone here," John said.

Dr. Fortino, a devout Rotarian who keeps his promise of attending weekly meetings, looked up the local chapter and joined the Charlevoix crew for breakfast.

"It was pretty neat, I never know who will show up for a meeting," Charlevoix Rotary Club president, John Jarema, said.

Jarema added that the club's weekly speaker, Bill Blackburn, the service delivery coordinator from the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, was a perfect fit for Dr. Fortino's token visit.

Blackburn attended the meeting to wrap up a week-long fundraising drive for Hurricane Katrina victims. Dr. Fortino, along with Blackburn, accepted a check for $3,950 to be directed to victims of the hurricane. The money was collected by Rotarians and community members.

At this time Don Strand, an Oregon based inspector with FEMA, is staying at Dr. Fortino's Mississippi home.

"The house is centrally located. It has electricity and phone lines. It's a typical mess out there. I'll be inspecting homes for damage," Strand said.

Dr. Fortino could not be reached for further comment.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Rotary Club President, John Jarema, hands a check for nearly $4,000 to Bill Blackburn (far right) service delivery coordinator with the Northern-lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross which the club raised. District Governor Elect, Dr. James Michael Fortino (center), attended the club's Sept. 16 meeting at Flap Jack Family Restaurant in Charlevoix.

SEP 2005

On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Christina Marie Idolski, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work, attend Zero Tolerance class; $100 in fines and costs.

Cory Lee Cotton, 18, Lapeer. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work, attend Zero Tolerance class; $100 in fines and costs.

Tessa Jean McClanaghan, 17, Charlevoix. Operator no license/multiple licenses. $200 in fines and costs.

Juli Ann Laurie, 37, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended. Serve 10 days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Richard Jay Davidson, 56, Fenton. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; 10-month suspension of boating privileges; $730 in fines and costs.

Salvador Caballero, 24, Kalamazoo. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Phyllis Jean McWatters, 28, East Jordan. Five counts insufficient funds in checking account less than $100. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for four days, 89 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to have a checking account; $1,727 in fines and costs.

Phyllis Jean McWatters, 28, East Jordan. Driving while under the influence of alcohol with occupant less than 16 (child endangerment). Serve 365 days in jail with credit for two days, serve 23 days, 310 days held in abeyance, 30 days community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; $1,430 in fines and costs.

Ryan Walker Newton, 29, Central Lake. Driving while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days on electronic monitor, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Kevin Louis Whisler, 21, East Jordan. No operator's license on person. Serve 25 days in jail; $550 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Justin William Whisler, 22, Central Lake. Controlled substance delivery/manufacture marijuana; controlled substance/possession methamphetamine/Ecstacy; habitual offender second offense. Minimum sentence of 36 months to a maximum of 21 years in prison with credit for two days; $285 in fines and costs.

Darrell Djuan Couch, 22, Whittaker. Controlled substance possession of narcotic/cocaine less than 25 grams; Controlled substance delivery/manufacture narcotic/cocaine less than 50 grams. Minimum sentence of 28 months to a maximum of 24 years in prison with credit for 14 days; $180 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Tammy Croy McMillian, 202 South Lake Ste, Suite L, Boyne City by Tammy Croy McMillian

Duke's Deli, 216 Bridge St., Charlevoix by Debbie Angermuller

North West Bookkeeping, 00361 Wilson Road South, Boyne City by Jane West

Mary Ann's Coney Island, 1530 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix by Mary Ann Hodack and Lisa Nicola

P-N-A's Flooring, 9196 Graham Rd., East Jordan by Paul Lester

ElectronicsLeader.com, 223 Bridge St., Charlevoix by Charles Maskaluk

T T & T Tom's Trash & Treasures, 02748 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix by Thomas W. Browe

R.A.M. Painting & Restoration, 9113 Graham Rd., East Jordan by Rudolph D. Medina

Schroeder Racing, 02860 Pleasant Valley Rd., Boyne City by Gregory A. Schroeder and Karen K. Schroeder

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jason Michael Rutyna, 24, Macomb, and Kelly Marie Sullivan, 23, Charlevoix

Todd William Olson, 38 and Leah Marie Dulaney, 25 both of Charlevoix

Stevens Wharton-Bickley, 52, Charlevoix and Rita Jean Bowditch, 38 of Delray Beach, Fla.

Zachary Charles Brown, 35 and Laura Anne Bottomley, 34 both of Charlevoix

Christian Mouriee Case, 20 and Jennifer Dawn Sanchez, 19 both of Charlevoix

Owen Matthew Welsh, 29 and Emily Alyce Murray, 26 both of East Jordan

Thomas C. Donnelly, 48 and Jeanne Kay Genson, 42 both of Boyne City

Michael Thomas Post, 23 and Valerie Ann Ball, 24 both of Chicago Ill.

Jeromy Paul Lopoer, 24 and Amanda Marie Jarema, 23 both of Boyne Falls

Patrick Steven Cosgrove, 37 and Colleen Murelle Burke, 36 both of Chicago Ill.

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Alexandra Harris vs. William Ballard Harris III

Misty Falting vs. Ryan Falting

Jeffrey Grice vs. Joline Grice

Thomas Lavanway vs. Karen Lavanway

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 13	88	70	.06
Sept. 14	83	66	.41
Sept. 15	69	52	T
Sept. 16	68	53	—
Sept. 17	70	54	—
Sept. 18	73	54	—
Sept. 19	78	55	—

Red, White & Music benefit set for Sept. 24

Red White & Music will present "An Evening of Singers and Songs" to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina on Saturday, Sept. 24 at Charlevoix High School.

All proceeds from the show will benefit the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Chris Martin, Dane Tollas, Tammy Sundelius, Amber Witthoeft, the "Trapped Family Singers" including Daniel, Betsy and Kathryn Sanchez, as well as guests to be announced.

The concert will be presented in surround sound.

Guests will be given an opportunity to tape greetings to the victims that will be edited into the concert footage.

Red White & Music is a partnership between The American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan and Pine River Productions, a small production company based in Charlevoix.

The concert will be recorded and videotaped and CDs and videos will be made available and sent to shelters to provide entertainment for the victims.

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Summer: Second for heat in past 114 years

SUMMER

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said. This year's ranking is for the months of June, July and August.

This season's weather patterns were not the result of an El Nino or El Nina.

"Right now we have neutral conditions in the Pacific (Ocean) meaning water temperatures are normal," he said. "This year was just a result of the pattern that developed across the Great Lakes."

Keysor said the pattern that caused the cooler than average summer last year and the hotter than average summer this year is dictated mainly be the jet stream.

"It's really the position of the jet stream, which is the dividing line that sends cooler air to north and warmer air to the south. Last year it dipped south of the Great Lakes so we got frequent cool air pushes out of Canada and this year it was farther north and the cooler Canadian air didn't come down as much as it did last year."

While last year was on the extreme side as far as temperatures go, Keysor said, "These things tend to even out over the years."

Northern Michigan wasn't the only area hit hard by the warmer weather.

"It was a hotter summer than usual for a large portion of the country," Keysor said.

He added, "But specifically the upper Midwest and into the Great Lakes where things are usually more mild."

The hottest summer on record in Michigan was in 1919 with an average of 70.3 degrees for June, July and August.

Keysor added, "The average this year was 69.4 degrees."

Keysor said the jet stream in combination with a high pressure system controlled temperatures across the Great Lakes region this summer which acted like a barrier to cold fronts resulting in higher humidity and higher temperatures.

And, as many people may have witnessed this summer, more humidity doesn't necessarily mean more rain.

Keysor said, "It's just one of those patterns that isn't certainly out of the normal. There are just some times where it's humid and dryer with regard to rainfall."

The severe humidity present this year was responsible for making already warm temperatures feel even warmer with heat indices in the upper 90s and even 100 degrees on several occasions.

According to Keysor, representatives the National Weather Service has already begun to forecast some general temperature outlooks for next season.

"The accuracy of this forecast that far out would not be much better than flipping a coin," Keysor said. "But they do actually create forecasts that go out that far."

The projections are more for the weather service to get an idea of possible high and low temperatures as opposed to people planning events around them.

"These are just above normal and below normal projections," Keysor said. "It looks like they are keeping the above normal temperatures in the southwestern states."

He added, "So based on that, it seems that temperatures might be returning to normal."

The warmer than average temperatures should continue through the fall, which has been the trend for the last few autumns on record, Keysor said.

"Then, things are looking to get back to normal for December and January," he added.

A garden party for princesses

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix Garden Club member Karen Campbell sits near a silent auction table at the Renaissance theme Michigan Garden Clubs District V fall meeting Sept. 14 at Castle Farms. Over 260 people attended the event which took place in Charlevoix for the first time. There are 29 clubs in District V spanning from Ludington to the Upper Peninsula to Cheboygan. Mahogany's at the Charlevoix Country Club catered the event.

Christmas choir group rehearsal

Rehearsals for the annual Charlevoix Area Community Christmas Choir, begin at 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2.

Presentation dates for the musical are at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11, at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, choir sponsor, located at the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

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Call for Wiesner's firing is lacking needed meat

EDITORIAL

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner inadvertently wrote a check to contractor CCMS when it should have gone to the contractor's insurance company United Fire and Casualty. Now some are calling for Wiesner's job.

We understand defending the loss of nearly a quarter of a million dollars is tantamount to social suicide, but even the private investigator in the Wiesner whoopsy daisy found miscommunication to be the fault.

We think Wiesner should be fired for a malefaction, not a mistake. This was a mistake. To do so would be less about hegemony and more about punishment.

Before the torches are lit for a modern day witch hunt, we think the blame should be placed on the culpable — CCMS owner, William Montgomery. We would like to think most companies wouldn't cash a $220,000 which didn't belong to them, but Montgomery did.

We don't have a business degree — but common sense dictates that the check was written while city treasurer Rick Brandi was on vacation. Even Brandi admits he didn't realize United was the party to be paid.

Those calling for Wiesner's job might first take a good long look at whether doing so would rid Charlevoix of a city manager who doesn't have the city's best interest in mind or if Wiesner simply makes for a convenient scapegoat.

The check was cashed nearly 18 months ago and the prosecutor in Mackinaw County has yet to file charges against Montgomery. If anything, the city should apply immense and relentless pressure on the Mackinaw County prosecutor — something which should have begun shortly after they realized the check was cashed. Montgomery's assets could be frozen in order to prevent him from liquidating his business and fleeing for Liechtenstein.

If people have issues with Wiesner's job performance they need to review it and, if necessary, take appropriate action.

We're not saying he shouldn't be reprimanded, that's up to city council. But, regardless of whether the city's insurance carrier does or does not reimburse Charlevoix for the slip-up or the prosecutor in Mackinaw finds Montgomery liable, we're pretty sure deposing Wiesner will not provide cent one to the city's coffers.

Mistakes were made. The taxpayers of Charlevoix were burned by an unscrupulous businessman— and it hurts. But, if someone wants to round up a posse for a theoretical lynching, they ought to head on up to Canada instead of city hall. C'mon, if a president can prosecute a war based on imaginary threats and get away with it, the least we can do is give our city manager of nearly 21 years a second chance.

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Making sense of the economic bubble theory

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

I will confess at the beginning that I do not understand the science of economics.

This would trouble me more if I believed anyone else understood it. Anything that has been called the Dismal Science for a century probably does not invite understanding. Even the operation of supply and demand often seem more like an excuse for price changes than a reason for them. Maybe that operation is mostly the expectation of supply and demand. But human expectation is hard or impossible to measure, and if it can't be measured how can it be called a part of science?

For a while I thought I understood the idea of an economic bubble, where people bid up the price of some economic good until it exceeds all reason. At which point the price plummets and those entering the market late lose their shirts or their retirement or their property.

We had an agricultural land price bubble in Iowa in the 1980's. The per-acre price of farm land rose rapidly, doubled and then doubled again over a few years. People said by way of explanation, "They aren't making any more land." Which statement seemed completely true to many investors. People brought farmland at prices that could not possibly be paid by farming it, but would result in handsome profits as long as the price continued to go up. Of course prices finally dropped dramatically and those who had purchased at high prices paid for their greed and folly.

Economic bubbles are identified frequently. We had the famous dot com bubble which lost a lot of people a lot of money, and we are currently warned of a housing price bubble. When economic bubbles will burst seems to be almost completely unpredictable. That bubbles will burst seems a certainty.

I am waiting for the bubble to burst on excessively high corporate executive compensation. It clearly cannot be sustained. Or can it?

I read recently of the CEO who had been compensated to the tune of nearly $1 billion dollars over the past 10 years. He had received as little as $13 million in a bad year and as much as $250 million in a good one. His compensation becomes a benchmark for other corporations looking to hire new exeeutives and so the bubble grows.

Is there a serious shortage of potential executives who would be willing to accept as little as $13 million a year? Aren't they making any more CEO's? It seems to me a classie economic bubble. When might we suppose that a corporate hoard will find a bright, energetic manager willing to head up the corporation for as little as $1 million per year? I am sure there is an abundance of such managers. Meanwhile, I do believe this bubble is an unnecessary cost to the whole economy.

But then, I don't understand economics. I continue to hope that someone does.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Mayors' photos

Editor:

The recent Courier article regarding Charlevoix's first mayor Harvey Iddings peaked the interest of a couple local natives. Arlene Staley, who was a city clerk for 7 years talked to several people who shared the same interest and curiosity. She began to gather past mayors names and pictures. I joined her and together we decided the project had great merit.

Arlene knew that during her service there were outstanding mayors. I, having served the city for 18 years as the summer recreation director, echoed her sentiments. Serving under mayors Jim Hiller, Pat Hawley, Bill Fotchman, Ed Hansen and Andy Essenberg, I realized that each served several terms and local controversies seemed to be at a minimum.

City manager, Mike Wiesner, endorsed the project and has pledged the records at city hall be available as the project moves along. With the new city hall, there is hope that there will be an appropriate place to display the names and pictures of past mayors. The Charlevoix Historical Society was contacted and director David Miles has offered their files for search and review. So the project is off to a good start.

Arlene is searching for a couple more volunteers to help in the project and will talk to people who may know of where pictures can be found or stories of Charlevoix's past mayors. She can he reached at (231) 547-2985.

Dean Davenport
Charlevoix

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'Thank you' for support

Editor:

I would like to thank those who came down to participate in the Hurricane Katrina Fund-raiser at The Beach House during the week of Sept. 3-9. Through your generous donations, $500 was sent to the Petoskey Chapter of the American Red Cross ear-marked for hurricane relief victims.

I would like to thank, in particular the two young ladies who worked for me all summer, Amy Waldron generously donated all of her tips throughout the fund-raiser and Lisa Russell donated all of her wages.

Special Thanks also to Ryan Celaschi for his donation of time, Ed and Jamie Bogart, Deb Nuttall, Judy Russell and family and most of all, Jack Russell.

Anne Russell
Charlevoix

Students care

Editor:

Let me tell you about all the smiling faces in our parking lot today, Thursday Sept. 15. Thanks to our Charlevoix High School students participating in the Second Annual Day of Caring, who volunteered to wash and clean cars of residents at Pine River Place.

The nice, young ladies and gentlemen came to Pine River Place and washed the inside and outside of the cars. They did a thorough joh and were smiling too.

Others received various kind deeds all over Charlevoix.

We thank you kindly.
Shirlee Koerber
Pine River Place
Charlevoix

Hospice update

Editor:

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay has embarked on our biggest community project yet with the development of a new hospice house. We have been working on this project for quite some time and finally have a chance to make this dream a reality. This is a project that relies heavily on community support for it's success and we are fortunate to be over halfway to our goal.

I am particularly aware, during this time of fund-raising, of the businesses and individuals in our communities who consistently come to the forefront of almost every nonprofit donor list. Almost daily these wonderful people are asked for cash or in-kind contributions of one kind or another and willingly oblige as many groups as their budgets will allow. From the community foundations, to school groups, the arts center, hospital and women's center, and other civic organizations, our community has been behind us. It is hard to know just what to say and/or do to thank my fellow community members for their confidence, trust and support — because it is with your help that we all succeed in caring for the needs of our friends and neighbors.

So, this is my public thanks. To those who support our auctions, dinners, mailings and special requests. To those who give of their time and professional support to make our events happen. To those who attend our events and share your passion for our mission.

Thank you for making this a great community in which to live and work.

Lisa Ashley
Program Director
Hospice of Little Traverse Bay

Congregations donate to pantry

Editor:

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry would like to acknowledge the churches in our area who donated items to the pantry in July.

They are the Community Church of God; Ironton Congregational Church; Barnard United Methodist; Christ Episcopal; Norwood United Methodist; Community Reformed; Greensky Hill Methodist, Charlevoix United Methodist, and St. Mary's.

We thank these congregations for their faithfulness and generosity in helping out the local food pantry. What a wonderful ecumenical endeavor to share in helping the needy and feeding the hungry.

Sue Dixon
President, Charlevoix Community Food Pantry Board

Student recyclers commended

Editor:

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee would like to give a special thanks to all those that participated in the "Day of Caring" Sept. 15. A special thanks goes out to Gayle Cherry from Charlevoix High School with organizing the group of students helping out at the Charlevoix recycling site. The following students are Kim Rosen, Kayla Gelderblom, Logan Nuttall, Michael Sayward, Darren Munson, Daniel Elliott, Ray Kerr, Billy Roloff also including teachers Ms. Keller and Mr. Kratky.

The Charlevoix Recycling Committee shared a booth with Emmet County at the Charlevoix Emmet County Fair two weeks ago promoting proper ways for recycling. Special thanks to Paul Howard for his time and energy helping keep the Charlevoix Recycling site clean and organized this past month. His involvement has been deeply appreciated.

Shirley Roloff
Chairman, Recycling Committee
Charlevoix

Toys for children

Editor:

I have a plan to help the children who are victims of the hurricane and are now calling a shelter their temporary home.

I want to send teddy bears, beanie babies and stuffed animals to the children residing in these shelters. Money can buy them food and clothing, but it really doesn't mean anything to young children. Teddy bears do mean a lot to children — they give them comfort, warmth, softness to cuddle and something to make them feel safe.

I want to give these feelings of comfort and hope to these children. Collecting them will be the easiest part. I will sit with boxes at the home games of both the boys' football team and the girls' basketball team. There may also be boxes sitting in the offices at Charlevoix high, middle and elementary schools as well as Concord and St. Mary's.

People can bring teddy bears, beanie babies or stuffed animals, in good shape and clean, to donate to the children. Then comes the hardest part. I don't really know how to get these items down to a shelter, and I can't pay for all the shipping cost. Do you know anyone I can contact that can help me with getting the bears down to the children? If at all possible, I would really appreciate your help and the communities help with my quest. You can contact me at (231)487-1832.

Thank you for your time and I would really be thankful to hear back from you and anyone else that can help me.

Chelsea Nemchak
Charlevoix

Club cares

Editor:

I wanted to write and let people know how much of a blessing the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club has been to the young people at our church.

In May of this year we held a small rifle and archery competition between several churches across northern and upper Michigan. The Rod and Gun Club graciously allowed us to use their facilities and many of their staff were on hand to help host the competition. The staff was extremely helpful, kind and patient in dealing with the many children that were present. The ranges were very good and from all the young people and adults that I talked to they had a great time and are looking forward to the competition this year.

I would like to really encourage people in the community to support the club because it is a great way for our young people to enjoy the outdoors and teach them respect and responsibility.

I would also like to thank our preacher Pastor James Green for caring so much for the young people in our community. I would also like to thank Steve Fuller and Aaron Kilmer for all the time and energy they put into a great competition.

Once again, "thank you" Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club for your kindness and caring for our young people.

Russell Morgan
Assistant Pastor
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Engagement

Cunningham — Mikulski

Jacqueline DeFond, Charles DeFond and the late Sherry DeFond of Cheyenne Wyo. along with Dean and Nancy Mikulski of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their children Andrea Cunningham and Christopher Mikulski.

The bride-elect is a graduate of East High in Cheyenne, Wyo. and is employed at Charlevoix Area Hospital as a surgical care coordinator.

Her fiancé earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Technology from Michigan Tech and is employed at Charlevoix Design as an optical design engineer.

Andrea and Christopher are planning a Nov. 5 wedding at Stafford's Bay View Inn in Petoskey.

Local teen named grand champion at horse show

Courtesy photo

Jessica Bills, 13, of Charlevoix was named the 4H Grand Champion in Trail at the Michigan State 4H horse show held on Aug. 14 at Michigan State University.

In the 13-year-old division, she won the trail class, as well as the English equitation class and placed fifth in western horsemanship. She went on to place fourth runner-up in the state for English equitation in the championship class and won Grand Champion for the state in trail.

The show had about 500 horses from all over Michigan. Her horse, Caan Lope, barn name "Joe," is an 8-year-old, bay, Quarter Horse, gelding. Her dad is commander Keith Bills, Captain of the local United States Coast Guard cutter ACACIA.

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Circle of Strength hosts fall fashion show and luncheon

In recognition of September being Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and October Breast Cancer Awareness month, the cancer resource group "Circle of Strength" at Charlevoix Area Hospital will present the 2nd Annual Circle Of Strength Fashion Show.

Come see the fall fashions from some of our local clothing merchants at the Oct. 8 luncheon and fashion show.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with mini workshops and will run until 2 p.m. at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. Participant cost is $18. Lunch will be served at noon.

One of the workshops will be led by Kayla Eggers, an 11-year-old girl, who teaches participants ages 5 to 90 how to make "friendship bracelets."

Funds raised at this event will go to the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation and the Charlevoix Public Library.

Circle of Strength provides assistance to individuals and families coping with a cancer diagnosis providing resources, education, support and computer research training among other services.

Tickets are available by calling the Circle of Strength office at (231) 547-8950, Dee Vincent with the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation at (231) 547-9339 or at the following participating stores — Trademark, Charlevoix Floral, The Clothing Company and Shop of the Gulls.

Please join us, in celebrating "survivorship" with the majority of the fashion show models who are cancer survivors.

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Local 22nd Annual CROP Walk to take place Oct. 1

On Saturday morning, Oct. 1, CROP Walkers will gather in Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan and set out on the 22nd Annual Charlevoix County CROP Walk.

Last year's walk raised $14,614.

Walkers receive an official sponsor record envelope and fill it with donations from sponsors and then participate in about a six mile walk from town to the Ironton Congregational Church.

This year the East Jordan Rotary Club is serving the post-walk light lunch of hot dog, apple and beverage to walkers.

The event is aimed at fighting hunger in Charlevoix County and around the world. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised by the walkers is returned to be divided evenly among the food pantries in the three cities.

The other 75 percent, less administrative and promotion costs, goes to Church World Service hunger fighting projects worldwide.

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The Church World Service group also assisted in the recent disaster relief effort following Hurricane Katrina.

According to representatives of Church World Service, "The reason Church World Service is able to make such a swift and effective response to this disaster (within hours) is in large part because of the on-going support raised by communities across this nation through CROP Walk."

For more information, or to register, call John Young at (231) 547-2042. To donate, send a check payable to CWS/CROP to Rex Judkins, c/o Linda's Real Estate Service, 112 S. Park, Boyne City, 49712.

Moms and Tots benefit banquet

The Fifth Annual Benefit Banquet for the Moms & Tots Pregnancy Resource Center is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church Hall.

The center serves the needs of pregnant girls and single mothers in southern Charlevoix and northern Antrim County.

A feast including homemade pies will be served followed by an enjoyable and informative program including music and testimonies. Everyone interested in the center's ministry is invited. The banquet is free of charge. A free-will offering will be received.

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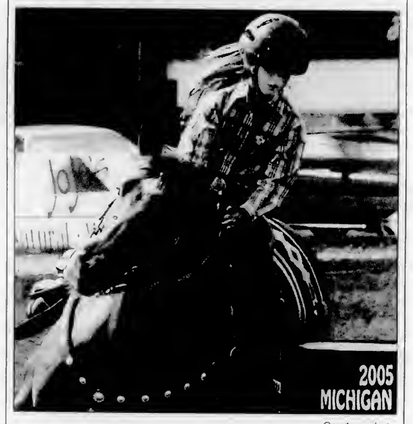

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Obituaries

Marguerite Teter: Feb. 24, 1911 - Sept. 10, 2005

Marguerite McDonough Teter, 94, of Sarasota, Fla. died Sept. 10, 2005.

She was born Feb. 24, 1911, in Beaver Island and came to Sarasota, Fla. in 1970 from Lake Forest, Ill. She retired as director of nursing in Plymouth Place, Ill. She graduated from Mercy School of Nursing in Muskegon. She was a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles; parents Sylvester and Mary McDonough; sisters Roberta and Nellie; brothers Lloyd, Bruce and Bob.

She is survived by her brother Lawrence (Wini) of Beaver Island; a step-daughter, Lucia Kerr of Avon, N.Y.; a stepson, Charles of California; and step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in Beaver Island.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Howard Fox: April 11, 1922 - Sept. 13, 2005

Howard J. Fox, 83, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Mass of the Resurrection was at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Dennis Stillwell officiated and burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Howard was born April 11, 1922, in Chicago, Ill. On May 24, 1941, he married the former Mary Ciaverella in Highland Park. He served with the U.S. Navy Seabees, on the Marshall Islands during W.W.II.

Upon his return from the war, Howard and Mary made their home in the Detroit metropolitan area where they owned and operated a grocery store. Howard retired as a Tool & Die Maker from S&F Tool & Die, which he owned.

In 1991, they made their home in Charlevoix. Mary preceded Howard in death on Nov. 19, 2000.

Howard was a member of Saint Mary's Church, and Knights of Columbus, Pierre 'de Charlevoix Council #7102.

He is survived by his children, Bonnie (Bob) Lenhart of Charlevoix, Howard (Elaine) Fox of New Baltimore, Lori (Rick) Zysek of Solon, Ohio, Jeri (Bob) Brand of Beverly Hills; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Michigan Chapter, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

Rudolph "Rudy" Passehl: Nov. 26, 1940 - Sept. 18, 2005

Rudolph (Rudy) Passehl, 54, died on Sept. 18, 2005 after an extended illness.

He was born on Nov. 26, 1940 in Wausau, Wis. and moved to Joliet Ill. in 1943. Rudy graduated from Joliet Township High School. He attended Joliet Junior College and The University of Illinois, where he majored in business management and marketing.

Rudy served as Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965. He was stationed in the Far East and Europe.

He was then employed by R.O.W. Window Co. as a manufacturing representative, at Muench Millwork as a general manager and at Demert and Dougherty Inc. as a production manager.

He married JoAnn Fazio on July 13, 1968. He had four children Robert (Janice) Passehl, David (Dawn) Passehl, Mary (Michael) Rauso and Kurt Passehl. He was also the proud grandfather of six grandchildren.

In 1996 Rudy moved from Joliet, Ill. to Charlevoix, where he served on the Banks Township Planning Commission, the Banks Township Zoning Board of Appeals and on the Antrim Dells Homeowner's Association Board of Directors. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7172 and a member of the American Legion Post 226 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1153.

Rudy is survived by his wife JoAnn, as well as his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his brothers, Ronald (Janet) and Roger (Ann) Passehl, his brothers-in law Anthony (Grace) Fazio and Edward Vranich and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by parents Rudolph J. and Doris B. Passehl.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions to St. Mary's School in Charlevoix or Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The family was served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Bi-county health summit to take place Friday, Sept. 23

Hollie Davidson

The Human Services Coordinating Body of Charlevoix and Emmet counties is facilitating the 11th Annual Human Services Information Summit on Friday, Sept. 23 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs.

The summit is designed to help local individuals becomc more informed of the many services offered by health and human service organizations in the two-county area.

Health and human service professionals, paraprofessionals, volunteers, community leaders, community members, governmental officials and school staff are invited to attend.

Hollie Davidson will provide the keynote address, which will focus on her expcriences navigating the human services system as she found and used services for her family from a variety of agencies.

The human services body will also be celebrating both an individual and an organization which has excelled in providing outstanding services to individuals and families, by presenting the Community Partner Award and the Community Champion Award.

Over 30 agencies will be sharing information about their services and programs through breakout sessions.

Concurrently, throughout the morning, a resourec fair will take place with community groups and organizations hosting tables with information regarding their local services.

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m.

For more information, call Pat Fralick at Northwest Michigan Community Health Ageney at (231) 347-6014.

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CHS grad named 2005 Fullbright scholar

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Nancy Davis

When Nancy Dammann Davis graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1993, she had no idea she would be the recipient of a Fullbright Scholarship to study ecology in Peru in 2005.

Prior to this school year, Dammann Davis attended Columbia University in New York City, N.Y. and while she is on a short personal break from her studies in Peru, she will be heading back soon.

"Obviously it's an amazing honor," she said.

Between 1996 and 2001, Dammann Davis spent over 2-and-a-half years in Peru studying and working.

"This July was the first time we'd been back since 2001. I was really nervous and my Spanish wasn't as good, but in another way it was like going home," she said.

Many things inspired Dammann Davis' interest in environmental studies, but northern Michigan was a major factor.

"Obviously growing up in Charlevoix you're surrounded by beautiful landscape," she said.

The particular Ph.D. Dammann Davis is working toward is in community based conservation.

"Basically I look at small towns like Charlevoix or Petoskey, or anywhere in the world, and look at what decisions people make when they decide to cut down trees, use their water and then I see how those decisions will affect the environment," she said.

"For example, if Charlevoix wanted to protect Lake Charlevoix you would have to find out if it would really help considering it is attached to a larger body of water," she added.

Dammann Davis also studies the social and economic impact of small rural community decisions when it comes to natural resources.

Peruvian Amazon is where she is completing her field work which includes observing what people do in their villages in terms of natural resources measuring rainfall, monitoring water quality, observing diversity of trees plant life.

Dammann Davis is one of over 1,000 students from America who will travel during the 2005-2006 school year under the Fullbright Scholarship Program.

The J. William Fullbright Foreign Scholarship Board was founded in 1946 by Senator William J. Fullbright of Arkansas with the purpose of teaching understanding among people of America and other nations.

Dammann Davis said she would like to live in an area similar to Charlevoix when she completes her studies.

Ideally, Dammann Davis said, "I'd like to be teaching part-time, not in the college atmosphere, but maybe as a guest teacher at a high school."

Her goal, she said, is some combination of research and work.

"I'm really anxious to get done with my studies and get to work," she added.

Dammann Davis said there are many Charlevoix students who might want to apply for the Fullbright Scholarship.

"There is a pretty long application. It's not horrible compared to some grant applications, but you have to write essays about what project you want to do and what you can contribute to another country," she said. "There are also letters of recommendation and the grants are chosen by a commission in the U.S. and the country you are going to."

Dammann Davis said she would be happy to assist anyone looking into applying for the grant.

"The Fullbright is a great program, there are a lot of students from Charlevoix who should be applying for these grants and scholarships," she said. "It's always helpful to find someone who's done it before and I'm always willing to help someone especially someone from here."

She added, "There are a lot of Charlevoix graduates who have done amazing things."

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Locals lend a hand in Day of Caring and cleanup

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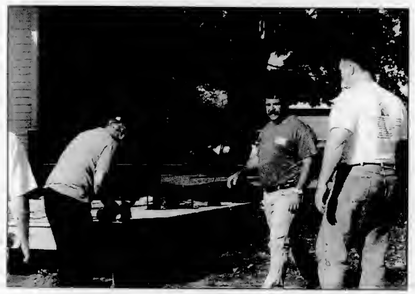
Members of the local community gathered to assist in multiple community projects during Charlevoix's 2nd Annual Day of Caring Sept. 15. (Above) Charlevoix High School junior, Jayson Ouderkirk, does his part in the Day of Caring by repainting an outdoor bench at the Bergmann Center. (Below) Major improvements were made to the Charlevoix Senior Center including construction of this deck, power washing of the exterior and cleaning.



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(Right) Members of Charlevoix Girl Scout Troops 266 and 254 gathered at Lake Michigan Beach Sept. 17 to assist in the Alliance for the Great Lakes annual Adopt-a-Beach event.This year, Charlevoix had 70 volunteers clean 10 sites from Norwood to Bayshore, collecting 300 pounds of trash along 15 miles of shoreline. Pictured here are (front, from left) Ashley Sliwinski, Amanda Hodgkinson, Makenzi Kage, Allyson Pallagi, Nikki Speigl, Lindy Pallagi and Donna Hodgkinson.

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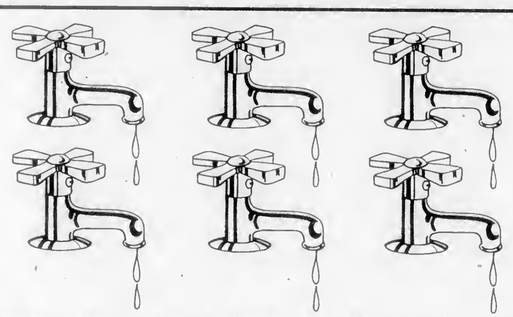

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Kim Taylor

Jarema named president of local Rotary Club

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

As they begin their 101 year, outgoing Rotary Club of Charlevoix President, Christopher Turkelson, was replaced by Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema.

For nearly five years Turkelson has been a member of the club, helping with charities both local and abroad, but the previous year went faster than most.

"I just wanted to get involved with the community in some fashion," he said. "I enjoyed it very much and it went a lot quicker than I thought it would."

He added, "You're nervous and dread being president for a year and then it just flies by."

According to Turkelson, incoming president Jarema, who took the post July 1, will do an excellent job.

"He's energized and motivated," he said.

Jarema joined Rotary because he felt it was a valuable organization.

"The club has the values and does the community service projects that I think are valuable so I joined in 2002," he said.

He added, "'Service over self' is their (Rotary Club's) actual motto."

The club works to eradicate Polio worldwide and to bring clean water to people in need.

"Last year we raised, $87,000 for clean water for Biosand filters for homes in Haiti, Honduras and the Dominican Republic," he said.

Rotary is also responsible for such charitable acts as donating wheelchairs to people in third-world countries and the club sponsors a mentorship program.

"We have a program where we pair mentors with high school kids and work on their grades," he said. "We give scholarships at the end of the year to eighth graders and for high school students as well."

Jarema said he enjoys the interaction with the other members as well as doing community service projects.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

New president of the Rotary Club of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, hands an award plaque to outgoing Rotary Club president, Christopher T. Turkelson.

Don Neidert joins the staff at St. Mary School

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

While he is not necessarily a new face at St. Mary School in Charlevoix, Don Neidert is the new music teacher.

Don Neidert

Neidert, 55, has 27 years of music education experience in Michigan public schools, with the last 17 years of his teaching career spent in East Jordan.

"I reevaluated my life after a few years of retirement and I found that I was spending all my time with children anyway so it was a natural fit," he said.

Neidert retired in 1992, but said he spent so much time showing children the gift of music, he decided to go back to work full-time.

He said, "Oh I'm excited about it."

Neidert said he spent most of his retirement giving private music lessons and teaching children the songs for several musicals including, "In To The Woods," "The Sound of Music" and "Godspell."

Neidert has been the keyboard player for St. Mary's for 16-and-a-half years so he is no stranger to the students, faculty and parents.

"I know the songs, I know the liturgy and I know many of the kids and families already," he said.

With the school year underway, Neidert teaches a combination of songs, musical games, music theory and the fourth and fifth graders will be learning to play recorders.

Originally from Durand, Neidert received his degree in elementary music education from Central Michigan University.

Neidert said he spent the earlier part of his life in the Flint area, but he fell in love with northern Michigan many years ago.

"I just really enjoy northern Michigan. I've enjoyed it since I've been up here," he said. "After I retired, people asked me if I was ever going to move back to Flint, I asked them if they can spell, 'Never.'"

Neidert, who has a wife Sue and a daughter, Juliann, who attends Charlevoix High School, said he just loves working with the kids more than anything.

"I love to see their smiles and their responses when they catch on to something new," he said.

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Brookside Chapel to undergo major work

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Brookside Chapel, located at 98 Stover Road in Charlevoix's Brookside Cemetery, will keep its place in the community.

The building was proposed for demolition in 2002 but members of the community quickly stepped forward and said the building has historic value and should be saved.

On Monday night, Sept. 19, Charlevoix City council voted unanimously to take immediate steps to stabilize the building and committed to spending the next three years renovating its interior and exterior.

Cost estimates for the major overhaul have come in at $208,900.

The $208,900 figure is for rework of walls and stabilization, and roofing the building as well as renovating the interior and exterior. This estimate does not include use of wooden shakes as were part of the original design.

At this week's council meeting, Mayor Norman Carlson said annual maintenance expenditures would make the wooden roof cost prohibitive. But second ward councilman Gabe Campbell requested a second estimate be provided with costs included for mimicking the original roof.

Possible uses of the building without the costly niche cremain space that was originally discussed include a computer system outlining grave sites and genealogy information, a sanctuary and a historical reference point.

Its former use as a facility where bodies were stored in the winter for spring burial is no longer relevant as the city now performs burials year-round and has a separate facility at the cemetery for storage when necessary.

Immediate chapel needs of wall stabilization and roofing will happen as soon as possible and both the city chapel committee and council want to see more action taken after this initial step.

About two decades ago, council took this patch approach and Mayor Carlson would rather see a long-term plan enacted.

Mary Adams, a member of the chapel committee and city preservation group agrees.

"The Band-Aid approach may not be the best approach," she said.

Chapel committee member John Haggard was happy to see council move in this direction to permanently preserve the chapel.

"It's a landmark within the city. If we don't save our historical buildings we'll leave nothing for the next generation to see what past generations have given us," he said.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

After proposed demolition, Charlevoix City Council voted to renovate and preserve the chapel pictured at left, Brookside Chapel, located in Charlevoix's Brookside Cemetery. Community researchers have said the local historic landmark dates back to the early 1900's.

Hospice loss support group runs from Sept. 27 - Oct. 25

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from Sept. 27 through Oct. 25 at Community of Christ Church, 777 Vogel Street, Boyne City.

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Northern Michigan Community Mental Health Agency.

The program is designed to help those grow through grief and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitators for this program are The Rev. Nancy Rhode and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator.

We would appreciate anyone interested in attending these classes to pre-register by calling the hospice office at (231) 536-2842. There is no charge for this program.

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In its eighth year, the Armchair Auction is a web-based, silent auction. Bidding lasts from Sept. 19 until 7 p.m. Sept. 29. At the end of the auction, those with the highest bid will receive their items through the mail.

Businesses and individual donors donated nearly 300 items and packages, including everything from eclectic dining, to jewelry, items for the home, travel and entertainment.

"We have an amazing selection of items this year," said Emily Robbins, Armchair Auction Coordinator. "It's so easy to participate and you can bid on items from the comfort of your own home."

The fundraising goal of this year's Armchair Auction is $30,000. All of the funds benefit Planned Parenthood's prevention education programs, which give teens, young adults and families information and skills to make responsible choices on issues such as sexuality, abstinence, substance use, date rape and other issues of community concern.

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Housing commission receives grant

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Nearly $4.2 millions dollars in Capitol Fund Grants will be allocated to first district housing commissions, including the Charlevoix County Housing Commission, this fall.

According to U.S. Congressman, Bart Stupak (D-Menominee), 38 public housing authorities will receive aid under the dispersal.

"Housing commissions are a critical function of local governments. Having the authority to regulate housing in a community helps keep area residents healthy and safe while also ensuring the home aids in the development of a community, not the demise," Stupak said.

The Charlevoix Housing Commission will receive $71,851 in federal funds to assist in efforts including modernization, development, financing and management improvements and the replacement of things such as boilers and roofs at Pine River Place apartments.

According to Rob Harrison, director of the Charlevoix Housing Commission, the funds released once a year from HUD are important to the local housing commission.

"The amount is less than last year and the last year was less than the year before," he said.

"But, we're in better shape than some housing commissions. It (funding) certainly makes a difference," he added.

The funds are needed since there is such a demand for affordable housing in the Charlevoix area.

"We've got a waiting list," Harrison said.

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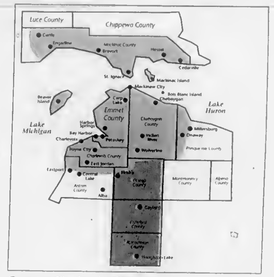

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Vogelheim heads to Baton Rouge, La.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix resident Joe Vogelheim is leaving Charlevoix en route to Baton Rouge, La. this week to assist with the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort.

Vogelheim's week-long trip, which will begin Sept. 22, is being sponsored by the seventh and eighth grade classes at Charlevoix Middle School, the student council at Charlevoix High School and the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church.

Joe Vogelheim

He plans to drive a load of supplies stored in an enclosed 23 foot trailer using a heavy duty pick-up truck donated by Crown Motors of Charlevoix to Louisiana to be distributed to those in need.

At this time Vogelheim said he is need of monetary donations as well as adult diapers, canned meat, pasta and macaroni and cheese.

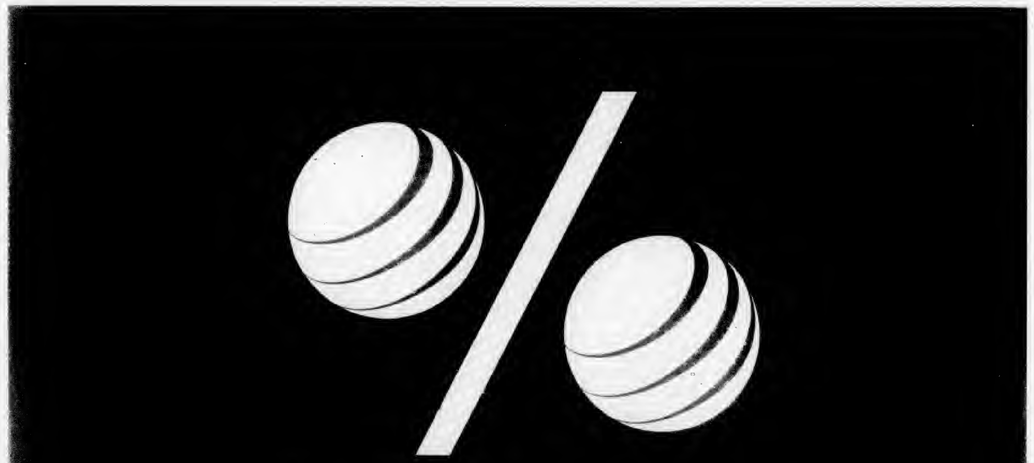
Donations can be brought to ReMax of Charlevoix where Vogelheim is a real estate agent, or at drop off boxes labeled "Katrina" that are stationed at both the middle and high schools. Checks can be made payable to Charlevoix Public Schools with "Katrina" written in the memo line and dropped off at any of the three locations.

For more information, contact Doug Drenth at the middle school at (231) 547-3206 or Chuck Mason at the high school at (231) 547-3222.

Vogelheim's outreach effort is being conducted through the Florida Boulevard Baptist Church in Baton Rouge, La. in conjunction with FEMA. For more information about this group, visit www.fbbc.org.

Greensky Hill Harvest Dinner set for Sept. 24

Historic Greensky Hill United Methodist Church will host its annual Harvest Dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at the church located off Old U.S. 31 in Charlevoix. Hot turkey, ham and all the trimmings will be served in the church fellowship hall. Take out is available. Cost for adults is $8 and $3 for children.



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The who, what and where of hunting season

The following is a preview of the upcoming fall hunting season from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The hunting season for cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hare is from Sept. 15 through March 31, statewide. Hunters may take a limit of five per day and 10 in combined possession.

At this time, cottontail populations are good throughout their range. The annual harvest is about 500,000 rabbits each year. Hunters typically harvest about 17,000 to 19,000 snowshoe hare per year. Snowshoe hare populations are down due to cyclic population fluctuations and declining habitat in some portions of their range in Michigan.

The hunting season for squirrels is from Sept. 15 through March 1. Hunters can bag up to five per day and have 10 in combined possession.

Currently squirrels are at moderate to high levels throughout their range.

The ruffed grouse hunting season is from Sept. 15 through Nov. 14. After the firearm deer season ends, the grouse season will reopen from Dec. 1 through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

The outlook for the upcoming season is not as promising as when Michigan was at the peak of the grouse population cycle between 1998 and 2000. The population is at the low end of its cycle and this year may be the bottom of the trough. Areas of good habitat will continue to provide the best grouse hunting opportunities. Grouse are most abundant in the Upper Peninsula, followed by the northern Lower Peninsula. The best counties in the northern Lower Peninsula are Crawford, Kalkaska and Oscoda.

The woodcock hunting season is from Sept. 24 through Nov. 8. The bag limit will be three woodcock per day and six in combined possession.

Woodcock hunters may expect a season similar to last year. Hunters could take up to 140,000 woodcock this fall. Although good numbers of grouse and woodcock can be found in all parts of Michigan, the highest densities are located in the northern two-thirds of the state. The best spots may be in thicker, younger cover along streams and the edges of swampland.

Woodcock are a migratory game bird, so hunters are reminded to have the Harvest Information Program (HIP) endorsement printed on their small game license.

Grouse and woodcock hunters are asked to assist the DNR in monitoring

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DNR preview of the fall hunting season

HUNTING

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grouse and woodcock populations by providing information about their hunts. The cooperator form can be found on the DNR Web site at www.michigan/dnr.

The pheasant hunting season is from Oct. 20 through Nov. 14. The bag limit is two male pheasants per day and four in combined possession.

The pheasant population is expected to be up slightly this year. Winter survival was improved from last year, thanks to our mild winter and warm dry spring weather. Just picked bean fields may be good spots during the early season. Also, look for fields of warm-season grasses and farm fields that have been idle for a few years. Late season hunters should concentrate their efforts in cattail and shrub wetlands near picked corn and bean fields.

The hunting season for wild turkey begins Oct. 3 and runs through Nov. 14. The bag limit is one bird.

Turkey numbers should be excellent in areas open for fall hunting. Mild winter weather resulted in good survival and spring nesting conditions and should produce a good crop of young birds.

Duck hunting season in the northern Lower Peninsula begins Oct. 1. Consult the 2005 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for exact dates and daily limits.

A youth waterfowl hunting weekend will be Sept. 17-18 statewide for licensed youths 12 to 15.

Duck populations remain 10 percent below the long-term average. Mallard, wood duck, black duck and green-winged teal populations have been stable over the past several years except Michigan mallards, which are declining. Hunters should make a pre-season check of local ponds and marshes for waterfowl concentrations. The best time to hunt ringnecks, scaup, redheads and canvasbacks is between Oct. 15 and Nov. 20.

An early hunting season, from Sept. 1-15 has been established for geese.

The regular goose season in the Lower Peninsula is Oct. 1-16 and Nov. 24 through Dec. 5. Some bag limits have changed, so consult the 2005 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for details.

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BUSINESS

Car wash opens on Charlevoix's south side

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

After ironing out most of its issues with sewer and water service, CW's Auto Wash, a car wash off M-66 on Charlevoix's south side, has opened.

"We've been working on this for a long time," said Bob Werth, a Harbor Springs resident and co-owner of CW's Auto Wash.

Car washing services at the site officially began last Friday, Sept. 16 and are now available around the clock.

The facility offers two touchless bays and three self-serve wash units as well as on-site interior vacuums and cleaning supplies.

Water and sewer service provisions for the site were hashed out last week with the City of Charlevoix coming forward as the primary provider for the Charlevoix Township business.

However, final sewer permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have not been issued. At this time, Werth said the sewer collection system is being manually pumped daily.

According to Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner, the eventual system is expected to lead from the car wash site, across M-66 to the ACE Hardware property. He added that construction of the line will take place via directional bore, which means work will happen underground and the highway should not be closed during construction.

Werth said he is expecting to hook up to the city's system next week.

But according to Brian Jankowski, environmental engineer with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, dirt won't move until his department approves Werth's permit request.

Jankowski received the sewer construction permit request this Monday, Sept. 19 and said he plans to expedite its review but issuance could take up to 45 days.

The car wash facility, which has been under construction since early spring, opened later than anticipated because of unforeseen sewer hook-up issues.

An easement request to run through the post office property and hook into the city sewer system was unexpectedly denied which meant owners Werth and Doug Chroninger had to revert to plan B. The alternate plan is more time consuming and requires the sewer construction approval from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

However, during the time that permit review and eventual construction take place the facility will offer its car wash service.

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Township residents fight Way development

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The land use dispute in Eveline Township between intervening defendants and Dawson and Barney Way is now in the hands of Judge Richard M. Pajtas.

Closing arguments were made the afternoon of Monday, Sept. 19, in the case where township residents are asking Pajtas to overturn a settlement between the Ways and the Eveline Township Board which made way for a major housing development.

The Ways' attorney, Steve Winter said, "(Dawson and Barney) originally filed suit against the township and we reached a settlement agreement with the township (board). But then the neighbors of the property intervened because they were opposed to the settlement."

The dispute is over two parcels of land which total 150 plus acres bordered by Brock, Ferry and Roberts roads as well as M-66 Highway.

"In the settlement with the township it was agreed there would be mixed use phased in over 16 years which would include some site built homes and some mobile homes phased in over time," Winter said. "A settlement was reached that says Dawson can go ahead with this, but they (intervening defendants) argue that it's inconsistent with the master plan."

He added, "The primary legal theory is exclusionary against affordable housing."

According to attorney for the intervening defendants, Jim Pagels, the defendants filed to intervene because they didn't feel the settlement between the Eveline Township Board and the Ways was in the best interest of property owners who neighbor the proposed development.

Pagels said his clients bought their property in a rural area because they wanted to live in a rural, not urban setting.

The intervening defendants originally filed a request for intervention on March 19, 2004. Since then they have argued there is not a need for affordable housing in the township and the area is unable to support such a high density development.

Pagels said, the Ways wish to build a total of 425 units on the two parcels of land. The plan would consist of a 275 unit mobile home park on the southern half of the land and 150 homes and condominiums on the northern half.

"The existing zoning is what is called farm/forest. Under existing zoning you could divide that land into 19 parcels," Pagels said. "My clients say divide it into 19 parcels — the Ways say 425."

Judge Pajtas could have the final brief by as early as the middle of November, but there is no certainty a decision will be made then.

"We're looking forward to the conclusion of this case and the Ways are very committed to providing affordable housing to the area," Winter said.

Local chapter of American Red Cross offer relief info

The impact of Hurricane Katrina is being felt not only in the gulf states, but in Michigan as well.

According to Betsy Hanson, Executive Director of the American Red Cross of Northern Lower Michigan, "Our chapter has opened 14 disaster relief cases as of Friday, and serviced 30 individuals. These individuals are arriving daily and using their own modes of transportation to move to our community. We are working with numerous local agencies and community groups to provide shelter, food, clothing and medical assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina."

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The fourth annual "Bite of Beaver Island" food festival brings together a unique weekend destination, fine cuisine and fun-filled activities.

Beaver Island, the largest inhabited island in Lake Michigan, will host the festival Oct. 1.

Transportation to the island is provided by ferry service or charter air service. The Beaver Island Boat Company and Island Airways are both located in Charlevoix.

Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, the Island Boodle, a 5K Run/Walk will take place along the beautiful harbor of Paradise Bay. Medals for first through third place for assorted age categories will be given out at the Shamrock at the conclusion of the Boodle, along with T-shirts for all participants. Advance registration forms may be downloaded from the Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.beaverisland.org.

From 1 to 5 p.m., Holy Cross Church Hall will be the site of the food festival, where professional and amateur chefs sell small portions of their favorite fare. Last year's sellouts included rack of lamb, grilled shrimp, escargot, and a wide variety of scrumptious desserts. Beer, wine and soft drinks are also available at the festival — as will music.

The Island's Youth Consortium will oversee autumn crafts for younger participants along with showing them how to use an old-fashioned cider press.

There will also be an apple pie contest, with prizes for the top two bakers and an auction of their pies, with proceeds to benefit their favorite island charity.

A "Bite of Beaver Island" poster contest is also in the works, and prints of the winning entry will be available for purchase. For information about entering the poster contest, download the rules from the Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.beaverisland.org.

Later in the evening, head to the island's favorite watering hole, The Shamrock. Live music is planned.

Also in the evening Irish music and dancing is slated for Holy Cross Hall.

For more information about Beaver Island, the "Bite of Beaver Island" food festival or the Island Boodle 5K run/walk, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505 or visit www.beaverisland.org.

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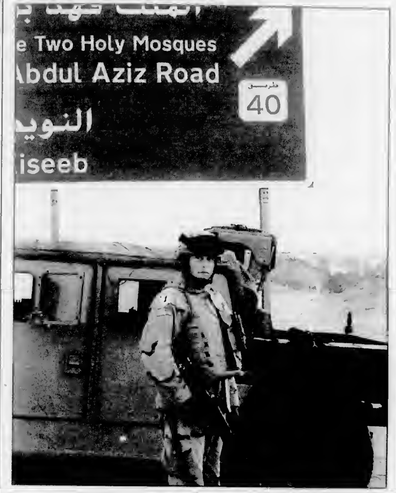

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Pictured is Country Middleton, 29, of Charlevoix in a photo taken near a U.S. Army camp in Fallujah, Iraq. Middleton, the son of Samantha Harris of Charlevoix, is a Sergeant with the 942nd Transportation unit mobilized out of Fort Bragg, N.C. He is expected to return to Charlevoix in January.

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History preservation group to meet Sept. 26 at library

The September membership meeting of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix.

Library director, Valerie Meyerson, will present the program which will include a tour of the library, including its Michigan room that is filled with books and information on local and state history and discussion of plans for the new library.

The public is invited to attend. For more information contact society president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042 or charlevoixchps@yahoo.com.

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SPORTS

Charlevoix team takes tourney

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Fish Rich, a team of Charlevoix residents took second place in the Village at Bay Harbor's 1st Annual Bay Harbor Fishing Tournament Sept. 9–11. The tournament brought in 26 teams from across Michigan and Wisconsin. The teams donated over 120 pounds of fish to the Nehemiah Project in Petoskey.

Wins bring basketball team to the .500 mark

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders pulled above the .500 mark on the season with two wins last week.

Charlevoix defeated Ellsworth 59-42 and opened Lake Michigan Conference play with a 68-31 win over East Jordan.

"I thought we played our best game of the year (against East Jordan)," coach Keith Haske said. "We shot the ball well early, we did a good job finishing and we had a great effort."

"It was one of those nights where everything went right for us," he added.

The Rayders led 18-8 after the first quarter and 41-17 at the half.

Laura Nitchman led Charlevoix with 15 points, six steals and four assists. Madison Ramsey scored 12 points.

Sally Haselschwardt and Shannon Dibble each had 10 points.

"The kids off the bench played a great game," Haske said. "We didn't miss a beat when they came in the game. It was great to see a lot of kids contribute like that."

Against Ellsworth, the Rayders led only 19-13 at the end of the first quarter but stepped it up in the second period for a 33-17 half-time advantage. Charlevoix led 44-28 after three quarters.

"I thought we played well defensively," Haske observed. "Our defensive pressure bothered them quite a bit. I was pleased with our defensive effort."

Nitchman again led the Rayders with 16 points, six rebounds, six steals and seven assists.

Robin Petzak scored 10 points. Dibble added eight. Bethany Pearson pulled down seven rebounds.

The Rayders (3-2) hosted St. Ignace on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Results will appear in next week's Courier. Harbor Springs will visit Charlevoix on Thursday, Sept. 22.

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Yacht Club continues fall season races

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Sept. 7 and 14 are:

The second race of the fall series was sailed in light winds. As a result, the race consisted of a shortened course of three legs that made up a triangle. The fall series will consist of six races and has a scheduled week for a make-up race if needed. Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 2 — Sonnet (Lepman); 3 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 4 — Tireless (Carland); 5 — Four At Play (Herald); 6 — Apotheeary (Ochs); 7 — Artemis (Bowerman); 8 — Exitus (Pung); 9 — M3 (Carey).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Cygnus (Stuart); 3 — Original Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Kamikazee (Funck); 2 — Stringthing (Thomas); 3 — Thunderstruck (Pirie).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 2 — Northern Light (Orlow); 3 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 4 — Moxie (Jensen); 5 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 6 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 7 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Fall series results after two races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sail La Vie (2); 2 — Sonnet (4); 3 — Tie: Four At Play and Tireless (9); 5 — Booma (10); 6 — M3 (12); 7 — Artemis (13); 8 — Tie: Flash and Apotheeary (14); 9 — Exitus (19).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (2); 2 — Tie: Cygnus and Original Sin (5).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (4); 2 — Tie: Kamikazee and Stringthing (6); 4 — Paleface Lite (7).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Affinity (2); 2 — Tie: Moxie and Northern Light (6); 4 — Hoi Polloi (8); 5 — Gotcha! (8); 6 — Padawan 2 (11); 7 — Windrunner (14).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Sept. 14 are:

The third race of the fall series was sailed in light winds and consisted of a triangle and four windward-leeward legs. The jib and main P-26—s have been combined with the spinnaker P-26—s. The first two races have been recalculated for the fleet, with a rating difference between spinnaker and jib and main competitors. Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

Jib and Main: 1 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 2 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 3 — Sonnet (Lepman); 4 — M3 (Carey); 5 — Four At Play (Herald).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Original Sin (Miller); 2 — Apotheeary (Ochs); 3 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 4 — Tireless (Carland); 5 — Artemis (Bowerman); 6 — Cygnus (Stuart).\

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Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Moxie (Jensen); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 4 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 5 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 6 — Northern Light (Orlow); 7 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Fall series results after three races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sail La Vie (3); 2 — Sonnet (7); 3 — Booma (11); 4 — Four At Play (13); 5 — M3 (15); 6 — Flash (19); 7 — Exitus (21).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (6); 2 — Tireless (7); 3 — Original Sin (10); 4 — Apotheeary (11); 5 — Artemis (14); 6 — Cygnus (15).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Tie: Stringthing and Thunderstruck (6); 3 — Kamikazee (8); 4 — Paleface Lite (12).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Affinity (4); 2 — Moxie (7); 3 — Tie: Northern Light and Gotcha! (12); 5 — Hoi Polloi (13); 6 — Padawan 2 (15); 7 — Windrunner (21).

Rayder football team falls to Ramblers 33-2

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team suffered its first loss of the season as they went up against the Ramblers of Boyne City Friday night.

"They just played more physical than we did," said coach Don Jess. "They are bigger than us, but we just didn't play well."

Charlevoix failed to stop all five of the scoring drives made by Boyne City and managed only to score two points for the night making Charlevoix's overall record 3-1 and 1-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Quarterback Matt Kautz was 10 of 17 for 150 yards, Eddie Waldron caught six passes for 81 yards and Russell Williams had a third quarter safety.

Going in to this Friday's game the Rayders hope to adjust a few things.

"We're going to work on our reads on defense and our offensive line blocking," Jess said.

According to Jess, the Elks of Elk Rapids have improved since last year.

"It's going to be a good game. It should be a tough game for us, but we're up for a challenge," he said.

Charlevoix meets the Elk Rapids Elks at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23 at home on Kipke Field.

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Soccer kicks off season with five straight losses

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Charlevoix Varsity Boys' Soccer team is off to a disappointing start to the season being shutout 33 to 0 in the its first four games and losing its fifth.

"We knew these first games of the season were going to be tough. But we are going to make a miraculous recovery this week," head coach, Josh Block, said. "We'll get where we need to be."

Block said the first five games of the season, which included matchups against Gaylord, Suttons Bay, Leland, Cheboygan and Harbor Springs, were played against more well established teams than Charlevoix.

Charlevoix's first mark on the scoreboard came in its fifth game against Harbor Springs, its first Lake Michigan Conference game of the season. This game took place Sept. 12 at home and ended with a

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League - Sept. 12, 2005

	W	L
Past Bunyan Lanes	4	0
Ken's Racing	3	1
B Yanloo & Sons	3	1
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	3	1
J Arnold Painting "A"	1	3
J Arnold Painting "2"	1	3
Selph Trucking	0	4
Team #1	0	4

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kiernan	621	238
Eric Williams		221
Chuck Pop	573	
Darrel VanLoo	560	212

Tuesday Night Ladies - Sept. 13, 2005

	W	L
DM Construction	8	0
Oleson's Food Store	5	3
Team #6	4	4
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	4	4
Grey Gables Inn	3	5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	3	5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	3	5
Central Drug Store	2	6

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cindy Brooks	516	194
Leanna Mosoryak	504	182
Krista Fowler		178
Cathy Sullivan	495	

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
Sept. 11, 2005

	W	L
Novotny	4	0
Hill/Martinchek	3	1
Cunningham/Mikulski	2.5	1.5
Bradley	2	2
O'Leary	2	2
Golovich	1.5	2.5
Hart	1	3
Herboldsheimer	0	4

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	514	181
Butch Hart	457	178
Dave Golovich		168
Tim Bradley	417	
Kathy Bradley	461	192
Linda O'Leary	376	144
Kathy Hill	395	
Cindy Novotny		136

Church League - Sept. 14, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	68	32
State Farm Insurance	66	34
R & C Roofing	59	41
Lutherans	51	49
Ferguson & Chamberlain	46	54
Mark White Paint & Stain	44	56
Lakeshore Tire	42	58
St. Mary's	24	76

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Rozema		253
Chuck Stein	572	
Tom Scott		214
Tom Browe	568	
John Fledorek		211
Ron Grulke	564	211

Young at Hearts League
Sept. 15, 2005

	W	L
Alley Cats	8	0
Irish Rollers	7	1
Past Timers	4	4
Spareitme	4	4
Half & Half	4	4
Twilighters	3	5
Misfits	1	7
Has Beens	1	7

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

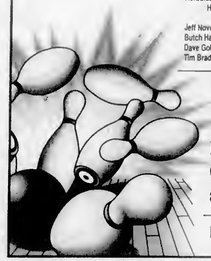
	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	514	186
Eldon Potter	488	174
Ralph Kitson	447	169
Nancy Bambach	464	158
Zettie Kitson		145
Nancy Zimmerman	400	143
Shirley Flower	404	143
Anah Potter		143

Gutter Gals - Sept. 15, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	29	11
Burger King of Charlevoix	26	14
Express Yourself	15	25
Paul Bunyan Lanes	10	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	592	203
Mary D'Brien	569	199
Jane Holm	461	171



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the week: Diana Speigl of the Thursday Gutter Gals League had an actual series of 592 with a high game of 203. Congratulations!

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Rayder soccer look to finish season with wins

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5-2 loss.

Block said the miraculous turnaround he is looking forward to is rooted in less stiff competition from teams like Glen Lake and Grayling as well as the appearance of key defender Peter Londgren on the field.

Londgren transferred from the local charter school, Northwest Academy, to Charlevoix High School this year. Transfer students, like Londgren are required to sit out the first five games of the season.

Of the four defenders that kicked the season off, Block said three are new this year to varsity level soccer play.

Block said one benefit to the shaky start is it has given all the team's players needed playing time allowing each to try out different positions.

"The team as a whole is doing well — the kids are working hard and are getting more motivated as the season goes on. They know where we are at and where we are going. We are going to do well," he said.

The team is looking toward what Block said will likely be their first win of the season, against Glen Lake Sept. 17 in Rayder territory at Kipke Field. Results from this game were not submitted by press time.

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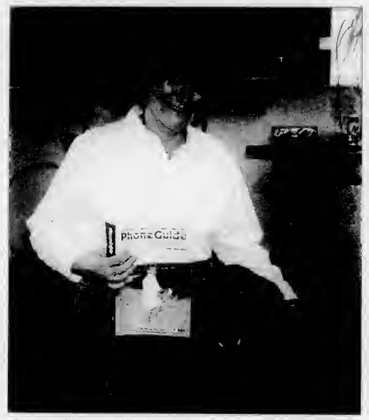

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Women's Resource Center earns accreditation

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc. is proud to announce that it has once again been awarded a three-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

The accreditation is for its Integrated Alcohol and other Drugs/Addictions and Mental Health Programs. The latest accreditation is the fourth consecutive three-year accreditation outcome that the international accrediting commission has awarded to the Women's Resource Center.

This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization's substantial conformance to the standards established by the commission.

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"The amount of time and additional work that goes into an accreditation review is monumental, and I credit all of our staff for the positive outcome of this process," reports Jan Mancinelli, Women's Resource Center Executive Director.

The Women's Resource Center is a non-profit organization that has administrative offices in Petoskey and satellite offices in Cheboygan, Gaylord and Mancelona.

The center has been providing services throughout the five county service area, which includes Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties for 28 years.

For additional information on the accreditation and/or services provided by the Women's Resource Center, contact Deb Smith at (231) 347-0067.

New motorcycle road TV show to film at Whitneys

Storytelling Pictures, a Grand Rapids based film production company, is currently developing a 30-minute television pilot entitled 2 Wheels Good, an engaging Motorcycle Travelogue.

The group will be filming in the Charlevoix area on Wednesday, Sept. 28 and is scheduled to be filming at Whitney's Oyster Bar from 4:45 p.m. until 6:15 p.m., weather permitting.

Created by friends and business partners John Evans and Corey Emerson, 2 Wheels Good explores the scenic side of Michigan from the perspective of a motorcyclist, exposing the viewer to the simplicity and hospitality of hometown America along the way.

"Our purpose is to not only portray the people and places of a given state from a unique point of view, but also address some of motorcyclists challenges — where to meet, where to ride, where to stop along the way and why. Our goal is for others to try the routes from the show and experience Michigan for themselves," Evans said.

Once scheduled to air, a Web site will be launched to support the show, highlighting downloadable maps, additional information, stops and detours, as well as recent road-law changes and updates, upcoming events, safety tips and sponsor information.

Combined, the motorcycle travels of Evans and Emerson have included such terrain as Death Valley, the Great Lakes, the Rockies, Blue Ridge and Smokey Mountains, the Hawaiian Islands, and up-state New York.

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SPECIAL NOTICES 076

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(9-14-2-076)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 05-010861-NC

In the matter of Jordan David Hardy

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including those whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on October 5, 2005 at 1 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose:

The Petition to Change Name filed by Amy Marie Barden requesting that the name of Jordan David Hardy (a minor) be changed to Jordan David Barden.

Date: September 15, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
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FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 05-010868-NC

In the matter of Angelyn Kay Adams

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Retired school personnel meeting

The Charlevoix Chapter of retired school personnel will meet for a noon luncheon on Sept. 21 at the former Boyne City Middle School across from the public library. The program Casa Materna, maternity homes in Peru, will be presented by Katie Madden.

Evangelist at Assembly of God

Evangelist Andy Lapins will present Transfired Ministries School of Evangelism, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church at 05291 M-66 North. Lunch is provided. He will also be at both regular serviees on at the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 25. For more information, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Class of 1960 reunion

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1960 45th Class Reunion begins at 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Grey Gables.

Singles for Christ

Singles for Christ of Zion Lutheran Church invites all churehes and singles 40 and over to join us for a 1950's style dinner at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, at Bob-In 1150 U.S. 31 Petoskey- call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 to attend.

Harvest dinner

Historic Greensky Hill United Methodist Church will host its annual Harvest Dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 24 at the church located off Old U.S. 31 in Charlevoix. Hot turkey, ham and all the trimmings will be served in the church fellowship hall. Take out is available. Cost for adults is $8 and $3 for children.

Free gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free gardening class "Favorite Flowering Shrubs & Trees" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. Call (231)599-2824 to register. Pine Hill Nursery is loeated on U.S. 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

Safe Harbor anniversary

Safe Harbor Baptist Church of Charlevoix will hold it's 16th Anniversary beginning at 9:45 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 25 with Sunday school and worship service at 11 a.m. A notluck and time of fellowship will follow the worship service. Please join us for this special time of celebration. Safe Harbor is located south of Charlevoix at 06046 Old U.S. 31 South, near the intersection of U.S. 31. For more information please call the church at (231) 547-6283.

Preservation society meeting

The September membership meeting of the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will take plaee at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26 at the Gharlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton Strect in Charlevoix.

Library director, Valerie Meyerson, will present the program which will include a tour of the library, including its Michigan room that is filled with books and information on local and state history and discussion of plans for the new library.

The public is invited to attend. For more information eontact society president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042 or charlevoixchps@yahoo.com.

Genealogy classes

The Charlevoix County Historical Preservation Society is sponsoring a series of genealogy elasses at the Boyne District Public Library. All classes will be from 7-9 p.m. and the cost will be $10 for nonmembers and $7 for members. The instructor will be professional genealogist, Carol Goodenough.

The class schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 27 — "Technology for Genealogists" or "Using a Computer, Choosing Software, and a Brief Introduction to the Internet for Family Historians." This class is for those ready to venture into the computer world of genealogy. It will make the participant comfortable with the advantages of the technical world for their research.

"Crying towel" face off

University of Michigan and Michigan State University will meet in a friendly competition on the eve of their not so friendly football rivalry. Alumni and local supporters from the two will meet for a "crying towel" session at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 at the Wolverine Dillworth in Boyne City. Following a no-host bar the program will hegin at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet room at the Dillworth. During the program, participants and spectators in school costume will be seated on either side of a "no man's land" center aisle as they alternate in taking digs at the other's alma mater, football team and historic personalities. There is no charge but reservations are recommended. To make a reservation, call Jill Gordon at (231) 348-8408 or Jeff Wellman at (231) 582-0097. For more information call Glen Williams 582-6858.

Life support course

A course offered by Charlevoix Area Hospital can help participants handle unexpected medical incidents with knowledge, skill, and confidence.

An American Heart Association Basic Life Support instructor course will be held at the hospital this month. The program is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1.

This life support course is designed to prepare health care professionals to become certified teachers and includes in-depth instruction in policies, procedures, and essential teaching methods. There is a $150 for this course.

Registration is required for the class. To sign up, call Connie Roland, RN, Charlevoix Area Hospital Training Center Coordinator, at (231) 547-8570, or e-mail cpr@cah.org.

Guided trail hike

North Country Trail member, Jerry Keeney and Little Traverse Conservancy staff invite the public to hike from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, into the hack country on two remote sites. The discussion topics will be about how growth may affeet the future of these trails and the wild places that surround them. Total amount of trails covered will be no more than 5 miles. Meet at 1 p.m. at the conservancy office located at 3264 Powell Road in Harbor Springs. For more information, contact the conservancy at (231) 347-0991.

River wilderness walk

A Pigeon River Wilderness Walk is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 5 by the Little Traverse Conservancy. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors as they explore the Pigeon River wilderness. Conservancy land protection specialist Ty Ratliff and DNR staff will lead this hike through the heart of elk county. Learn about the variety of wildlife that calls this area home and if luck prevails, listen as they urge the elk to bugle for them. Please be prepared for this hour-long hike with sturdy shoes, water, and appropriate clothing. Meet at Schultz's Marathon in Wolverine for 5:30 P.M. departure. Call (231) 347-0991 for more information.

Ice Age exploration

Almost every natural landform in northern lower Michigan is a result of the Ice Age. From 12-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, SEE-North will host a guided bus tour of the moraines, drumlins, outwash deposits, and kettle holes left by glaciers in the Petoskey-Harbor Springs area. The tour will leave from SEE-North's Exploration Center in downtown Petoskey. The cost is $15 for SEE-North members and $20 for non-members. Reservations are required. To register or for more information, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700.

Northern Lights

St. Mary School is proud to announce the 10th Annual Northern Lights Celebration dinner dance auetion. This year's event which will take place from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 22 in the St. Mary Parish Center. Dinner will be catered by Grey Gables and music provided by Class Act Productions. An Italian theme will be woven through the entire event being called "Little Italy." A preview will take plaee from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 21. Reservations and donations are now being accepted. Call the school for more information at (231) 547-9441. Tickets are $75 per person and includes all beverages.

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Library story hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library. Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Gambler's Anonymous

Gamhler's Anonymous 12-Step meetings will take place at 1 p.m. Monday's at Harbor Hall located at 520 N. Main #106, in Cheboygan. For more information contact Bonnie at (231) 818-0992.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Skatepark hours

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 2 to 8 p.m. Saturdays and closed Fridays, Sundays and holidays. Also, it's closed if weather is inclement. A waiver is required to be signed by a parent or guardian if under 18. The park is supervised.

Evening Garden Club

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting room at Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information contact Margaret Arnold at (231) 547-5199.

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers previously scheduled at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church is canceled due to lack of interest. Call 231-547-6430.

Area meetings

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Adolescent groups —

BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Historical groups —

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Harsha House. For more information call 547-0373.

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Classes of 1950 and 1955 reunite

Photo by Marell Staffel

The Charlevoix High School class of 1950 reunion took place Sept. 10 at Grey Gables in Charlevoix. Those who attended are pictured above First row, from left Dorothy (Feltenbarger) Russell, Mary (Roberts) Schrandt, Fern (Waffle) Keegstra, Patsy (Rose) Vanschoten and Thelma (Thorpe) Powell. Second row Annamae (Maxwell) Baker, Suzanne (Miles) Miller, Ann (Gill) Puffpaff, Lorna Lewis, Marilyn (Blissett) Jontzen, Jack Grubaugh and Marilyn (Ikens) Boss. Third row Arlene (Drost) Korthase, Shirley (Krulik) Elzinga, Betty (Hosler) Fielstra and Joane (Crump) Grubaugh. Fourth row Dr. Michael Bergeon, George Haggard, Jim Fiedler, Vane Smith and Don Gill. Fifth row Col. Gerald Gibbons, Larry Petersen, Dr. Bradford Foster, Jim Jolliffe and Bruce Shanahan.

Photo by Marell Staffel

The Charlevoix High School Class of 1955 Reunion took place Sept. 9 at Grey Gables, followed by a picnic at Ferry Avenue Beach Saturday afternoon. Attendees were first row from left, Harriet (Hooker) Draper, Phyllis (Williams) Elzinga, Barbara (Smith) King, Janet (Todd) Williams, Connie (Paul) Dawson, Gary Curtis and Bennie (Kipke) von Hellens. Second row Ken Boss, David Clarke, Anna (Pontious) Superczynski, Sandra Gregory, JoAnn (Liston) Elzinga, Velma (McGinnis) Powell, Carolyn (VanderWall) Robinson, Betty (Berg) Smith, Eugene Towsley and Joyce (Cunningham) Davenport. Third row Bob Jolliffe, David Juilleret, Darlene (Mason) Mol, Roberta (Case) Scholey, Jim Mort and Joe McDermott. Fourth row Don Heilig, Jerry Shupert, Tom Erber, Bob Albright, Chuck McDonald and Joe Powell. Fifth row Martin Weisler, Jerry Foster, Bill Haggard, Connie (Olesky) Pischner, Jan (Arbuckle) Glass, Tom Swanson and Dean Welsheimer.

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Dr. Craig Boss, a local family practitioner has left his practice to pursue a sleep fellowship.

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Local churches are steering efforts to bring families displaced by Hurricane Katrina, to Charlevoix.

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Sheriff shares tales of Louisiana

Lasater and three officers return from aftermath assistance

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix County's law enforcement contingent is back following two weeks in the heart of the Katrina calamity.

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater was one of four men from Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office to offer services as a peace officer for search and rescue missions in areas of Louisiana ruined by wind, rain and, most of all, broken levees.

"We were stationed in Baton Rouge, La. but we drove about an hour-and-a-half to New Orleans everyday," Lasater said. "Our particular mission was search and rescue and patrol."

He added, "To get to that area we had to drive through downtown New Orleans. It was like a ghost town. We saw no civilians, just military and police. There was just debris everywhere."

Due to logistical complications such as how to feed and house EMS, firemen and police, help which arrived was turned away unless working under the authority of a larger agency.

"We went down under the umbrella of FEMA (who) paid for all the expenses including lodging, food and our salaries while we were down there," Lasater said. "Once we got down there we had to have some authority so we were commissioned by the Gov. of Louisiana as special officers for the Louisiana State Police."

The three other members from Charlevoix were Lt. Mike Wheat, Marine Officer

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Courtesy photo

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater (right) and Det. Mike Wheat (left) take a break from their search and rescue efforts in Louisiana on a Bourbon Street corner in New Orleans. This area made it through the broken levees relatively unharmed.

State headed toward uniform curriculum

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Newly appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mike Flanagan, was in Charlevoix this week pitching a plan that will likely mean big changes for education in Michigan.

Mike Flanagan

On Sept. 26 Flanagan informed a group of superintendents in the Char-Em Intermediate School District that the future for schools in the State of Michigan will likely include expanded basic, state mandated curriculum requirements.

"If we don't do it now, we'll be left in the dust," Flanagan said. "It's in the state's best interest."

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, was one of the superintendents in attendance.

Flanagan's plan to introduce this legislation to the State Board of Education follows the nation-wide trend of increasing math, science and language arts requirements at the high school level for all public schools across the state.

He said the current requirement of high school level civics isn't enough for Michigan students to compete in the tough global economy.

John Sturock

"We've got 100 years of tradition of nothing but civics," Flanagan said. "The whole game has changed. This will position Michigan to be more competitive in the national and global economy."

The model Flanagan, in conjunction with a group of experts, is developing will be pitched to the eight-member state board on Nov. 15. He said the board is expected to act on the proposal in December.

Flanagan said if the state board opts to mandate curriculum this winter, the policy will not be implemented immediately. Changes will come in 2009 or 2010 when current sixth graders are in the ninth grade as the transformation infers adjustments at the elementary and middle school levels as well.

At this time, Flanagan and the expert group are reviewing requirements of districts across the state as well as looking at failure and success stories of similar legislation introduced in Indiana, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Oregon and Kansas to formulate the Michigan model.

"We expect to learn a lot from those other states," he said.

Flanagan said this approach will likely begin with a straightforward mandate and will evolve over time to include concepts in the math, science and language arts, which can be applied in classes outside of strict parameters.

"Rigor without relevance is nothing," Flanagan said.

Flanagan said an opt out provision will likely be included in any legislation that is adopted to accommodate special needs, impaired and learning disabled students.

He said beyond what he feels will create stronger education; the mandated program will also help address transient students who move from one district to another.

"Now, districts are inheriting kids that aren't prepared. Under this program they will have taken the same basic courses," he said.

While Flanagan recognizes the potential failure of state mandated curriculum, which could increase the drop-out rate at Michigan schools, he said failure is imminent if the skill level of Michigan graduates doesn't start to climb.

While this will mean major changes for many state high schools, Sturock said it doesn't mean huge change for Charlevoix schools where three English classes, two science classes and two math classes are already required to graduate.

"It might mean some changes but our requirements are pretty much in line with what they are talking about," Sturock said.

Superintendent of the Char-Em Intermediate School District, Mark Eckhardt, said Charlevoix's preparedness for possible legislation like what Flanagan plans to push is comparable across the district's 11 school systems.

"I can guarantee the schools that are here are meeting or exceeding those requirements right now," Eckhardt said.

Sturock said a potential downfall of

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Derrick Allen Beck, 22, Alanson. Operator with no license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Ashley Nicole Powers, 19, Alanson. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Cheryl Lynn Solber, 44, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Anne Elizabeth Killips, 24, Petoskey. Check, insufficient funds under $100-second or subsequent offense. Serve 12 days in jail; $568.47 in fines and costs.

Steven Craig Winters, 45, Traverse City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Justin Paul Farthing, 27, Columbus, Ga. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 22 days in jail, 60 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Raymond Lee Bruce, 56, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Anthony Hugh Connagham, 52, East Tawas. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, three days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $930 in fines and costs.

Joseph Ray Wilson, 24, Ellsworth. Operating while license suspended. Serve 20 days in jail with credit for four days, serve four days; $500 in fines and costs.

Russell Lee Barnes, 47, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 67 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend IMPACT weekend; $1,485 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Ely Bingham, 21, East Jordan. Impaired driving of a snowmobile. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one, serve 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; attend IMPACT weekend; $985 in fines and costs.

Nicholas James Jakobowski, 25, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve 91 days, 270 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $150 in fines and costs.

Mark Fitzgerald Moore, 28, Charlevoix. Attempted stalking of a minor. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one, 352 days held in abeyance, serve 12 days of community service work in lieu of 12 days in jail; serve nine months probation; no contact with the victim or unsupervised contact with minor females; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Thomas Lee Dluzniewski, 27, Charlevoix. Attempted larceny in a building. Serve 270 days in jail; $271 in fines and costs.

Mark Eugene Smith, 45, East Jordan. Operating while under the influence of alcohol-third offense. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 300 days; serve five years probation; serve 480 hours of community service work; $1,020 in fines and costs.

Jill Lynn Barrett, 28, Hudson. Impaired driving-third offense. Serve 270 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 90 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; serve 480 hours of community service work; $970 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charlevoix Candy Company, 321 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Leon R. Perron and Celeste T. Perron

Frank Leist Farms, 04587 Church Rd., Boyne City, by Frank Leist

Boyne Falls Motel, 2510 Nelson Ave., Boyne Falls, by Laura Snoeck

JJ Trucking Services, 4175 Korthase Rd., Boyne City, by Jerry Dale Jackman

Self And Soul, 10929 Townline Rd., Charlevoix, by Ellen M. White and Patrick K. Schaller

Affordable Financial Solutions, 13456 Stover Rd., Charlevoix, by James Wittenberg

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Kevin Lee Giem, 22 and Amanda Lynn Baker, 22 both of Boyne Falls

Joseph Clayton Johnson, 47 and Michelle Kufigoski, 38 both of Beaver Island

Christopher Brian Cooley, 21 and Starlah Ann Brachel, 23 both of Charlevoix

Gerald Lee Smith, 26 and Lois Jean Greenacre, 23 both of Charlevoix

Divorce

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Cathy Smith vs. Mark Smith

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 20	71	59	.17
Sept. 21	74	61	—
Sept. 22	81	61	.06
Sept. 23	70	53	.01
Sept. 24	65	47	—
Sept. 25	74	50	.02
Sept. 26	68	60	.64

Births

Olivia Jacquelyn Olund weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces was born to Alan Olund and Terise Cutler of East Jordan on Sept. 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her sibling is Gabbie. Grandparents are Ron and Bonnie Olund of East Jordan and Duane and Jackie Cutler of East Jordan.

Samuel J.D. Bouters weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Chris and Melissa Bouters of Boyne City on Sept. 12, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sibling is Tyler. Grandparents are Bruce and Carol Hubble of Boyne City, Jerry and Judy Goodchild of Dunedin, Fla. and Richard and Gayle Bouters of Boyne City.

Karli Rene Hayden weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces was born to Derby (Buddy) and April Hayden of East Jordan. Her sibling is Devon. Grandparents are Derby and Christine Hayden of Boyne City and Donald and Sherry Bergmann of East Jordan.

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Lasater: Looting and devastation plague Katrina's path

HURRICANE

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SGT. David Beyer and Deputy Sheriff Clyde Payton. They lodged at the state police headquarters in Baton Rouge, La. usually waking at 4 a.m. to be on the road by 5:30 a.m.

"Usually we arrived in New Orleans at about 7 a.m. where we would receive our assignment," Lasater said. "90 percent of the time our assignment was to go to various areas door-to-door to see if people were in their homes."

He added, "Our goal was to try to talk them into leaving. And, by our presence, hopefully deter looters."

Lasater said, when people refused to leave, he and his team made sure the people had food and water.

Missions included patrolling areas of every economic background, Lasater said.

"Most of our challenges were in the lower income levels right where the levee broke," he said.

According to Lasater, the people who refused to leave fell into various categories.

"Some people didn't want to leave their pets behind," he said. "The second category were senior citizens who had lived in that house all their life and weren't about to leave."

He added, "And what really surprised me was how many of the people had prepared for this. Many of them had a generator, were stocked up on food and water and were ready to wait out the storm."

While he didn't see looters heading out of stores with goods, Lasater said the signs of lawlessness were ever-present.

"Looters were a big, big problem," Lasater said. "I was surprised by some of the signs on four by eight sheets of plywood on homes such as, 'LOOTERS WILL BE SHOT,' 'A LOOTER WAS SHOT HERE,' 'I'M INSIDE I HAVE A GUN,' and 'THIS HOUSE IS BEING WATCHED DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT YOU WILL BE KILLED.'"

The platoon of peace officers in which Lasater traveled found a man shot to death while trying to protect his home from a looter.

Aside from looters, the other main danger was the level of toxins in the floodwater.

"The one area we were in where it (levee) was breached, the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) said the contamination level was so high it was 100 times worse than when (they) close a beach due to contaminants," he said. "And the stench was terrible. We had to be decontaminated every time we came back."

The endless sacrifices and dedication made by people from all over, including Charlevoix, are evident by the fact that one deputy missed his bachelor party to go down to help and Lasater, who hasn't had a vacation in two-and-a-half years, used his vacation time to help the disaster victims.

Lasater said, "It was long days with no days off, but no one complained. The attitude was, 'This is our mission. We've traveled 1,200 miles to help these folks. Let's get it done.'"

He added, "Charlevoix County should be proud of the deputies that went down. They were professional, they gave 110 percent and they never complained."

In addition to helping the people of Louisiana, Lasater said, he thought the experience was invaluable as a training exercise for he and his men in the event a disaster strikes Charlevoix.

In turn, Louisiana offered all the hospitality it could muster for Lasater and his men.

Aside from a dry bed, shower and good southern food, Lasater said, "People down there were very glad to see us. They were waiving and saying thanks and pulling upside the caravan to let us know how happy they were we were there."

In the days following his return, Lasater said he received several comments from community members thanking him for his efforts to aid the victims of the hurricane.

Courtesy photo

Streets of residential neighborhoods underwater in New Orleans, La. were "the office" of Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater and three of his officers.

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The sign at left was one of many attached to homes all over the areas affected by the hurricane.

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A minister's perspective on married life

Gayle Gennett
'A look at life'

As a licensed professional counselor and ordained non-denominational minister I have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful couples.

Our time spent in pre-marital counseling discussing commitment, parenting, and finance, has been a learning experience that has taught me as well. By guiding couples entering this chapter of their life, I've learned some lessons worth sharing.

Are you living together first before marriage? Statistics tell us that this isn't a quotient as to whether a couple will weather the ups and downs of married life, but I see more couples choosing this lifestyle due to financial reasons rather than seeing if "we're a good match." It oftentimes gets the couple discussing some of the important aspects of a successful marriage before tying the knot.

Finances play a major role in today's lifestyles. Whether you're working part-time or making more money than your spouse, be ready to openly discuss your finances hash out who will pay for what and agree on a budget. No secrets should be kept in this situation as it may come back and haunt you.

A shared household budget seems to adapt to most couples and having a little extra for each of you to have as "mad money" is a good thing. It gives you the freedom to buy things you may want without the concern of it affecting the payment of bills that will arise. More marriages appear to end due to financial spending or lack of spending of a spouse.

Some other common needs that couples identify as important in marriage include: conversation, affection, and personal space. Something I hear over and over again is a woman madly in love because she has found someone she can communicate with.

Women generally discuss how they feel or will question their spouse about what they are thinking or feeling. Keep this in mind when choosing a mate. If your beloved is quiet and non-communicative, this aspect of their personality may not change and chances are won't change unless there is some type of intervention. Some couples work on this with a therapist or minister before getting married. Learning to understand each others communication styles is important. Just because one of you is always quiet doesn't mean they are not in agreement with you.

Are you someone who likes to hold hands in public, or openly show affection? When we are madly in love we can't seem to keep our hands off of each other. When some time has passed this may change. There are times you may wonder if you will ever feel those butterfly feelings again. Let me assure you that you can re-kindle those feelings. Simple things like a love note placed in their book or left on a bedroom pillow and showing an interest in their latest project may bring out those feelings that brought you together in the first place.

Personal space was listed as a concern for some couples. It comes into play when one of you may feel that you need some let down time when you get home or it may mean some quiet time when you first awaken. As you live together you'll soon be able to figure this one out. It's important to be respectful of each others needs. Just because you are married to your soul mate does not mean you need to do everything together. It can add to your conversations when you share with your spouse the activities that you did and things you learned from others.

In the days before your wedding and in your marriage it is important to focus on and remember the reasons why you are marrying or are married to your spouse. What were those wonderful things that attracted you to them in the first place? Sometimes in our busy lives we forget to look at the positive things that we love about our mate. If you truly believe that things are not going well, then share your thoughts with your future mate/spouse. Letting things dwell or waiting for time to pass thinking things will get better does not bring about change. Marriage is a commitment and hard work but there is nothing better than sharing your life with someone you love.

Truly being in love and loved by someone gives us the courage to be the best we can be.

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The battle with the mower is over, for now

Benjamin Gohs
'Staff writer'

Summer is officially over. Single-cylinder flora munchers all over northern Michigan will soon issue one last puff of blue smoke.

Hyperactive use of hyperbole aside, fall doesn't seem like a popular time to invest in landscaping implements. The last thing I wanted to do with only a few weeks left in the lawn care season was make an investment, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

Discovery of the machine's state of disrepair occurred early this summer with a pull of the ratty starter rope. The blade on the ancient weed eater spun, but the engine did not start. It seems the air filter cover went missing the previous season allowing snow and water to infiltrate regions of the engine they should not have.

On the second or third pull I was treated to, as the Beverly Hillbillies theme song said, "A bubblin' crude" when the poor old machine gagged up about a pint of gasoline, oil and green water soup from the spot where the air filter once was located.

In spite of the machine's gurgling death rattle, the real-crudities displayed were the barbaric sentence fragments I uttered while watching the mower self-destruct on the sidewalk.

I caught a glimpse of the wife's lips and hands moving in silence, but chose to disregard her pantomimed pleas for me to end my troglodytic display. With unparalleled rage I mercilessly rained fist and boot down on the contraption's metal frame and plastic wheels — it never had a chance. In hindsight I may have overreacted.

Enough was enough. It was time to call a professional. What could be the harm? I reasoned my pain and suffering was worth the few extra bucks spent on lawn care service.

Now, as a sufferer of male pattern baldness or as my grandfather called it, "Nature's barber," I have much empathy for the random clumps of weeds inhabiting the dirt patch in front of my house. The blades were so sparse I once considered the equivalent of an agricultural comb over. "Grow the healthy sections of the lawn to ridiculous lengths and rake them over the bare patches," I thought.

Okay, maybe it was a cry for help on my part. Regardless of my idiosyncrasies, I figured the lawn service would need only drop by twice a month for a trim. Hey, two weeks may sound like an eternity in the world of lawn maintenance, but last summer the lifeless two-inch strands of brown tinsel held on for dear purgatory in some sort of brown and crunchy suspended animation. They weren't getting any taller.

Once the lawn service took over I began to relax. Come to find out, the loss of grass was not hereditary and, with time, it would regenerate. Everything was fine until about six weeks ago when simultaneously the rain came and the lawnmower man disappeared.

The grass had a sudden and uncharacteristic growth spurt which I assumed resulted from an introduction of large amounts of gamma radiation or the application of authentic voodoo magic. Either way I was in trouble.

Week one without a cut and the lawn was two hands high. Week two, the kids lost their soccer ball in the deep end. Week three, I caught a couple hippies making crop circles in the backyard at 2 a.m. As much as I didn't want to give in, suffering a massive stress induced stroke at age 30 was even less appealing.

Whipped dogs have been known to possess more moxie than yours truly when I finally conceded. I drove to town and recanted the sordid tale to a salesman at the nearest lawn and garden store.

Slowly, anxiety gave way to excitement, as this would be the first new mower I ever owned. All preceding machines in my care consisted of archaic hand-me-downs and rummage sale finds including two gas powered, one electric and a rusty manual with dull blades which didn't cut the grass so much as smack it around a bit, while emitting the most vile squeaking noise.

The salesman sold me a gray and red, four cycle, walk behind model. He didn't laugh when I jokingly inquired as to the machine's level of water resistance. He merely winced and suggested I either park it in a shed or keep it covered when not in use.

The mower has been used twice since its purchase. If anyone wants to horrow it they can find it in my backyard under a blue tarp, mocking me.

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Letters to the editor

Bay Harbor addressed CKD

Editor:

In the Sept. 7 story on the St. Mary's Cement Plant, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) incorrectly stated that the problems at Bay Harbor arose when buried cement kiln dust was disturbed by developers.

Bay Harbor was developed following a precedent-setting agreement with the MDEQ to contain and monitor the cement kiln dust. Until that time, the cement dust was exposed to wind, rain and other elements, and was open to dispersal across the area.

The system was working as planned until technical issues led to the shutdown of the collection system. The system has since been restarted and CMS Energy, which is responsible for environmental compliance at Bay Harbor, is installing a new and improved collection system that will be operational shortly.

Bay Harbor takes great pride in the heauty and environmental health of Bay Harbor. We will continue to work with MDEQ and CMS Energy to meet and exceed all environmental requirements and measures.

Erin A. Belleau
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Remember Sept. 22

Editor:

In my opinion Sept. 22 should be remembered. Why? Because on Sept. 22, 1862 Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which is what set the slaves free. Lincoln was born on Feh. 12, 1809 in Kentucky. Lincoln moved a lot in his life; from Kentucky to Indiana, to Illinois, to Washington D.C. He was shot at the Ford's Theater, in D.C., and died the next day on April 15, 1865. So, the dates April 15 and Sept. 22 should be remembered.

LilyAnn Matchett
Fourth grade
Charlevoix

Seniors: "Thank you" Day of Caring participants

Editor:

On Sept. 15, our Charlevoix Senior Center was the recipient of much loving labor by employees of Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Huntington Bank and the crew from Harbor Industries. Other Charlevoix company employees worked at various other non-profit organizations in Charlevoix.

The original "Community Day of Caring" was organized last year by Harbor Industries. Those in charge of organizing the program this year were mainly Mike Hurchick, Eric Thompson, Jennifer Archambault and Dee Vincent. Our hats are off to you and all of your crews.

People like these are everyday heroes. By choosing to care, and to give their best, they enhance the lives of many as they pass on their way. Not only do they touch all of us through their dedication and thoughtfulness, they inspire others to care as well. Their attitude of compassion and commitment bring so much to our community. Their loyal service is a great gift to our community and it is a gift that does not go unnoticed.

To say that they "got involved" and "cared" is putting it mildly. The volunteer crews took over the whole Charlevoix Senior Center and cleaned it from top to hottom. They had a lot of fun doing it, and we enjoyed every bit of having them with us. We greatly appreciate their hard work and are proud to be able to count on them. Refreshments and a free lunch were furnished by our senior center to all of the workers. We can't express enough appreciation for all they did.

Thanks to them for making a difference.

F. Earl Muma
Director, Charlevoix Senior Center

VPN golf benefits city rec department

Editor:

I would like to thank Mitts Lee, John Murray and the entire staff of Vacation Properties Network for their generous donation to the Charlevoix Recreation Department. Funds were raised through VPN's annual golf scramble which netted a $3,370 donation to the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department.

These funds will be used for Camp McSauba scholarships as well as for scholarships to attend Mt. McSauba's "Learn to Ski" program for children in the Charlevoix area who need assistance with the fees associated with these programs.

With community involvement and hard work from people such as the staff at Vacation Properties Network, Charlevoix remains a great area to live and raise your children.

Dwight "Ike" Boss
Recreation Director
City of Charlevoix

Misguided editorial

Editor:

Your editorial in the September 21, 2005 (Call for Wiesner's firing is lacking needed meat, page 4), misses the mark. Leaving aside your last paragraph, wherein you make some lame brained comparison between the city manager's action and the president, you seem to suggest that the city manager should only be questioned about his actions if in fact he is guilty of a malefaction.

How long did it take you to find

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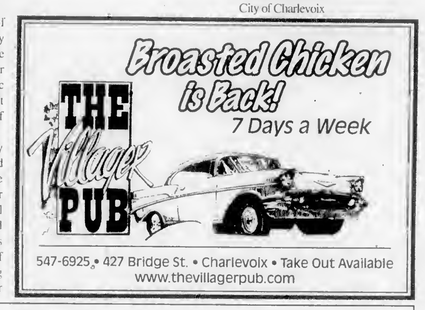

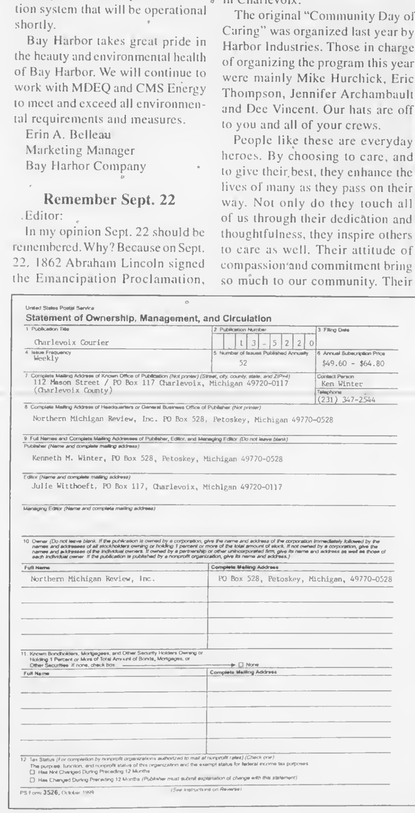

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Center sale success

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Former Bergmann Center director (left) of 19 years volunteers his time Friday afternoon at the center's benefit rummage sale. He shows Charlevoix resident, Norm Emery, some of the merchandise at the sale. The Bergmann Center raised over $1,500 as of yesterday morning. Friday, the center will offer the last of their goods for $1 a bag.

Evening Garden Club drive for members Tuesday, Oct. 4

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club is having an open membership gathering at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Meeting Room.

The club is inviting anyone interested in becoming involved to join them that evening. The club was Federated in May of 1998, and is a member of the Garden Clubs of Michigan.

Monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the hospital meeting room.

Programs focus on horticulture, gardening and landscaping. The requirements for membership are an interest in gardening, flowers and nature, and that you are interested in sharing ideas, learning more, and participating in some club activities.

The club maintains the gardens at the three "Welcome to Charlevoix" signs, assists at the Depot Heritage Garden, and has an annual plant sale.

Dues are $20 per year.

For more information please call Margaret at (231) 547-9155 or Sue at (231) 547-3091.

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Pictured at the U.S. 31 North "Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful" sign are Charlevoix Evening Garden Club members Debbie Jess, Linda Purdy and Joanne Curtis. The club is welcoming new members at a membership meeting Oct. 4.

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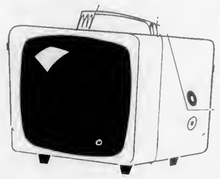

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Engagement

Headley — Morris

Adam Foster Morris, the son of Christopher and Kelly Morris of Charlevoix, is announcing his engagement to Erin Eileen Headley, daughter of Steven and Lisa Headley of Greenville, Ohio.

Adam is a 1998 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2002 Graduate of Northern Michigan University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Conservation. He is currently employed with the USDA-Forest Service, Gaylord office.

Erin is a 1999 Graduate of Greenville High School and a 2004 Graduate of the University of Toledo where she was awarded a Bachelor's degree and Teaching License in Early Childhood Education. She is employed by Head Start in Mancelona.

The couple is planning an Aug. 5, 2006 wedding and reception at Castle Farms, and currently resides on Six Mile Lake.

Historical Society's Harvest Potluck Oct. 4 at the Depot

The Charlevoix Historical Society will celebrate its annual Harvest Potluck with the public at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Depot.

Eric Ernst a guitarist and balladeer, will sing his renditions of old favorites.

Those attending should bring a dish to pass and their own table service and silver. The society provides napkins, beverages and drinking cups.

Everyone is welcome to bring guests. Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

Second Annual Circle of Strength Fashion Show

In recognition of September being Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and October Breast Cancer Awareness month, the cancer resource group "Circle of Strength" at Charlevoix Area Hospital will present the 2nd Annual Circle Of Strength Fashion Show.

Come see the fall fashions from some of our local clothing merchants at the Oct. 8 luncheon and fashion show.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. with mini workshops and will run until 2 p.m. at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church.

Participant cost is $18. Lunch will be served at noon.

One of the workshops will be led by Kayla Eggers, an 11-year-old girl, who teaches participants ages 5 to 90 how to make "friendship bracelets."

Funds raised at this event will benefit Circle of Strength.

Circle of Strength provides assistance to individuals and families coping with a cancer diagnosis providing resources, education, support and computer research training among other services.

Tickets are available by calling the Circle of Strength office at (231) 547-8950, Dee Vincent at (231) 547-9339 or at the following participating stores — Trademark, Charlevoix Floral, The Clothing Company and Shop of the Gulls.

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Obituaries

Leona Bartlett: Jan. 11, 1923 - Sept. 19, 2005

Leona Irene Bartlett, 82, longtime Charlevoix business person, community leader, volunteer and expert gardener, passed away Monday evening, Sept. 19, 2005 surrounded by her loving family at her residence.

Leona was born Jan. 11, 1923, in Hayes Township, the daughter of John R. and Anna Marie (Sauder) Struthers. She spent most of her life in the Charlevoix area except for winter months in Sarasota, Fla., for 25 years.

She was married for 60 years to Bruce Bartlett before his passing on May 5, 2003. Her parents, daughter Dawn Marie Bartlett, three brothers and one sister also preceded her in death.

Leona was the former owner of Bartlett Home Interiors in Charlevoix, now operated by her son Bruce. In her early years she was the head operator for Michigan Bell, a lifetime member of Community Church of God, raised absolutely beautiful flowers in her home garden along with an assortment of vegetables, especially her famous dill pickles and dilly beans.

She loved to play bingo and was an active volunteer in Charlevoix charities. Her grandchildren and family were important parts of her life.

Surviving Bartlett is son Bruce L. (Sue) Bartlett; daughters Diana Andersen and Debra Bartlett; three grandchildren, Nathan Christopher Bartlett, Tiffany Andersen and Michael Dillon Bartlett; sister Ruth Berg; brother Howard (Mona) Struthers; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, 2005 at the Charlevoix Community Church of God. Pastors Marjorie and Neil Turner will officiate and interment of cremains will be in Brookside Cemetery.

There will be a celebration of life reception following the service at the church. Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to either the Charlevoix Senior Center of the Charlevoix Community Church of God. The Winchester Funeral Home served the family.

Rosetta Brock: April 22, 1915 - Sept. 23, 2005

Rosetta May Brock, 90, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Sept. 23, 2005, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. A Funeral service took place at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 27, at Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix, the Rev. James Green officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Rosetta was born April 22, 1915 in Elmira, the daughter of Orrin and Christina (Fike) Gillis.

On June 1, 1935, in Charlevoix she married James Brock. Together they operated a licensed foster care home in Lincoln Park and Taylor for 30 years before moving to Charlevoix in 1971.

Rosetta enjoyed knitting, crocheting and gardening. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

Rosetta is survived by her husband James; daughters Ester Brock, Linda Tunison and Beverly (Jim) McClanathan; grandchildren Amy Loftgren and John Tunison; and sister, Henrietta Dixon.

Family suggests memorials to Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

Jay Miller II: Sept. 14, 1925 - Sept. 23, 2005

Jay Jefferson Miller, II, 80, a longtime Charlevoix summer resident whose home away from Charlevoix was in Baltimore, Md., passed away Friday, Sept. 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He was born Sept. 14, 1925, in Baltimore, Md. the son of Jay Jefferson and Sylvia (Hartman) Miller and was married to the former Anne S. Weiler on Aug. 31, 1948 and she survives.

Miller was a Curator of Ceramics at the Smithsonian Institution most of his working life, a veteran of W.W.II and an avid fly fisherman. Since a young boy he spent his summers at the family home in Charlevoix on the shores of Lake Michigan.

In addition to his wife Anne, he is survived by daughters, Pam Himmelrich and Tracy Barker; sons, Stuart, Andrew, Thomas and Joshua Miller; 13 grandchildren; brother Milton Miller; and sister Cynthia Rosenwald.

At his request there are no services planed in Charlevoix and the interment of his cremains will take place in Baltimore, Md. Arrangements were by the Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix.

Belvedere Scholarship Fund awards seven scholarships

Pictured at right are this year's recipients of scholarships from the Belvedere Scholarship Fund. They are (from left) Jenny Lopez attending Michigan State University; Sarah Cross attending Central Michigan University; Chris Golski attending Georgetown; Jacky Heckendorn attending University of Michigan; Taylor Martin attending Central Michigan University; and Liz Madison attending Ferris State University. Ezra Bakker, attending College of Marin, is not pictured.

Since 1997, the Belvedere Scholarship Fund has awarded over $200,000 in scholarships to 30 deserving young people who are employees of the Belvedere Club and the Belvedere Golf Club, an average of over $6,500 per student.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Church Office 547-6322

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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203 E. Upright

Morning Wurship	10:30 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221
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Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

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Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
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Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Arunson 547-6283

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Digging into history

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Fifth graders at Charlevoix Middle School placed in teams of five to engage in a mock archeological dig. (Below) Former teacher and member of the Charlevoix Historical Society, Barry Pierce instructs Katie Passuth on the finer points of archeological digs. The kids had the opportunity to search for replicas of arrowheads and coins buried in the soil.

Official Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Monday, October 17, 2005 • 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State St., Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed Historic District ordinance. The three main functions provided by this proposed ordinance would be:

1) legislate the requirements of the Historic District Study Committee

2) establish a historic district commission to administer a future historic districts

3) set required standards for establishing design review guidelines

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk

Dr. Boss leaves practice to pursue sleep fellowship

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Craig Boss

Dr. Craig Boss of Charlevoix left his practice Wednesday, Sept. 7 to complete a sleep medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan School of Medicine.

Boss was a resident and family physician at Boyne Area Medical Center.

The program he will attend lasts 12 months. Upon completion, Boss will be board certified in sleep medicine. He hopes to return to Charlevoix in the fall of 2006 to practice solely sleep medicine.

"Some people think I'm crazy for leaving my private practice after all these years, but I've really enjoyed sleep medicine," Boss said. "It's a one-year fellowship Monday through Friday and I take on-call every six weeks or so for a week at a time."

According to Boss, there are many reasons he chose to study sleep medicine but the biggest was, "Being involved with sleep patients at Charlevoix hospital sleep center."

"We're just learning more and more about the connection between sleep and chronic disease," he added.

Boss said he finds it fascinating how sleep disorders can contribute to things people often take for granted.

We're finding out sleep disorders exacerbate or contribute to diagnosis of heart disease, stroke, obesity and other diseases.

As many as 10 percent of American adults may be affected by a clinical sleep disorder.

"My main goal is to heighten the awareness about sleep disorders and their contribution to other medical issues," he said.

He added, "But really, it's about how much better people feel when problems are addressed, they have more energy, they're not as irritable and they are more stable. That's one of the biggest issues — people feel so much better when they get enough sleep."

Boss attended undergrad at Hope College and received his medical degree from Michigan State University in 1990. He completed his internship and residency at Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Bragg, N.C. and has been in practice for eight years.

For the last year Boss worked under David Walker, D.O. at Charlevoix Area Hospital's Sleep Center, in addition to maintaining a large client base at his family practice.

Born and raised in Charlevoix, Boss said he plans to come back and continue to practice at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center.

"I think the sleep center is a wonderful complement to Charlevoix hospital and their existing services," he said.

Four physicians: Pamela Knysz, M.D.; Catherine Wonski, M.D.; Michael Harneling, M.D. and Andrea Wendling are now treating Boss' patients.

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Churches work to relocate some Katrina victims to Charlevoix

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Since late August, when Hurricane Katrina barreled through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, Charlevoix residents have engaged in outreach efforts. Recently these efforts have evolved from reaching out with hands, hearts and open wallets to opening the town's doors.

Members of multiple congregations joined together Sept. 15 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix to brainstorm the ins and outs of bringing a family displaced by the hurricane to Charlevoix. Discussing everything from living accommodations and professional opportunities to clothing and food.

Meanwhile, on Charlevoix's south side, a Charlevoix resident of 20 years, Vicki Moses-McWatters, was spearheading an effort to do just that.

Days after watching coverage of Katrina's devastation McWatters started the process of bringing a Louisiana refugee family here where six months of provisions, lodging and transportation would be provided.

"I don't have the resources to go there and help but I have time and friends," Moses-McWatters said. "They need to get the people out of there. If every city were to adopt one family, they could get out of there. My goal is to provide resources to them to get them on their feet here."

With her mission in mind Moses-McWatters contacted Captain DeGeorge with the Salvation Army in Petoskey.

DeGeorge suggested that she partner with her church, Safe Harbor Baptist Church, located off Old U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix.

A quick pitch of the idea to pastor Pete Aronson and Moses-McWatters' said he and the congregation were on board.

"This has united a community, it gives everyone a chance to make a difference," Aronson said.

While the effort has evolved into a church outreach project their aim is not limited to Christian hurricane victims or constrained in any way.

"Whatever family comes to us first we will take in," Moses-McWatters said.

At this time a family has not been assigned to Safe Harbor's Katrina Adopt-A-Family Effort.

According to John Alexandrowski, senior pastor at Word of Life Community Church in Petoskey, who is coordinating efforts to place displaced families, bringing people here now isn't as simple as it may seem.

Alexandrowski has been working in conjunction with the Little Traverse Ministerial Association and the Salvation Army and has

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Sheriff warns of new jury duty identity theft scam

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater would like to warn citizens of a new identity theft scam.

The scammer calls claiming to work for the local court and claims you failed to report for jury duty. And then tells you that a warrant has been issued for your arrest. When you state that you never received the jury notification the scammer then asks for confidential information for "verification" purposes.

Specifically, the scammer will ask for the victim's social security number, birth date and sometimes even for credit card numbers and other private information.

This jury duty scam is the latest in a series of identity theft cons where the scammers use the phone to try to get people to reveal their personal information. Protecting yourself is simple. Never give your personal, confidential information over the telephone.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Standing Historic District Study Committee
October 5, 2005 • 5:30 p.m.

The Standing Historic District Study Committee will hold a public information meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 to educate interested parties about the pending Historic District Ordinance.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available at the City Clerk's Office.

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Adopt-a-family effort unites community

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already placed five families, four in the Petoskey area and the fifth in East Jordan.

"People need to be patient with the churches and the search process. They (those displaced) are hesitant to leave, they want to go back to their homes to retrieve their belongings if there is anything left and they are hesitant of the cold and snow," he said.

He estimated that it could take up to two months for a family to be placed with the Safe Harbor program or the effort being lead by the Charlevoix church group.

When the Safe Harbor family is ready for Charlevoix Moses-McWatters and her fellow supporters will be ready for them.

A fund-raiser that took place this Monday, Sept. 26, raised a substantial amount of funding.

The event took place at the Flap Jack Family Restaurant where Moses-McWatters, the former owner of the craft show Family Affair, is a server.

The staff helped coordinate a pancake dinner where their time and tips went to the adopt-a-family effort and a silent auction with $3,000 in items including everything from lunch with Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater to a pontoon boat rental and trees were claimed by high bidders.

About 100 hungry supporters arrived for the dinner where they feasted for the bargain price of $7 for adults and $5 for children.

Lodging for six months at Pine Cove Apartments has also been secured. The chosen family will be given free rent as well as electrical and heat at no charge.

A car was also donated by Safe Harbor attendee Shaun Curtis of Traverse City which will be serviced free-of-charge by Randy Moyer of Integrity Auto.

While these two groups await placement of a family they continue to collect donations to purchase necessities.

A Safe Harbor Hurricane Fund has been established at Bay Winds Federal Credit Union in Charlevoix to accommodate donations.

For more information call Moses-McWatters at (231) 547-9795.

Photo by Julie Witthoett

Charlevoix resident Vicki Moses-McWatters (center) and members of Safe Harbor Baptist Church organized a benefit pancake dinner Sept. 27 at Flap Jack Family Restaurant. They plan to use funds and local resources to bring a displaced Louisiana family to Charlevoix.

Legislators lead fight to maintain USCG cutter

Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson joined state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and Sen. Jason Allen on Thursday, Sept. 22 in Lansing to give testimony to gain House support for keeping a Coast Guard cutter stationed in Charlevoix.

House Resolution 86, sponsored by Elsenheimer, urges the United States Coast Guard to continue to operate a cutter ship out of Charlevoix when the Acacia is decommissioned in 2006.

The measure was approved by the House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use and Environment Committee, as was Allen's Concurrent Resolution 24.

"It's sad to see the Acacia retired because it's been part of the community for so long, but it's served admirably, and it's time," said Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire. "While the Acacia is leaving, the necessity and usefulness of having a Coast Guard cutter stationed in Charlevoix has not. The health and safety of people on and around Lake Michigan requires the Guard to maintain this post."

Copies of the resolutions will be sent to the United States Coast Guard 9th District Headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation upon full House approval.

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Be sure not to provide an adequate advertising budget for your business.
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Federal grants available to local businesses

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Potential or existing Charlevoix businesses may benefit from some of the over $980,000 in funds recently awarded to the Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation (NEIC) of Marquette.

The $984,560 which came in the form of two grants was awarded by the United State Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) fund. The fund was developed to aid the economic development of local businesses.

"Last year we expanded into northern lower rural Michigan, so we're offering services in the way of small business loans to the extent that we can find opportunities to lend in Charlevoix," said Dennis West, president of the initiatives corporation. "We'd be glad to support business startups in that (Charlevoix) county."

He added, "We've done 350 loans in the last 10 years. That's about $16 million worth of lending that we've done."

The Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation is a certified United State Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institution. It is also a private, not-for-profit organization which was created as a partnership between Northern Michigan University and ShoreBank out Chicago, Ill. in 1985 after seeing unemployment numbers in the Upper Peninsula reach as high as 20 percent.

Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation provides loans to businesses, both small and large, for development and other services to 51 counties in northern-lower Michigan as well as the Upper Peninsula.

"Generally we find ourselves involved with a small business startup or someone buys existing business, but they might have equity limitations or other factors that may make a community bank not as enthused about lending to them," West said.

As a result, West said, his company wanted an opportunity to support economic development.

"Over the years we've looked at a lot of issues and last year we decided to go below the bridge because many of the characteristics below the bridge are similar to what we see in the Upper Peninsula," he said.

West said the significance of these funds will be felt in rural areas such as Charlevoix County and areas where the economy is in transition from domination by one or two industries which must now become more diverse and resilient.

Thirty percent of loans given by the Northern Economic Initiatives

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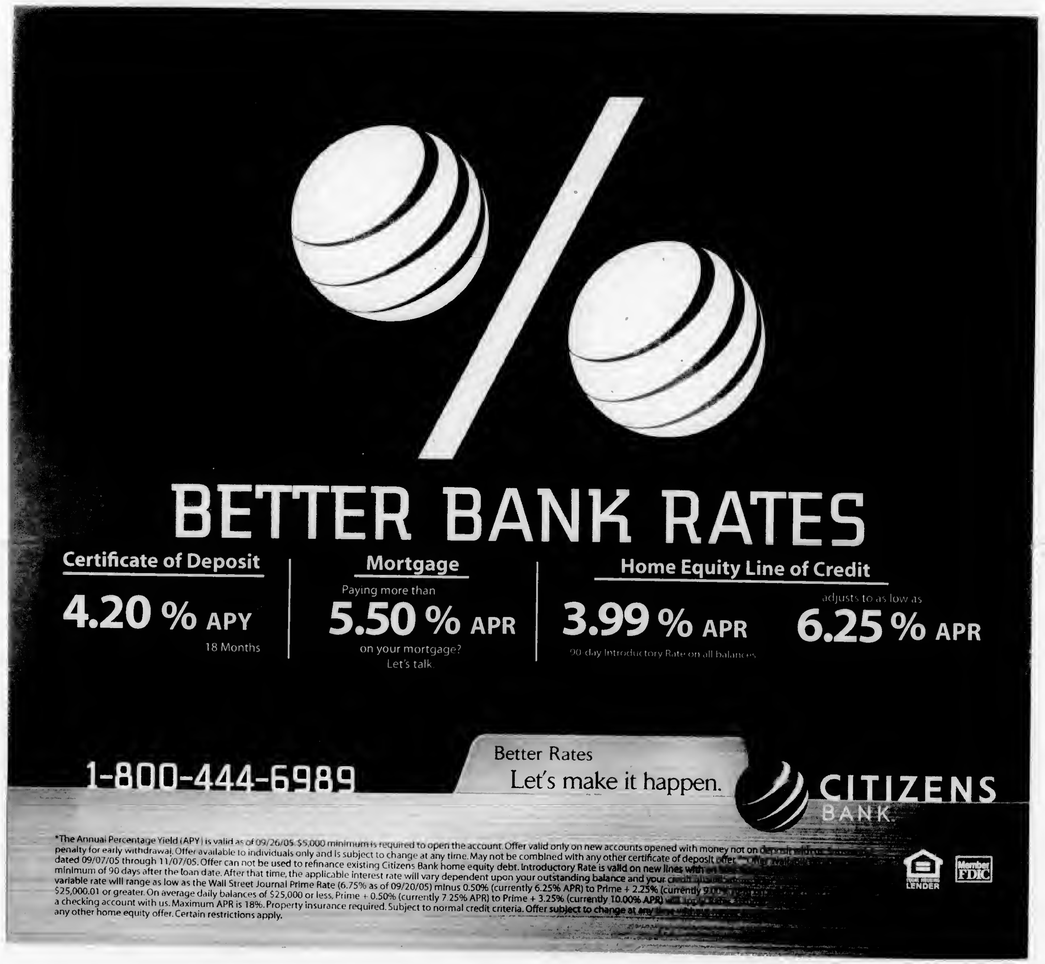

Almost $1 million to benefit northern Michigan businesses

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Corporation have gone to manufacturing businesses, but they have invested in a little bit of everything.

"Everything from working with a guy who's business was to recover road kill — that was a really small one but we really liked what he was trying to do so that was a few thousand dollars," West said. "Up to the $1.3 million wae invested in a high-tech startup sawmill."

According to West, his company receives many referrals from community banks about startups and existing businesses when banks have limitations on what they can do. West's company then will work to find a way to help the company.

"We can step in if there are issues such as insufficient collateral," he said. "Our business has been to take people and support them in the growth and development of their business."

According to U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak, the grant for the amount of $950,000 will he used for things like sustainability and strengthening financing and capacity of organizations to address business development needs in northern Michigan and Upper Peninsula communities.

"Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation has been successfully assisting small businesses and community development in northern Michigan for well over a decade," U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak said. "These grants will enable them to offer the tools small businesses need to get ahead in today's economy."

The second grant amount is for $34,560. It will he used for strategy development, market research, business plan and preparation and product development among other things, Stupak added.

West said Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation would also like to get into some long-term loans.

"Most of our lending has been short-term mainly five to seven years mainly as working capital and equipment financing," West said. "What we'd like to be able to do is work with local banks and do some real-estate financing and things of that nature."

West said there is a certification process involved to apply for grants from the United State Department of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions fund, as well as the need to find matching grants and loans from other lending institutions.

Anyone interested in applying for a loan with the Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation should call toll free (800) 254-2156 or visit www.niupnorth.org.

Red, White and Music benefit

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Chris Martin plays the piano while he sings his version of Margaritaville at the Red, White & Music concert Saturday, Sept. 24 at Charlevoix High School. Proceeds from the concert benefit the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

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Tip of the Mitt to host clean water event Oct. 18

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Michigan Environmental Council are hosting a program called "Clean Water — Your Heritage, Your Future" on Tuesday, Oct. 18 to celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, the foundation for water pollution control.

The event will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. Oct. 18 with gourmet dinner served at 5:30 p.m. at The Inn at Bay Harbor. Participant cost is $25 per person.

Deborah Perryman, a Petoskey High School graduate and the Illinois Teacher of the Year, will be the featured presenter. Participants will also receive the new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) book by author Ellen Kohler.

Part of the program will feature "Edens Lost and Found," a PBS documentary of how ordinary citizens are restoring great American cities.

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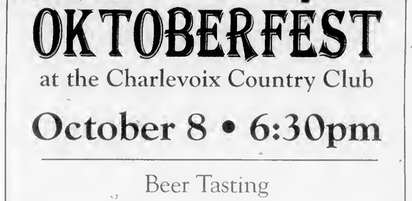

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McDonough named health ed coordinator

Jean McDonough, RN, has been chosen to serve as Charlevoix Area Hospital's new community health education coordinator.

McDonough, who is currently a staff nurse in the emergency department, has been with the hospital for four years. Prior to that, she worked for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

"Jean brings a wealth of experience in public health and patient outreach," says Joy Klooster, vice president for nursing services. "We're pleased she's going to take on this assignment. Our community is certain to benefit."

The health education coordinator position is a new one, created to help the hospital serve as a community resource on a broad variety of health-related issues. McDonough will be the "go-to" person for health fairs, blood drives, school-based health programs like Fit Kids, and requests for speakers on topics ranging from diabetes and cancer, to weight control and fitness.

McDonough, who begins the job this week, says the hospital has always been a good source of health information and educational programs, but bringing all its offerings under one coordinator will give community residents easier access.

"We want to plan events and deliver programs that respond to community needs," she said. "I'm excited about getting started."

For more information, McDonough can be reached at (231) 547-8906.

COA provides prescription drug program assistance

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging now offers assistance through the Medicare Prescription Drug Program.

The new Medicare Prescription Drug Program will go into effect Jan. 1, 2006.

In preparation for that target date, the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is providing trained counselors to address questions and offer personal counseling services and enrollment assistance for seniors and anyone on Medicare residing in Charlevoix County.

Counselors assigned to the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging are prepared to answer questions, determine eligibility, examine options for prescription drug assistance and help with enrollment forms.

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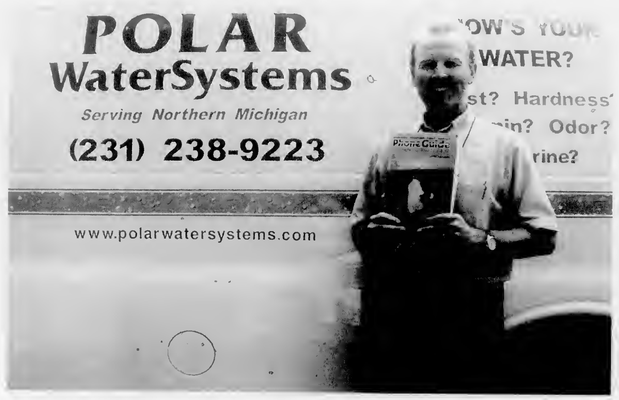

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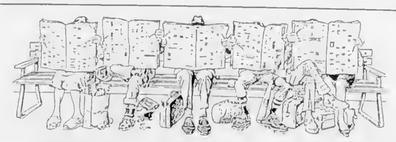

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Born Learning campaign kicks off to increase early education

The Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, along with local United Ways, are working on a new program to help people in northern Michigan understand how children learn.

A new early learning public engagement campaign called "Born Learning" was introduced at a jointly sponsored press conference last week.

Born Learning is part of the national United Way's effort to help parents and other caregivers create learning opportunities in their day-to-day activities.

The campaign includes educational materials and tools geared toward development at specific ages from birth to five-years old.

Additionally, some resources include valuable interactive guides specifically developed to assist fathers and grandparents.

Designed to support parents and other caregivers in their critical role as a child's first teacher, Born Learning materials are made available through the efforts of United Way of America, Civitas, the Intermediate School Districts, and the United Ways of Northwest Michigan and Charlevoix-Emmet County.

All materials are posted on the Web site, www.bornlearning.org.

"We are excited to see a national program of this magnitude brought to our local level," said Karen Szcodronski, Director of Instructional Services for the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District.

"With studies showing that critical brain development in children takes place between the years of birth to three, the positive day-to-day interaction we have with our children is so very important," she added.

Born Learning will strengthen the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District's "Way to Grow" and the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's "Stepping Stones to School" current early childhood programs and networks in local communities.

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Michigan Saves offers home ownership savings

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) is accepting applications for nine accounts for its matched savings program in Emmet, Charlevoix, and Antrim counties.

The program, called Michigan Saves, offers people the opportunity to save for the purchase of a first time home. Each dollar the participant saves is matched at a 3:1 ratio for home ownership. The maximum amount that can be matched is $1,000.

Michigan Saves is an Individual Development Account (IDA) program. These programs are a new concept and offer the matched savings as part of a financial literacy-training program. The program is very structured, according to Karen Emerson, program coordinator.

"Participants must attend the minimum of 10 hours of financial literacy training and an additional 4-6 hours of training on the specific asset they are purchasing before receiving the matched funds," she said. "Each account holder will make a commitment to attend these classes and individual budget counseling, as well as make monthly deposits into a savings account to reach the desired goal. These requirements must be fulfilled before he or she will receive the match funds."

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency has received funding for up to nine accounts in this program through a grant from the Assets for Independence Program, and Petoskey/Harbor Springs Community Foundation, and Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The funding source determines the eligibility requirements for the program. To be eligible, an applicant must be able to receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, and his or her income must be within 200 percent of poverty. To be Temporary Assistance to Needy Families eligible, a person must have dependent children living in the home or be pregnant. Participants must have a source of earned income.

When participants complete the application process and are accepted into the program, they must select their asset. A savings plan is then developed, and the participant signs a program agreement. Savings must come from earned income and be deposited into a special savings account on a monthly basis. Missing deposits can cause dismissal from the program and forfeiture of match funds.

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency has partnered with Fifth Third Bank, Michigan State Cooperative Extension, and others, and the program is strengthened by partnerships with other community agencies. The collaborative effort brings with it a level of experience that offers insight into the challenges that account holders will face in achieving their goals.

Register for the next prepurchase workshop from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 4, and learn more about first time home ownership opportunities. For more information, contact Keith Greenwald at (800) 443-5518 or (231) 347-9070.

Auditions set for theater's The Christmas Schooner

Auditions for cast members to board The Christmas Schooner will start at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Oct. 4-6, at the Ross Stoakes Theatre in the Crooked Tree Arts Center, Petoskey.

Roles available for this year's production include spots for 8-9 men; one 10-12 year old boy; one 14-15 year old young man; 5-6 men ages 20-40 and one man 55-65.

On the women's side there are roles available for one 11-13 year old girl and 4-5 women ranging in age from early 20's to late 30s and early 40s.

This critically acclaimed holiday treat tells the story of a Michigan shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather to bring the Tannenbaum to homesick German-American families in turn-of-the-century Chicago, Ill. His voyages become a yearly tradition despite his wife's misgivings. The musical is based upon actual events in Michigan maritime history.

Gig Stewart is the Musical Director and Sally Page the accompanist.

For the audition, prepare a song of your choice. Actors will also be asked to read a scene from the script.

Performance dates are December 8-11 and 15-18 and rehearsals will begin on October 10 and continue three - four nights per week until the production.

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C2 now offers custom framing and classes

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

C2 Gallery, one of Charlevoix's newest art galleries, has expanded its offerings to include custom framing and on-site art classes.

Charlevoix residents and roommates, Cheryl and Mike Carey and Amy Cook purchased the former Koucky Gallery and opened C2 early this summer.

Cheryl, 35, worked for Koucky Gallery owners Chuck and Nancy Koucky in the summer of 2004. When she found out they were interested in selling the business, she jumped at the chance to live her dream — owning and operating an art gallery.

Ultimately, the gallery moved next-door to 327 Bridge Street and the Rocking Horse Toy Company moved to the old Koucky Gallery location.

About 30 percent of the current inventory is from new artists. Koucky's staple artists that are part of the new C2 Gallery include Deborah Hoover, Luke Buck, Matthew Keiser and of course potter Chuck Koucky and jeweler Nancy Koucky.

Since opening they have been working on converting the basement into a custom framing workshop.

Mike is leading the framing effort. His background includes photo framing and his focus is on preservation framing of primarily small to large format flat work.

Frames available include plain and ornate wood and metal materials supplied by Traverse City's Nelson's Frame Shop. Samples are available in the workshop. Mattes and glass are cut on-site.

C2 is offering a 10 percent framing discount on work bought at the gallery.

Workshops offered there this winter will include silk dying and jewelry making.

For more information about C2 Gallery, call (231) 547-2228 or e-mail c2gallery@yahoo.com. The gallery's hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

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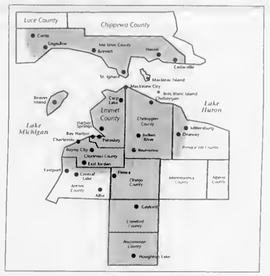

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St. Mary supports school

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A donation to St. Mary School from St. Mary Cement was made Sept. 20. Terry Blissett and Matt Gower presented principal Janet Troppman with a check for $5,000. These funds are being used to enhance the school's computer facilities by establishing a new school PC network. Next year, St. Mary Cement will follow up this donation with an additional $5,000.

Dry Harbour awards

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Dry Harbour Marine, of Charlevoix recently attended the 2006 Formula Boat Dealer Meeting in Fort Myers, Fla. where they earned a sales volume award for outstanding sales in 2005 and a Certificate of Achievement service award. Pictured at the awards presentation are (from left) Formula President Scott Porter, Barney Way and Scott Boss of Dry Harbour Marine and Formula CEO Vic Porter.

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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members, with the exception of council member Haggard, were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to follow the Cemetery Chapel Committee's recommendation to proceed immediately with the temporary repairs at a cost of $3,000 as directed by the architect and that the architect work with staff to proceed expeditiously to implement total repair (roof replacement repairs, foundation repairs), obtaining quotes for roof repair by wood shingle and asphalt shingle, at a total estimated cost of $66,000 plus 15% contingency, with the idea that the facility be continued to completion within three years.
- Motion adopted to set a Public Hearing on October 17, 2005 for the review of the proposed Historic District Ordinance.
- Council requested that the islands in the airport parking lot be raked, weeded & seeded.
- Council directed City Manager Wiesner to have Chief Halverson contact the Sault Saint Marie prosecutor's office to determine the prosecutor's intentions with regards to the CCMS check.

Council adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Shop of the Gulls opens kitchen section

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

The nearly 50-year-old Shop of the Gulls on Bridge Street will unveil its new kitchenware section on Saturday.

Inside the former Bahnhof Sport, which sits at 207 Bridge Street, to the left of the shop, a mixture of kitchen gadgets, utensils, appliances, cooking ware and bake ware will be made available to the public.

Shop of the Gulls owner Patricia Blanchard said she had long wanted to incorporate a kitchen section amid the shelves of Vera Bradley handbags and Lady Primrose lotions.

When the neighboring 1,200-square-foot site was made available for purchase in June, the opportunity to expand became visible, quite literally.

With the acquisition of the Bahnhof Sport site, Shop of the Gulls will boast a total 3,600 square feet.

Although the two sites haven't physically joined into one, the dividing wall between them will be torn down in mid-winter, said Blanchard, adding that the kitchenware section will not assume another name.

So far, Blanchard's husband Clint has lead the remodeling effort. Dressing rooms have been torn down and flooring has been laid, leaving just the assembly of shelves and electrical work to be completed before the new shop's grand opening.

With the exception of ceiling painting, all work has been done by Blanchard, her husband and her staff. Construction should be completed by March or April.

"We're going to keep adding to our inventory as we go," she said.

Blanchard, who hasn't made any significant line changes in the shop since assuming ownership two years ago, added that Shop of the Gulls will be fully stocked with selected kitchenware brands by spring.

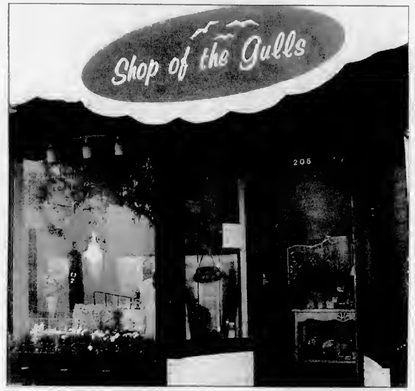
Such brand name items include Chantal tea kettles and pans, J. A. Henckles knives and pans, Gen-An mixers and blenders, Oxo utensils, Oster small appliances and various kitchen gadgets including peppermills, silicon utensils and bamboo cutting boards.

Blanchard's decision to carry the brands came from either previous use or reputation. The selected merchandise, she said, also reflects fair pricing, good quality and distinctive character.

"I've always had an interest in kitchens, cooking and cookware," she said. "I wanted to dabble in something I really enjoy."

Blanchard, who works alongside her daughter, Nicole, the shop's manager — and three part-time employees, does not foresee a need for new employees until the spring. She said her next endeavor will be the development of an official Web site for Shop of the Gulls.

Fall store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.



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SPORTS

Porker golf winners

Courtesy photo

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix hosted its annual "Porker" Golf Outing Sept. 1 at the Charlevoix Golf Club. 56 players participated. First place went to the team pictured above made up of (from left) Mike Potter, Pat Potter, Joe Potter and Dr. Joe Caruso. Proceeds from the event totaling $2,300 will be distributed to various Rotary community causes.

Rayder football take the Elks by a score of 39-13

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Rayder football team's Lake Michigan Conference win last Friday brings the team's record to 4-1 overall on the season.

After a loss to Boyne City which ended a three-game winning streak for the Rayders two weeks ago, Charlevoix made steak out of the Elks of Elk Rapids for a final score of 39-13.

"The kids played good. It was nice to see us get off to a good start," said head coach Don Jess. "The last couple games, we didn't get off to a good start (but) it was nice to see that on Friday."

He added, "I think maybe that Boyne game was a little bit of a wake-up call for them."

The Rayders' first touchdown of the game was off an intereception by quarterback Matt Kautz for a 47-yard pass return. The second touchdown was a one-yard run by Russell Williams. Their third touchdown was a 15-yard run by Matt Kanine with Williams kicking the extra point. The fourth touchdown of the game was a 30-yard reception by Darren Munson with Williams kicking the extra point. The fifth touchdown of the game was a two-yard run by Kautz with Williams once again polishing off the play with the extra point.

In passing, Kautz was six of 10 for 135 yards thrown. In receiving, Eddie Waldron had two catches for 62 yards.

Williams lead rushing with 11 carries for 81 yards. Jeff Golovich, Drew Klooster and Chris Aepelbacher lead the maroon and white defense with seven tackles.

At 7 p.m. Sept. 30 the Rayders will meet the Blue Blazers of Kalkaska at Kalkaska, whom Charlevoix defeated last year.

"They are a good physical team. They have some tough kids," Jess said. "We're going to have to play well over there and work on defensive assignments."

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SPORTS

Varsity and JV golf post strong scores at recent outings

The Charlevoix Varsity Golf team played in the Gaylord Invitational Sept. 16 at the Classic Course Otsego Club and following up with its best outing for the year at Boyne USA.

The Rayders shot a 349 on a short course with very fast greens. Top shooters for the Rayders were Kris Bartling and Kyle DeYoung who both shot an 85, Chase Beatty with a 96, J.D. Speigl with a 90 and Stephen Parker with an 89.

The Gaylord Invitational for the junior varsity teams was held at Wilderness Valley Golf Club.

On Sept. 20, the Rayders' varsity team played at Boyne USA.

"Charlevoix had it's best outing of the year so far," said coach Jim Glynn. "Shooting a 161 at a Lake Michigan Conference match at the Moor, Charlevoix came in second out of eight teams."

He added, "Kyle DeYoung's breakout round of 36 was super. Kris Bartling's 41 could lead to better things."

Charlevoix was second to Traverse City St. Francis who ended the day with a 159.

According to Glynn, sophomores Chase Beatty and J.D. Speigl are playing very well.

"The team is getting four solid scores. Coming into conference championship time, that could mean good things," Glynn said.

On Sept. 22 at the Indian River Golf Club's, Puppy Invitational, the Charlevoix junior varsity team met for competition where they finished in first place by 27 strokes.

"(They) had a super meet taking first place and winning four medals," Glynn said. "A great finish for a fine season for the junior varsity."

Top finishers for the junior varsity were Woody Nitchman and Nic Williams who both shot an 86, RJ Moore who shot an 89, Kyle Smith with a 92 and Alex Molter with a 97.

The Rayder varsity team also played that day in a Lake Michigan Conference match.

"(They) shot a 170 in the eight team event placing fifth overall," Glynn said. "Heavy rain pounded the first five holes."

Kyle DeYoung had the best score for Charlevoix shooting a 41.

Charlevoix hosted the LMC Championship match at Antrim Dells Sept. 27. Results from this championship were not available by press time.

Cross country teams come out on top in recent meets

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix High School runners have competed in a busy event schedule over the last week.

The Charlevoix Varsity Cross Country Teams competed Sept. 17 at the Ludington Invitational where the lady Rayders showed improvement in their performances over past meets.

"As a team we made great strides forward towards closing gaps between runners," said coach Mary Plude. "The team is starting to come together."

She added, "We have learned a lot this first part of the season and we have set a good foundation for a stronger second half."

Varsity was led by Brittney Lamh in 7th place with a time of 21 minutes and 54 seconds.

The junior varsity team was led by Kristina Alden in 13th place with 25:24.

Lady Rayder team standings were 4th out of 7 teams in Division III and 6th out of 19 teams in all Divisions I, II, III, IV.

The boys also had a positive showing Sept. 17 at the Ludington Briggs True Value Invitational finishing 2nd in Division III and 5th overall. A total of 25 schools competed in the race.

Coach Ken Plude said, "The boys would have placed even higher if not for a bit of bad luck. Isaac Matchett collapsed from hyperventilation with less than 400 meters to go in the race. At the time, Isaac was in 21st place out of 150 runners."

The varsity team was led by Jacob Wimmer in 4th place with a time of 17:51.

The junior varsity team won all divisions taking 1st out of 25 schools and 177 racers.

The junior varsity team was led by Jacob Hunt in 6th with 19:23.

On Sept. 23 the junior and senior runners met at the Petoskey Invitational.

"The eleventh and twelfth grade race was a good race for us as we had a gap of less than one minute between our one and five runners and 1:06 between our one and seven (runners)," Ken said. "If we can lower our gap to less than 50 seconds and move the whole varsity team down to 25 to 30 seconds we should reach our goal of contending for the regional and conference championships."

The top finisher for Charlevoix was Stevens in 6th place with a time of 17:10.

"This team shows a lot of depth. Every varsity member (won medals) and then some — 11 total," Ken said.

On Sept. 24 the lady Rayders ran in the girls Petoskey Invitational.

"This was a great team day for us," Mary said. "Seven medalists and two plaques was a great reward for the team. The time gap between the top four runners is closing. As is the one between four and five. We are under one minute now."

In the eleventh and twelfth grade race Lindi Edger was in 3rd place with a time of 20:07.

In the eleventh and twelfth grade team standings, Harbor Springs had a 72 and Charlevoix had a 74 taking a 2nd place plaque.

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Men's Senior League - Sept. 19, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	8	0
St. Mary's ol Charlevoix	6	2
J Arnold Painting "2"	5	3
J Arnold Painting "A"	4	4
B Vanloo & Sons	4	4
Ken's Racing	3	5
The Flight Deck	2	6
Selph Trucking	0	8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	632	242
Jon Kleman	597	222
Gordie Selph	597	221

Tuesday Night Ladies - Sept. 20, 2005

	W	L
DM Consruction	9	3
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	7	5
Team #5	7	5
Grey Gables Inn	6	6
Paul Bunyan Lanes	6	6
Oleson's Food Store	6	6
Birdies Beachy Shoppe	4	8
Central Drug Store	3	9

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Linda Lake	530	230
Mary O'Brien	584	224
Leanna Mosoriyak	533	206

Church League - Sept. 21, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	108	42
Ferguson & Chamberlain	84	66
State Farm Insurance	76	74
R & C Roofing	76	74
Lakeshore Tire	75	75
Mark White Paint & Stain	64	86
Lutherans	63	87
St. Mary's	54	96

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Randy DeYoung		247
John Fiedorek	660	
Larry Potter	592	246
Larry Darrah	599	
Chris Pullman	592	232

Young at Hearts League
Sept. 22, 2005

	W	L
Irish Rollers	10	2
Alley Cats	9	3
Spareitme	8	4
Half & Half	7	5
Past Timers	5	7
Misfits	5	7
Twilighters	3	9
Has Beens	1	11

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Art Ruis	484	181
Ralph Kilson		169
Dick Wells	460	
Chet Otmanowski		162
Mo Dixon	442	
Audrey Trimble	478	204
Shirley Flower	387	170
Dolly Coen	421	
Zettie Kilson		159

Gutter Gals - Sept. 22, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	39	21
Express Yourself	33	27
Burger King of Charlevoix	30	30
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	42

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

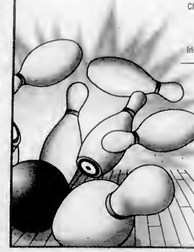
	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	573	223
Diana Speigl	453	177
Jane Helm	402	154

Double Deckers Mixed League
Sept. 18, 2005

	W	L
Russell A & J	4	0
Bradley	4	0
Wells	4	0
Koffman	4	0
Stein	3	1
Webb	3	1
Blanchard/Crain	3	1
Sladek	2	2
Russell C & R	2	2
Ferguson	1	3
Spencer	1	3
Thomas	1	3
Patton	0	4
Fitzpatrick/Bindi	0	4
Nordman	0	4
Team #16	0	4

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Kelly Blanchard	565	213
Don Wells		199
Jerry Russell	534	186
John Ferguson	516	
Lynette Webb	501	189
Carrie Blanchard	486	186
Amy Russell		182
Jackie Stein	459	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

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LETTERS

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Editor:

Where do I start? First, I would like to thank Community Reformed Church, Charlevoix Middle School, Charlevoix High School, Crown Motors, the coffee gang and all others who so generously contributed supplies and money to the Katrina relief effort.

We left Charlevoix on Thursday (Sept. 29) and proceeded to Elkhart, Ind. and picked up a 33-foot FEMA travel trailer to be used by an evacuee family. After about 1,300 miles we arrived at the Florida Blvd. Baptist Church in Baton Rouge and met John, Kevin, Will, Mary and others who assisted us in unloading the Charlevoix cargo.

They have established two distribution warehouses that they use to organize and send supplies to areas of need. They have currently distributed over 18 semi truck loads throughout Mississippi and Louisiana. They received these goods from 27 different states. They were very aware of the local needs and have an on-going list of who needs what. They especially liked the school supplies.

Over the last four weeks an organization that can feed thousands of meals a day has been using the church facilities to organize their effort. About 30 people from an Oklahoma relief project provided this service and lived in the church gym. They just moved to Texas to help with the Rita relief effort. After they left, two nursing homes that were in the path of Rita asked if they could use the church gym. There are now 80 nursing home patients there with hopes of returning home on Tuesday. The members of the Baptist church who are volunteering with this relief effort have worked relentlessly since Katrina hit and their efforts are commendable. Words can not describe them.

We then dropped off the trailer at FEMA trailer staging grounds where there were thousands and thousands and thousands of trailers. They indicated that FEMA had purchased 70,000 trailers from throughout the U.S. and were receiving and distributing them from this site in Purvis, Miss. On to New Orleans. Much of the city is inaccessible if you don't carry a badge, can repair utilities, can clean up debris or are repairing damaged buildings.

The residential areas that we did see had been flooded. Homeowners are beginning to start the cleanup process. They have pulled everything out from the first floor of their homes and all have huge piles of junk in their front yards. The junk includes furniture, appliances, carpeting, kitchen cabinets, hardwood flooring, drywall and doors. The cars they left in their yards all have water marks at about five feet. All the grass, flowers and bushes around the homes are brown and appear to be dead. There are only a few businesses open which also have their big pile of junk. They really could use waste haulers there to get rid of the junk. Many of the houses appeared to still be empty, but those that have returned are working hard to clean up and start over. What lies beyond the police barricades is probably a lot worse.

We saw police officers from Chicago, Ill. tree cutters from North Carolina and utility trucks from all over the U.S. There are convoys of men with their various trucks cruising the expressways in every direction. All hotel rooms seem to be occupied by these guys.

This is our observation of what we saw. Thanks again for your help. Every little bit of help adds up to a lot when so many are willing to assist.

Joe and Christy Vogelheim
Charlevoix

Beach cleanup success

Editor:

Thousands of volunteers gathered along shorelines and tributaries of Lake Michigan for the September Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup Saturday, Sept. 17. The Alliance for the Great Lakes has coordinated volunteer efforts in Michigan and Illinois since 1991 as part of the annual International Coastal Cleanup, which is coordinated by the Ocean Conservancy in Washington, D.C. This year is the 15th anniversary of the Alliance for the Great Lakes' annual beach cleanup.

Charlevoix County is one of approximately 120 cleanup areas in Michigan. This year, Charlevoix had 70 volunteers clean 10 sites from Norwood to Bayshore, collecting 300 pounds of trash along 15 miles of shoreline. In 2004, Michigan had 2,245 volunteers remove 8,773 pounds of garbage from 162 miles of shoreline. Each year, there is an increasing number of volunteers and clean up sites. Beaver Island joined the alliance this year as a cleanup site.

The importance of the Great Lakes to those who live and work in the region is evident in the range of volunteers who participate in the cleanup. Families, individuals, schools and community groups work collectively to protect this vital resource. The alliance would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in this year's cleanup. Their efforts are critical to the health of the lakes. The generous food donations from Don's IGA and Glen's of Charlevoix are greatly appreciated, as well as the dumpster donation from Waste Management.

Please mark Sept. 16, 2006 on your calendar for next year's cleanup. Information can be found at www.greatlakes.org or by calling (616) 850-0745 or the Charlevoix cleanup coordinator, Daniel Mann.

Daniel Mann
Charlevoix cleanup coordinator
Charlevoix

Fire prevention reminder

Editor:

As the time change approaches (Sunday, Oct. 30), the City of Charlevoix Fire Department wants to remind residents to make another change that could save their lives, by changing the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Communities nationwide witness tragic home fire deaths each year. An average of three children per day die in-home fires. And 80 percent of those occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits smoke alarms were designed to provide. The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms is worn or missing batteries.

Changing smoke alarm batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. In fact, working smoke alarms cut nearly in half the risk of dying in a home fire. Additionally, the International Association of Fire Chiefs recommends replacing your smoke alarms every 10 years.

Over the last decade, candle fires have more than tripled, (from the 5,500 reported in 1990 to an estimated 18,000 during 2001). As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, NFPA (National Fire Protective Association) has chosen "Use Candles with Care" as the 2005 Fire Prevention theme, to encourage people to observe simple safety precautions when using candles.

The City of Charlevoix Fire Department will be visiting the elementary schools in Charlevoix during Fire Prevention Week to reinforce this year's message. The City of Charlevoix also has scheduled a Fire Prevention Open House, at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at the fire station for anyone who was unable to participate at the schools, or just wants to show their parents what they learned.

In addition, the City of Charlevoix Fire Department recommends residents use the "extra" hour they save from the time change to test smoke alarms by pushing the test button, planning "two ways out" and practicing escape routes with the entire family. Families should also prepare a fire safety kit that includes working flashlights and fresh batteries.

Joe Schwartzfisher
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Recognize domestic abuse awareness month

October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

As advocates who work with victims/survivors of domestic abuse the Women's Resource Center would like to provide information to help raise awareness of this atrocity that befalls many women's lives and disrupts countless families in our community, throughout the country and the world.

Domestic abuse does not mean only physical or sexual abuse.

There are several other forms of domestic abuse, such as: Psychological and emotional abuse, use of manipulation and threats, intimidation, economic abuse and isolation.

Domestic abuse is a community problem.

In our community we have free and confidential services provided by the Women's Resource Center. A variety of services have been developed that can assist the victim/survivor and their children in achieving a life, free of abuse and control.

However, the women's center and the victim/survivors can not do it alone.

Stopping domestic abuse requires community involvement.

It may affect your neighbor, your sister, your daughter, your mother, your co-worker or the person who sits in front of you at church.

As a member of the community you can help a domestic abuse victim/survivor by doing any of the following:

Call the police if you believe you see or hear domestic abuse.

Hold the abuser accountable and don't blame the victim/survivor.

Know that it is common for some of the victims/survivors to return to the abuser multiple times.

Understand that it may be safer for the victim/survivor to stay than to leave until she gets adequate help and support.

Let the victim know that you are willing to help in any way you can.

Remember that domestic abuse victims/survivors have generally been isolated and may need help expanding their support system.

Refer the victim to the Women's Resource Center at 1-800-275-1995 or to the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

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BIDS WANTED - North Country Community Mental Health, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, will be accepting bids for snow removal. The bid should include snow removal and sanding of parking areas and sidewalks. The bids should be broken down to separate snow removal and sanding costs. Bids will be accepted for the following locations at the above address no later than October 7, 2005. Please address all bids to the attention of Joan Booth.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF STATE-OWNED OIL AND GAS MINERALS TO BE OFFERED FOR LEASE AUCTION

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Registration of bidders will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo Street (The Forum and Lake Superior Rooms), Lansing, Michigan.

Offering of lease rights will begin at 9.00 a.m. at a minimum bid of $13.00 per acre, and will continue until all descriptions have been offered. Additionally, at the auction's end and at the option of the DNR, parcels not bid in at $13.00 per acre, may be re-offered at a minimum bid of $5.00 per acre.

Bids may be submitted by individuals of legal age, a partnership, corporation, or other legal entity qualified to do business in Michigan. Prospective bidders should be prepared to submit such proof at the time of registration.

The total bonus bid must be paid on the same day the lease rights are bid in. Prospective bidders who do not have an established credit rating with the DNR through prior leasing of State-owned minerals, must pay at least one-half of the TOTAL bonus bid by cash, certified check, cashier's check, or money order. A credit rating may be established by filing with **DNR/Forest, Mineral and Fire Management (FMFM)/Mineral and Land Management Section (MLMS)**, three letters of reference, one of which must be from a bank. In no instance will the DNR accept "site drafts" even if noted as a "zero day site draft."

An auction catalog showing further auction particulars including a) the legal description of the lands proposed to be offered, and b) parcel classifications, will be available after November 3, 2005, on the web at http://www.michigan.gov/dnr; or by contacting DNR/FMFM/MLMS, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, telephone 517-373-7663.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description, must be received by FMFM at the address specified above NO LATER THAN November 3, 2005. Any request for change in classification will be considered by DNR prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Director of the DNR. (615-3)

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L(9/28,10/5,10/12,10/19)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 05-010874-DD

In the matter of R.J. West

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Rodney McDonald whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on October 26, 2005 at 2:15 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) filed by Janelle Kassien requesting that Mary West or another suitable person be appointed partial guardian for the above captioned person.

Date: September 21, 2005
Janelle Kassien
800 Livingston Blvd. Suite 2B
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989) 732-6292

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING FILE NO. 05-010873-DD

In the matter of Adam Shaul

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: James Shofner whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on October 26, 2005 at 2:15 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) filed by Janelle Kassien requesting that Nancy Swanthout or another suitable person be appointed partial guardian for the above captioned person.

Date: September 21, 2005
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

Taxvest Limited Partnership, a Michigan limited Partnership, William H. Conn, Stephen M. Elfelt, Joseph Elfelt and Joan F. Elfelt, husband and wife, and Jon Bona-deo and Suzanne Bonadeo, husband and wife,
Plaintiffs,
v
Citizens Realty Company, Margaret C. Adams, a/k/a Mable C. Adams, Effie Johnson, Emma J. Maris, Ida Shafer, Joseph P. Geiger, Spouse of Joseph P. Geiger, Oliver M. Holliday, a/k/a William J. Burke, spouse of W. J. Burke, a/k/a William J. Burke, Katherine M. Kerr, Harry S. Cole, spouse of Harry S. Cole, Carleton A. Hammond, a/k/a/ Carlton A. Hammond, individually and as trustee, spouse of Carleton A. Hammond, a/k/a Carlton A. Hammond, individually and as trustee, and their unknown, unascertained, undetermined, unborn heirs, devises, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf,
Defendants.

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Attorneys for **Plaintiffs**

FIRST AMENDED ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

At a session of Court held in Charlevoix County, Michigan on September 19, 2005

PRESENT: Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

this is a quiet title action whereby Plaintiff is attempting to quiet title to the following described property against the interest of Defendants:

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Plaintiff has filed an Ex-Parte Verified Motion in Support of Service of Process by Publication,

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants appear before this Court for hearing on Friday, November 11, 2005 at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon at the Circuit Court located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to answer or take such other action as permitted by law or by the Michigan Court Rules.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if any of the Defendants fails to appear, answer, or take such other action as permitted by law by that date, judgment quieting title against the interest of that Defendant in the premises will be entered by the court at the time of hearing as stated above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Charlevoix County, Michigan.

Entered: September 19, 2005
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas (P18594)
Circuit Court Judge

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Area events

Alano Clubhouse closing

The Charlevoix Alano Club front building at 112 Mason Street will close for the winter starting the first week in October. Contact your group leader for meeting times and locations.

Skatepark hours

New hours for Charlevoix's Skatepark are Wednesday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 2 to 5 p.m. closing for the winter on Oct. 15.

Singles dinner

Casual Singles Dinner meeting will take place Sept. 29 at the Argonne Supper Club. Call Nancy at (231) 547-4867 for reservations.

"Crying towel" session

University of Michigan and Michigan State University will meet in a friendly competition on the eve of their not so friendly football rivalry. Alumni and local supporters from the two will meet for a "crying towel" session at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 at the Wolverine Dilworth in Boyne City. Following a no-host bar the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the banquet room at the Dilworth. During the program, participants and spectators in school costume will be seated on either side of a "no man's land" center aisle as they alternate in taking digs at the other's alma mater, football team and historic personalities. There is no charge but reservations are recommended. To make a reservation, call Jill Gordon at (231) 348-8408 or Jeff Wellman at (231) 582-0097. For more information call Glen Williams 582-6858.

Medical incident course

A course offered by Charlevoix Area Hospital can help participants handle unexpected medical incidents with knowledge, skill, and confidence.

An American Heart Association Basic Life Support instructor course will be held at the hospital this month. The program is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1.

This life support course is designed to prepare health care professionals to become certified teachers and includes in-depth instruction in policies, procedures, and essential teaching methods. There is a $150 for this course.

Registration is required for the class. To sign up, call Connie Roland, RN, Charlevoix Area Hospital Training Center Coordinator, at (231) 547-8570, or e-mail cpr@cah.org.

Shopping expo fund-raiser

"Ladies Day Out Shopping Expo," a fund-raiser for the Survivors of Hurricane Katrina, is planned for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 1 at the Flap Jack Family Restaurant Conference Room, off U.S. 31 in Charlevoix. The event will feature favorite local, home party independent consultants, area crafters and businesses. Come with friends to shop for upcoming occasions, while supporting this worthy cause. For more information call Tonya at (231) 237-0360 or Shelly at (231) 536-3158.

Back country hike

North Country Trail member, Jerry Keeney and Little Traverse Conservancy staff invite the public to hike from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, into the back country on two remote sites. The discussion topics will be about how growth may affect the future of these trails and the wild places that surround them. Total amount of trails covered will be no more than 5 miles. Meet at 1 p.m. at the conservancy office located at 3264 Powell Road in Harbor Springs. For more information, contact the conservancy at (231) 347-0991.

Pigeon River hike

Little Traverse Conservancy invites you to a Pigeon River Wilderness Walk at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 5, to enjoy the beautiful fall colors on this trail. Explore with conservancy land protection specialist Ty Ratliff and DNR staff through the heart of elk country. Learn about the variety of wildlife that calls this area home and, if luck prevails, listen as we urge the elk to bugle for us. Be prepared for the hour-long hike with sturdy shoes, water and appropriate clothing. Meet at Schultz's Marathon in Wolverine, east of Highway 75. Call (231) 347-0991 for more information.

Round Island Point hike

Hike at Round Island Point Fall with naturalist Kristin Majkrzak and stewardship specialist Cindy Mom on this easy to moderate spectacular trail, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. This fall field trip with the Little Traverse Conservancy may prove to be the best view of year for this area. The Walk will take place on the Round Island Point Nature Preserve which is approximately 3 miles east of Brimley. Call (231) 347-0991 for reservations and directions.

Ice Age exploration

Almost every natural landform in northern lower Michigan is a result of the Ice Age. From 12-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, SEE-North will host a guided bus tour of the moraines, drumlins, outwash deposits, and kettle holes left by glaciers in the Petoskey-Harbor Springs area. The tour will leave from SEE-North's Exploration Center in downtown Petoskey. The cost is $15 for SEE-North members and $20 for non-members. Reservations are required. To register or for more information, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700.

MARSP social event

MARSP members and guests are invited to join other retired school personnel from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 for a free cup of coffee at the Legs Inn in Cross Village.

Grief and loss support

Two grief and loss support groups are being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. The upcoming Charlevoix grief and loss group will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road, five blocks west of Pizza Hut.

Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed.

These services are free of charge.

Call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 to register or for more information.

Northern Lights Celebration

St. Mary School is proud to announce the 10th Annual Northern Lights Celebration dinner dance auction. This year's event which will take place from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 22 in the St. Mary Parish Center.

Dinner will be catered by Grey Gables and music provided by Class Act Productions. An Italian theme will be woven through the entire event being called "Little Italy."

A preview will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 21.

Reservations and donations are now being accepted. Call the school for more information at (231) 547-9411. Tickets are $75 per person and includes all beverages.

Story hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library. Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Gamhler's Anonymous

Gambler's Anonymous 12-Step meetings will take place at 1 p.m. Monday's at Harbor Hall located at 520 N. Main #106, in Cheboygan. For more information contact Bonnie at (231) 818-0992.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Evening Garden Club

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting room at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

For more information contact Margaret Arnold at (231) 547-5199.

Weight Watchers

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Arts center's strings program begins new season

It's back to school time for the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Beginning and Intermediate String Program.

Robert Dudd, Dorothy Gerber Chair for Children and Music will be visiting area schools starting this week.

Crooked Tree Arts Center's objective is to go into the schools and give every public and private school child the opportunity to learn string instruments in their own classroom, with instruction provided by Dudd.

Musical instruments are rented to families at a very low cost.

In cases where families are not able to provide for the instrument rental fee, Crooked Tree Arts Center insures that the child has an instrument provided at reduced cost through scholarship funds.

What began as an exploratory effort in the fall of 2000 has blossomed to involve over 300 students from Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties. Area home school students have embraced the program as well and play together on a weekly basis.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center's Beginning Strings Program is a community effort; as it requires the cooperation of the Arts Center, school districts, educators and parents.

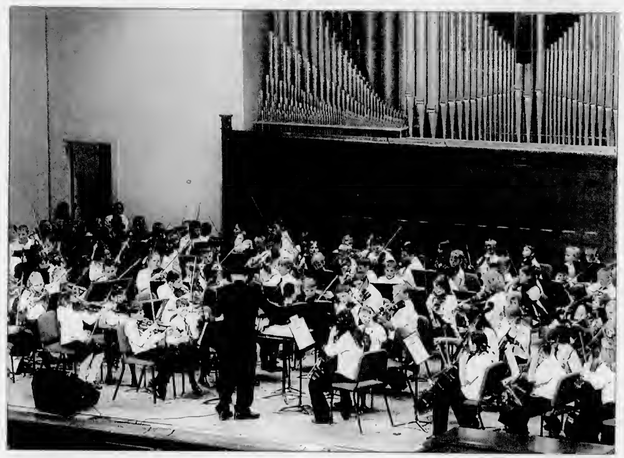
Support of the Beginning Strings Program is provided generously through the Dorothy Gerber Chair for Children and Music and the Gerber Music Education Program.

This anonymous gift enhances the Arts Center's efforts to bring music education to the young people of Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra and the Beginning Strings Program directly benefit from the gift, named in memory of the work of Gerber.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located downtown Petoskey at 461 E. Mitchell Street.

For more information regarding the strings program, please call the Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.



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Each spring the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Beginning Strings students perform a concert at John M. Hall Auditorium in Bay View. Area students are provided an introduction to the Beginning Strings program over the next two weeks from school visits by Robert Dudd, Dorothy Gerber Chair for Children and Music at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Charlevoix student named achievement semifinalist

Charlevoix High School student Joseph R. Graham was recently named one of approximately 1,600 semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program's 42nd annual academic competition for Black American high school students.

These scholastically talented young men and women now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship awards, worth some $2.5 million, that will be offered next spring for college undergraduate study.

The National Achievement Program was initiated in 1964 to honor academically able black youth throughout the nation and provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding participants in each annual competition. The program is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance.

In the 41 annual competitions completed to date, more than 26,000 black American students have received Achievement Scholarship awards worth about $83.5 million.

To now continue in the competition, Graham must advance to the finalist level by fulfilling several additional requirements. Some 800 of the current semifinalists will become Achievement Scholar designees. All winners will be selected on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for academic success in college.

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Preserve dedication

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The dedication of the Little Traverse Conservancy's new Undine Nature Preserve occurred this past August. The 29-acre property with frontage on the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road was purchased and donated to the conservancy by Mike and Rhea Dow of Charlevoix, shown just below the preserve sign in the photo.

Dr. John Sturock: Enough legislation in education

SCHOOL

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of this for Charlevoix is the possible elimination of some of the district's art, music, vocational and performing arts offerings, which round out its approach to education.

Mark Eckhardt

While Sturock is concerned with not having enough programs like the arts, Flanagan said other possible mandate fallout could include a supply and demand issue of math teachers in the State.

With these possible struggles looming on the horizon of education change in the state, Sturock welcomes Flanagan's decades of experience in education and commends his aim to move the state forward.

However, Sturock isn't an advocate of legislation in education and will likely not support a strict approach.

"The constitution talks about local control but local control is being shredded away inch by inch," he said. "We are getting down to tests and legislation. But every school district is unique. To try to mandate education with legislation doesn't take into account local needs so important elements are lost."

The federal No Child Left Behind Act brought with it adequate yearly progress requirements for schools to meet as well as the Michigan Education Assessment Program, also known as MEAP testing.

Flanagan said this program is meaningless when some students aren't being given the tools, or courses, to make it.

While in recommending that mandated curriculum be adopted Flanagan blames failing school districts on curriculum, Sturock said this problem won't be solved with legislation.

"The problem is major urban areas where people are struggling with unemployment, poverty and other issues that we aren't dealing with here," he said.

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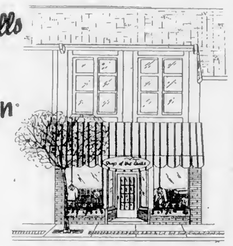

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Police chief resigns after 19 years

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Following almost two decades of dedicated service, Charlevoix City Police Chief, Dennis Halverson, will retire his badge.

Halverson, 50, submitted his letter of resignation to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner on Friday, Sept. 30.

"I hate to lose him — Dennis was a real professional. He did a fine job serving the community," Wiesner said.

Halverson, the longest serving Charlevoix Chief of Police, has accepted the "Safe Schools Coordinator" position with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

While the transition from the law enforcement environment to school halls may seem a stretch, he said it's a natural fit.

Halverson earned a masters degree in education in 2002 from Grand Valley State University and is a former school liaison for the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Department.

"I'm going back to my roots to some extent," he said.

He plans to leave the department at the end of this month and take the slot with the intermediate school district in early November.

"It's a great opportunity in an area I have strong interest. I couldn't pass it up. I'm leaving one great community for another," he said.

Dennis Halverson

This position includes duties once held by Arthur Kirk, 70, of Charlevoix Township, who was arrested in early August and is being held on charges for being a felon in possession of a firearm and falsifying a gun permit application.

At the time of Kirk's arrest he was a contract worker, coordinating volunteer operations for AmeriCorps through the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

Kirk had been using an alias and has a criminal history, including criminal sexual conduct convictions from 1978 and 1981, under the name Arthur Heilberg Kirkeby. Fingerprints determined that Kirk is Kirkeby.

Halverson's position has been broadened to include administration of the AmeriCorps program as well as that of the Drug/Violence Free Schools program. He said he

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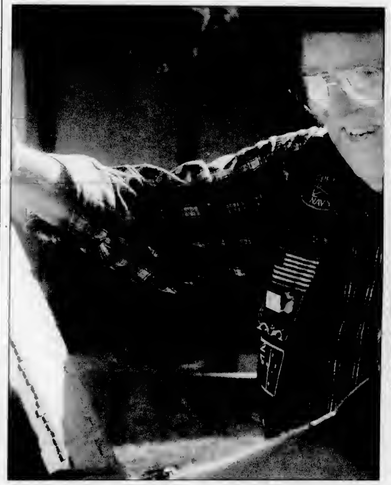

(Above) A United States Submarine Veteran reviews the names of those memorialized on a plaque in East Park Oct. 1. The service took place from 1 to 4 p.m. and included music and guest speakers.

Bagpipe player and Central Region Director of United States Submarine Veterans Inc., Art Randall plays a somber tune to a crowd of more than 20 submarine veterans during a memorial recognizing the 52 submarines lost during World War II.

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Charities feel the wrath of Katrina

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

In the wake of disasters such as recent hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the immense outpouring of national support is often to the detriment of local charities.

According to directors of some local charities, there has definitely been an impact on local agencies by those directing their donations to the needy in the south.

"Actually it affected us last year as well," said Dianne Clifford DuPont executive director of Charlevoix-Emmet United Way. "Yes, we had a few donors last year that didn't come through because of the tsunami."

She added, "I know the tsunami took about a $100,000 out of the two counties."

According to Clifford DuPont there's just so much money to go around and much of the money is going outside the community.

"Everything we do at United Way stays in the community," she said.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Aimee Lynn Hewitt, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol-second offense. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend intervention class; $200 in fines and costs.

Clifton John-Paul Melancon, 27, Flint. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Justin Anthony Chouinard, 23, Kewadin. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

John Charles Gretzinger, 40, Harbor Springs. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve 15 days of community service work in lieu 15 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Jonathon Lee Snively, 22, Boyne Falls. Disturbing the peace. Serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $250 in fines and costs.

Alex Michael Kopenkoskey, 22, Petoskey. Attempted police officer assault/resist/obstructing. Serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; $700 in fines and costs.

James Robert Rice, 60, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; no contact with the victim except at school sports activities; $500 in fines and costs.

Ryan Patrick Flynn, 18, Lakeside, Calif. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Dustin Andrew-Allen Dutcher, 19, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 77 days held in abeyance, to serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; $985 in fines and costs.

Corey Robert Eaton, 25, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; serve one year on probation; $500 in fines and costs.

Dominic Michael Wilson, 21, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 82 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,430 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently ficard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jon Michael Matuszczak, 27, Charlevoix. Police officer assault/resist/obstruct. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve three days in jail. Disorderly person, drunk. Sentenced to three days in jail with credit for three days, to serve three days in jail; serve 24 months probation; to serve six hours of community service work; $470 in fines and costs.

Adam Ryan-Peck Hansen, 28, East Jordan. Aggravated assault. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 90 days in jail; $90 in fines and costs.

Robert Lee Andress, 61, Bay City. Second degree criminal sexual conduct with a person under 13. Sentenced to a minimum of 38 months in prison to a maximum of 15 years in prison with credit for 82 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charlevoix Car Wash, 1400 Bridge Street, Charlevoix by Robert H. Draves, Jr.

The Lure, 2055 U.S. 131 North, Boyne Falls by Gregory L. Blackall, Robert J. Blackall, Joel Beilby and Lindsay Beilby

Double D Entertainment Plus, 6505 Airport Drive, East Jordan by Deborah L Gallagher

Shamrock Marine/Northwest Scuba, 205 South Lake, East Jordan by John F. Stevens

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Steven Howard Burks, 28 and Dawn Marie Meads, 28 both of East Jordan

Joseph Allen Arquette, 32, and Tina Marie Williams, 35 both of East Jordan

Alvin Kenneth Bailey, 63 and Merrilee Ann Bailey, 60 both of Charlevoix

Robert Arcine Mullen, Jr., 19 and Dawna Marie Bell, 22 both of Charlevoix

David John Gadarette, Jr., 25, Boyne City and Victoria Genevieve Mange, 23, Alanson

John Robert Belfy, 24 and Kristin Jardine Mays, 20 both of Charlevoix

Jeffrey Alan Thorp, 49, Charlevoix and Sharon Lois Grzech, 44, Petoskey

Michael Paul Kniat, 25 and Heather Marie Love, 30 both of Boyne City

Scott B. Love, 27 and Theresa Ann May, 24 both of Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Daniel S. Berg vs. Rebecca Ann Berg

James L. Bellant vs. Carrie L. Bellant

Gloria Potter vs. Ronald Potter

Charlevoix resident arrested on Union County Georgia warrant

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office has arrested a 46-year old Charlevoix man on a criminal bench warrant from Union County Georgia.

The original incident involved "Theft by Conversion" charges, which were originally filed in the Superior Court of Union County Georgia in 2003.

The Union County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office after they learned that the suspect might own a local business.

The suspect was arrested at his residence in the City of Charlevoix without incident on Sept. 30.

He has been released on a $10,000 surety bond pending his arraignment in the 90th District Court on a Fugitive from Justice warrant to take place Oct. 4 while awaiting an extradition hearing.

The outcome of the arraignment was not available by press time.

Births

Spencer Joseph Harris weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces was born to Daniel and Jody Harris of East Jordan on Sept. 23, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are sister Paige and brother Ashton. Grandparents are Randy Fiel and Shelia Cotton of Boyne City and Lynn Harris and Susan Slough of East Jordan.

Chase David Bernier weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born to Shawn and Wayne Bernier of East Jordan on Sept. 23, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Siblings are brothers Aaron and Dylan and sister Taylor. Grandparents are Vail and Wendy Shepard of East Jordan and Bill and Judy Clough of East Jordan.

Ariella Grace Hoeksema weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces was born to Ryan and Kris Hocksema of Central Lake, on September 13, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Weather

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Sept. 28	70	51	—
Sept. 29	71	47	.95
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Oct. 3	83	55	.82

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Halverson leaves the city police for position at ISD

RESIGN

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"From going to the Olympics and meeting ambassadors to helping old ladies shovel — I've enjoyed it all."

Dennis Halverson,
City of Charlevoix Chief of Police

also plans to assist with emergency planning at each of the 11 school districts in the intermediate school district which includes over 15,000 students.

"To make those schools better places to learn means a lot to me," he said.

Halverson, president of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education of which he has been a member for six years, plans to continue to serve on the local school board.

In spite of the exciting changes just around the bend, after 19 years with the city, Halverson will struggle to leave his post.

On Monday, Oct. 3 he looked around his office and peered at the newly remodeled city hall which will be ready for the police and fire departments to occupy in the next few weeks and said he is pleased to have served here.

He commended Wiesner for having given him opportunities to participate in city planning.

"When I started the position was cut and dry law enforcement but I leave with a wide variety of experience and background," he said.

Projects he participated in that he remembers with pride include planning the Regional Dispatch Center in Petoskey which services 56 agencies and relocating Marion Center Road which opened the doors for expansion of Harbor Industries and relocation of the entrance to the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

While he leaves a legacy of successful projects, Halverson's greatest source of pride is the department he built.

"I'm a firm believer in enforcing the law with the community, not on the community," he said. "This police department is part of the community — we're approachable, consistent and fair."

Having been part of building a successful department also had its low times and Halverson remembers vividly the worst night of his life — July 27, 1997, when a Venetian Festival fireworks accident claimed the life of Charlevoix resident Mark Yager and injured many others.

His high moment came when in his uniform he walked his daughter, Jessica, to the band shell stage in East Park for the Venetian Festival queen's coronation.

He said other great days came and went with little fanfare.

"You have a best day when your guys do well. I've always enjoyed seeing my officers get the bad guy — all of those little victories," Halverson said.

This is the same group of officers Halverson had the opportunity to hire, mentor and work with. He said walking out of his office, saying good-bye and stepping out onto the street — a civilian, will be hard.

"The opportunities I've had, the people I've met — it's once in a lifetime. From going to the Olympics and meeting ambassadors to helping old ladies shovel — I've enjoyed it all," he said.

City council received Halverson's resignation letter at its meeting Oct. 3. Council will have the final say in the rehiring process. In the interim, deputy police chief, Scott Hankins will fill in.

Halverson's advice to his replacement, "Keep your eye on the ball."

"You have to be able to state your position, gather input and keep your eye on the ball — maintain a consistent, fair, honest, respected police department," he said.

Helen Open

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Ninety golfers took part in the Helen Open, a nine-hole tournament which took place Aug. 21 at the Charlevoix Golf Club and raised $12,000 for Hospice of Northwest Michigan. (Above) Cheri Hoffman, Pat Johnson, Ron Weislik, Margaret Lasater and Tim Whippo stand under an autographed Brett Favre jersey, the top earner in the event's silent auction.

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Recycling committee needs to lose distasteful warnings

EDITORIAL

Engaging kids in recycling in our consumerist society is as important as teaching them to tie their shoes.

We have found that teaching the tools of recycling instills in children the principle of responsibility. A fundamental they learn as they assist at home with loading bins, peeling labels and crushing cans. And then further execute by going to the station and sorting the materials that would otherwise be landfill fodder.

In the end these tiny recycling soldiers come away with an understanding of the symbiotic relationship between man and Mother Nature.

The Courier office recently fielded a call from a Charlevoix Township mother of five who manages to squeeze recycling with the fam into her busy schedule.

This summer when she took her 9-year-old to Charlevoix's recycling drop off center at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, the young girl read a sign plastered to one of the green bins. She said aloud, "Litter and the kitty from hell will eat you as road kill."

She asked, just as we are, "Why?"

Since then, the sign has been changed to an elderly woman stretching for a run with the tagline, "If you litter, don't expect to run from 'kitty.'"

A second forewarning, taped to the inside of the plastic and paper depository, reads, "If you with litter would disgrace and spoil the beauty of this place, may indigestion wrack your chest and ants invade your pants and vest."

Maybe we are pointing out the obvious, but both the litter bugs and Charlevoix County Recycling Committee that approved these signs, should grow up and show a little class.

Lose the riddles.

A more enlightened way to drive home the anti-litter message would be something Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater shared. He told us litter bugs face a misdemeanor charge and can be fined up to $100 for their first offense.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

This sign placed on a bin at the Charlevoix recycling station is one in a series of "kitty" warnings.

Seeing as how recyclers are sitting in the heart of deputy central, just outside Lasater's office, it would seem information like this would prove a stronger deterrent to trash tossers.

And those recycling, this is a privilege, leave the colored glass at home and when you see the well-intentioned recycler dropping items not fit for our program, inform them. Education is the missing link here and community cohesion is the key to making it all happen.

When ignorance is chosen, let's see the littering rabble rousers ticketed, a hit to the pocketbook is a sure fire way to show us American consumerists that inappropriate behavior won't be tolerated.

We would also like to see the recycling committee be proactive and use its $282,110.44 surplus to nip the colored glass issue in the bud by adding this service to the list.

Recycling committee member Shrilly Roloff has said the Emmet County Transfer Station isn't interested in accepting more colored glass. But if you can direct energy to posting of the bizarre kitty signs, you can certainly campaign for colored glass recycling in Charlevoix.

Family camping can be a fun learning tool for all

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

I can feel the fresh crispness in the air. Leaves are quickly changing their color and a sweater or light jacket becomes the uniform of the day.

Fall is the season when nature shares its beauty with all of us and we realize even more so how lucky we are to live in northern Michigan. The clear blue skies are matched only by the hues of the great Lake Michigan.

Now is the time for families to share the outdoor experiences of walks in the woods, collect colorful fallen leaves and rake the yard if only to fall in the pile of leaves we worked so hard to gather.

Apple Fest is just around the corner, and we'll soon take in the smell of almonds roasting in a shiny copper kettle. I can already taste fresh baked pies and apple cider which are abundantly displayed before us.

Ahhhh…it's Fall and it's never too late or too early to start your kids on the experience of survival in the outdoors. Time spent together as a family can quickly educate you on who has the survival instincts. A trip to the Upper Peninsula will give your family the chance to view beautiful color and give you some bonding time as well.

One of our favorite outdoor pastimes this time of year is camping.

Many years ago I let someone borrow our tent and didn't take the time to check it before the next family camping excursion. Things weren't too bad, only one major pole was missing. Fortunately, I found a branch nearby that made a great fit. Really, I did find it on the ground and not still attached to the tree.

On another one of our camping excursions we had the good luck to meet some wonderful Native Americans who entertained us with a dance, later that evening a violent storm blew in. Too exhausted from building fires and telling stories, we decided to tough out the storm and try and get some sleep. We slept on air mattresses for extra comfort, it didn't take long to realize that we were floating on what appeared to be a small stream. We noticed it in time before we went over the cliff. My husband likes to remind me that it was I who said, "What a perfect spot for us to put up a tent."

Camping teaches you how to move fast on your feet and improve your decision making skills, like pick a motel if you see clouds over the moon. I remembered that from an earth science class. See, it is an educational experience as well.

Activities children can learn from camping include: Gathering small sticks for the campfire, flashlight tag, looking for worms, fishing, making s'mores, cooking hot dogs over a fire and the stories you'll tell your kids about your lives when you were their age. OK forget the last one.

Responsibilities for the kids are a good thing too. Finding the bathrooms and shower for mom is an important one. Giving your children undivided attention without a phone or TV to distract is a wonderful gift of quality time.

Now, 20 years later, our one daughter loves to camp but packs just what she needs into her backpack and goes deep into the woods. She'd rather deal with an angry animal than an unhappy camper. She must have met others who lost a part of their tent too. Our other daughter, well her idea of camping is bad room service.

All in all camping has left lasting memories with our family, at least that's what the therapist said. Heck, we even encouraged other family members to do the same. Camping and enjoying the beautiful outdoors can be a good thing. Remember the sunscreen, repellent, lantern, and flashlight and by the way count your tent poles first.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Support House Bill 4803

Editor:

House Bill 4803 would require schools to begin classes after Labor Day. The Michigan House of Representatives and the Senate have passed House Bill 4803.

It was presented to Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Sept. 26. The governor has 14 days to sign or veto House Bill 4803. The fourteenth day will be Sunday, Oct. 9.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce encourages you to call or fax the governor to urge her to sign House Bill 4803.

Stop and take the time to call Governor Granholm at (517) 373-3400 or you can fax a message to (517) 335-6863. Please help and call right away. A post-Labor Day school start is good for Michigan schools and good for Michigan businesses.

Starting school after Labor Day would generate an estimated additional $10 million in tourism-related tax revenue for the state. The added tourism would also create an estimated 2,000 new jobs and between $100 and $200 million in economic activity.

It makes solid economic sense to

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have House Bill 4803 become law. Call Governor Granholm immediately. Surely your voice will be heard.

Thank you for your time and support.

Jacqueline Merta
President, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

Editor's note: Since this letter was submitted, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has signed House Bill 4803 into legislation.

Thanks for the memories

Editor:

Hamburger Helper a new tradition and a special event that has happened in Charlevoix.

When I came to town some 13 years ago, I learned about three or four things that happened every year in our little town that made it so special. Dale Boss and his wonderful idea of planting flowers every year along Bridge Street in Charlevoix. The Venetian Festival, thanks to Dan Barron, John Winn and others, a seven day extravaganza that nobody in this country can match. Our wonderful Waterfront Art Fair where we get some of the best artisans in the Midwest to come and display their wares and let's not forget our Apple Fest that brings the fall in with a bang.

This of course is not a complete list of all of the great things that go on yearly in our city, but they certainly are highlights. Another unsponsored highlight is when Dairy Queen opens up in the spring and a new season begins in our little town, and we all stop by for our ritual olive burger, French fries and a milkshake.

For the last two years I came up with the idea of having Dairy Queen on their last open day of the season serve all the residents of Charlevoix at my expense. I am happy to tell you that last Sunday we had over 800 Charlevoix residents stop by and get a free meal. Since I feel it's a nice way to end the summer, I have decided to make this a tradition for the city and call it, "Thanks for the Memories."

I will sponsor "Thanks for the Memories" for as long as I live in town, and hopefully, that's going to be a long, long time.

I always ask these questions, how did the flower planting start? How did the Venetian Festival begin? So, now you know how the special closing day at our Dairy Queen became a day for everyone in Charlevoix.

Thanks for the memories.

Bill Schuiling
Charlevoix

Bob Mol and 'Days gone by'

Editor:

I subscribe to the Courier because I grew up in Charlevoix in the late 1940s, 1950s and early 1960s. I am always looking for links to the past in the form of names, stories, etc.

Even though Marilyn Boss' articles deal with life in the 1940s I enjoy her writing because I do remember a lot of the people, places and things she mentions. In her most recent article she mentioned John Mol and how he started his own plumbing and heating business. She went on to mention his two sons, Jack and Gordie.

She left off son number three, Robert Lee, "Squally," "Spider," Bob or whatever name you remember him by. By the way Bob is alive and well, retired now and living in Manlius, N.Y., with my sister, the former Mary Schuchard.

Born into this world March 13, 1940 he has certainly made a difference to a lot of people and is well respected by all those who have had the privilege to know him. My sister has Multiple Sclerosis, the kind that does not go into remission, and Bob has dedicated himself to helping Mary as she battles this unfair disease.

Bob and Mary are two of my favorite people and the way the two of them go about their lives always putting others before themselves and never complaining but rather just playing out the hand they have been dealt. I am proud to say that Mary is my sister and Bob is my brother-in-law.

I am kind of glad now that Marilyn left Bob off of the Mol family tree and in a sense it is poetic justice, Bob has always been one to shy away from the limelight never wanting to bring attention to himself, but just going about his business day to day in his own unassuming way. He would probably not want me to say those things about him, but that is how it goes.

But anyway, thanks Marilyn for the oops, it gave me an opportunity to share with those of you who do remember Robert Lee Mol.

Dave Schuchard
Aberdeen, N.C.

Response to Dupont letter

Editor:

Regarding the Letter to the Editor dated Sept. 26, headed "Misguided editorial" by Bill Dupont.

I am not informed as to the situation with the Charlevoix City Manager and, therefore, have no comment to make on that aspect of the letter sent by Mr. Dupont.

I would like to comment on Mr. Dupont's belittling of the editorial he refers to. It would behoove Mr. Dupont to get his lexicology correct.

First of all, perhaps he has been able to find the word "misfeasance" in his dictionary but I can find no such word. Second, "malfeasance" and "malefaction," as defined in the dictionary, have, to all intents and purposes, the same meaning. The meaning being, evil-doing.

So now, help me. Is the Charlevoix City Manager really guilty of "evil-doing?"

Dr. Marshall H. Cossman
Charlevoix

Courtesy photo

Lyle Gennett and Steve Guthrie stand with a Red Cross representative at a Baton Rouge shelter during their hurricane relief assistance effort in early September. Pam Picou-Chenevert of the American Red Cross submitted a letter to the editor thanking the community and Gennett and Guthrie for their assistance.

Red Cross 'Thank you'

Editor:

The Louisiana Capital Area Chapter of the Red Cross in Baton Rouge, La. can't thank you enough for your generosity and kindness to all the victims of Hurricane Katrina. These people have benefited immensely from the basic necessities that you provided. The towels were a precious commodity that these people will never forget.

Steve Guthrie and Lyle Gennett gave hands-on care to the victims at the River Center here in Baton Rouge. These men were true heroes that would make any community proud. I'm sure the compassion given by these two gentlemen was a testimony to your community.

We truly appreciate you raising the funds in such a short time and allowing these stewards of Charlevoix to personally deliver them.

Pam Picou-Chenevert
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Available species include Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Crimson King Maple, American Liberty Elm, Littleleaf Linden and Calery Pear. Two or three oak trees may be available for spring planting if ordered now.

To make a request, call the Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner's office at (231) 547-3270.

Apple Fest to bring fall harvest to town Oct. 14-16

Charlevoix invites you to experience the magic of Autumn in northern Michigan at the 26th Annual Apple Festival and Craft Show.

This three-day event, sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, is held yearly to honor local orchards and growers who, in the spirit of the season, line Bridge Street to bring the Fall harvest directly to you.

The festival's focal point is the apple; proven to be the most popular fruit in North America.

Northern Michigan's cool temperatures are said to produce tastier and more colorful fruit than those grown in warmer climates. More than 30 types of apples, including the hard to find "antique varieties," will be on hand as well as other fall harvest items such as pumpkins, squash, jam, honey and cider.

Charlevoix's waterfront parks will provide adults and children alike with fun and exciting activities including a craft show featuring 100 crafters ready to show their wares.

There will be face painting, apple bobbing, a petting zoo and more all day Saturday and Sunday. Hand-led pony rides will be available from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday only.

So, bundle up and join Charlevoix's fall harvest bonanza and show your support for local orchards, farm markets, and nonprofit organizations while celebrating the season in scenic downtown Charlevoix this Oct. 14-16.

Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15. And from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

For more information contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101 or by e-mail at info@charlevoix.org.

Stomping out hunger

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

On Saturday morning, Oct. 1, 29 walkers from Charlevoix area churches joined together in the 22nd Annual CROP Walk to fight hunger in Charlevoix County and around the world. (Above) Jill Washburn of Charlevoix flashes a friendly smile in the first leg of the 6 mile trek to the Ironton Congregational Church. On Oct. 2, 19 members of the Barnard Methodist Church also walked for this cause. Figures as to how much money was raised in this year's county-wide event are not yet available.

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Wedding

Murphy — Heeres

Kristen Murphy and Scott Heeres of Denver Colo. were married in a double ring ceremony on Father's Day, June 19, 2005, at St. Ignatius Church in Northeast Harbor, Maine. Father O'Hara officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Jeanne and Paul Murphy of Naples, Fla. The groom is the son of Donna and Dave Heeres of Ellsworth.

In attendance were the bride's grandmother, Karin Devery of Naples, Fla. and grandparents of the groom, Henry and Kathryn Heeres of Ellsworth, and Ken and Arlene Staley of Charlevoix.

The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Elizabeth Murphy. Bridesmaids were Katie Darrin, Kim Dellarocca, Katie Downey and Melissa Nyberg.

The best man was David Rasmussen. Groomsmen were Adam Aldrich, Steven Devery, Greg Eckerlin and Scott Essenberg.

Flower girls were cousins of the bride, Caroline Cogliani and Emily Devery. The ring bearer was the bride's cousin, Conor Devery.

The reception was given by the bride's parents at Asticou Inn located in Northeast Harbor, Maine.

A lobster feast rehearsal dinner was given by the parents of the groom June 18 at Main Sail Restaurant in Northeast Harbor, Maine.

The couple took a wedding trip to the Bar Harbor, Maine area and Washington state.

Scott is self employed as a building contractor and Kristen is an art teacher for Denver Elementary Schools.

The couple resides in Denver, Colo.

Michigan author, Jerry Dennis to speak at library

Jerry Dennis

The Little Traverse Community Reads, "One Bay, One Book" program, brings renowned northern Michigan author Jerry Dennis to Charlevoix.

Dennis, whose literary contributions have been published in Sports Illustrated, Field and Stream, The New York Times, and Smithsonian, among others, will visit the Charlevoix Public Library Tuesday, Oct. 18.

He will discuss his latest book, as well as major environmental issues facing the Great Lakes.

Dennis' book, "The Living Great Lakes" has garnered several awards, among them "Best Book of 2003" by the Outdoor Writers Association of America, and the Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross Award for Excellence in Literature.

The story of Dennis' trip aboard the tall ship Malabar from Traverse City to Maine, his narrative serves as a companionable overview of the history and significance of the Great Lakes.

"I didn't try to write the complete story of the lakes, because that would take volumes," he said.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 in the library basement. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Glen Young at (231) 348-9877.

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Obituaries

Ernestine Roberts: July 10, 1932 - Oct. 2, 2005

Ernestine Nixon Roberts, 73, died on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005 at her home in East Jordan.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. James Jordan and Rev. Dave Stefanic will officiate. Interment will follow in Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

She was born on July 10, 1932 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Ernest and Ida (Belleville) Nixon. On June 10, 1950 in Detroit, she married Gerald Roberts. She was a devoted wife, mother, best friend and partner with her husband, Gerald, in the family business.

Ernestine enjoyed writing children's stories, square dancing, canasta, theatrical acting and singing. She had performed in plays for the East Jordan Community Theater and sang with the Sweet Adelines.

Ernestine is survived by her husband of 55 years, Gerald Roberts of East Jordan; six children, Geraldine "Geri" (Terry) Barber of East Jordan, Teresa "Teri" (Steve) Sloop of East Jordan, Gloria (Chuck) Kraemer of East Jordan, Doreen (Mark) Daneff of East Jordan, Joyce Friske of Charlevoix and Ernest (Gayle) Roberts of East Jordan; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five sisters, Helen Roberts of East Jordan, Marjorie Imel of East Jordan, Dorothy (Dwight) Shaw of Havana, Ill., Patsy (Roger) Robinson of Havana, Ill. and Leona Williams of Canton, Ill.; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family will receive friends on Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Memorials may be given to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Shopper's paradise

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix residents and visitors were treated to a special day on the town at a Girls' Day Out Shopping Expo that took place Oct. 1 at the Flap Jack Family Restaurant. (Left) Charlevoix's Peggy Kusina, an educational consultant for Usborne Educational Books stocks racks with her product. (Above) Janet Schiemann of East Jordan hangs handmade purses she crafts. A portion of the sales are being directed to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

County Democratic party to host 'Family Values' forum

"Family Values," one of the issues that drove the last presidential campaign, will be the subject of a public non-partisan, forum Oct. 6 at Charlevoix's Giuseppe's Restaurant.

The discussion will begin at 7 p.m. and will be preceded by a Dutch treat dinner at 6 p.m., to which the public is also invited.

"Family Values is a concept that does not belong to one political party or one particular philosophy," observed Bill Lovett, Chair of the Charlevoix County Democratic Party.

Leading the discussion will be retired Episcopal minister, Ruth Clausen, and Petoskey attorney, Jill Ryan.

Each will offer her perspective on the issues based on differing life, professional, and generational experiences.

"Family values are the concern of every American regardless of political party or religious affiliation. The purpose of this open meeting is to discuss the real issues that concern our families and this country," Lovett said.

"During the last presidential campaign, the public was exposed to a lot of sound bites and other commercials about 'family values.' For the most part, there were no definitions, no real discussion. These are serious issues, that need to be addressed," Lovett said.

As with their other educational forums sponsored by Charlevoix County Democrats, this is a non-partisan issue and members of the public and clergy are encouraged to attend.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05865 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Todd Thompson ..... 547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care	10:00 a.m.

Church Office 547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.

President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221
Parsonage 547-3852

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for times

Pastor: Michael Dennis 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.

Reverend Mary Willis 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

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Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm

Pastor Greg Timmins 231-238-0052

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-4283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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Resolutions pass for USCG vessel in town

On Sept. 29, the Michigan House of Representatives urged the U.S. Coast Guard to maintain cutter ship service in Charlevoix by unanimously approving two resolutions sponsored by Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer and State Senator Jason Allen.

House Resolution 86 urges the Coast Guard to continue to operate a cutter ship out of Charlevoix when the Acacia is decommissioned in 2006.

"A similar measure sponsored by Sen. Allen, Concurrent Resolution 24, also gained House approval.

"It's important that Charlevoix remain part of the Coast Guard presence in the Great Lakes," said Allen, R-Traverse City.

"Given the current situation with homeland security and the need for maintaining reliable, efficient navigation, the local station should remain a viable site for providing Coast Guard services to the region," added Elsenheimer.

The U.S. Coast Guard has announced plans to scale back the number of ships serving the Great Lakes upon decommissioning the Acacia in 2006.

The ship in Charlevoix has been responsible for tending to nearly 200 navigation aids, keeping channels open by breaking ice and responding in emergency situations.

Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson traveled to Lansing on Thursday, Sept. 22 to join both Allen and Elsenheimer in testimony before the House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use and Environment Committee.

The measure was approved by the House Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use and Environment Committee, as was Allen's Concurrent Resolution 24.

With full House approval now in hand, copies of the resolutions will be sent to the United States Coast Guard 9th District Headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard, and members of the Michigan Congressional Delegation.

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Republican Women's Council hosts fall conference Oct. 15

The National Federation of Republican Women's organizations in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties have formed the Northern Michigan Republican Women's Council.

The council's objectives are to elect Republicans to local, state and national offices, to recruit women into the Republican Party, to bring women together to positively impact our nation and to identify and lobby for Republican initiatives and ideals.

The National Federation of Republican Women will hold its fall conference starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 in the Dome Room of the Park Place Hotel.

Joan Jackson, The National Federation of Republican Women's Chair, is pleased to announce that Minnesota Lt. Gov. Carol Molnau will be the featured luncheon speaker. Molnau serves both as the state's number two executive and also as Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Prior to the luncheon, the morning session will include workshops on fund-raising, membership, programs and campaign finance laws.

For more information or to participate in the conference, contact Susan Flanders at (231) 547-3887 or Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

Official Notice

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Notice of last day of registration of electors of City/Township of _____

Charlevoix County, Michigan

All electors are hereby given notice that a General/Primary Election will be held in _____ City/Township on Tuesday, November 8, 2005.

Electors who wish to vote in the general election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2005. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In Person:

- At the city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.
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NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

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PARENTING

Facts and treatments for fall respiratory viruses

Roderic Timney

'Kids Corner'

Summer is over, the germ factories are open, a.k.a. schools and daycares, and a new season has arrived, not football but respiratory virus season.

Viruses like sports have seasons and about October is opening day for the respiratory viruses. Viruses are often referred to by their route of acquisition. A respiratory virus is acquired through the respiratory tract; nose, throat or lungs as opposed to our summertime friend the enterovirus that is acquired through the digestive tract, or the papillomavirus, which causes warts and is acquired through the skin.

Often the site or acquisition is where we experience the worst symptoms, certainly true for the respiratory viruses with those coughs and runny noses. Within the larger group of respiratory viruses there are a number of different virus families with their individual seasons. Most people are intimately familiar with flu or influenza season for example that typically starts after the holidays with coughs and runny noses. Within the larger group of respiratory viruses there are a number of different virus families with their individual season.

Most people are intimately familiar with flu or influenza season for example that typically starts after the holidays with its coughs, sore throats, and body aches. While there is certainly a lot of overlap of symptoms certain "symptom syndromes" are associated with individual virus types.

Fall is parainfluenza virus season and its common symptom syndrome is croup. Most children with croup are between three months and five years of age. With croup, children experience the often-sudden onset of a "barky" cough and stridor, which like so many things, that stress us out as parents occur at night, when our defense mechanism are at their lowest, and the pediatrician's office is closed.

Stridor refers to the wheezy noise children make as they struggle to inhale. This is in contrast to the usual asthmatic wheeze, which occurs with exhalation. With croup the virus infection causes inflammation, swelling, and often spasm in the upper airway (vocal cords and traehea or windpipe). The children are often very hoarse and can be quite distressed and frightened as are the child's parents. Often the child will be driven urgently to the E.R. only to seem fine when he/she arrives having been made much better by the cool night air.

Younger children with their smaller airways or any child who has a congenital airway problem are more apt to be prone to croup, but it also seems that some otherwise healthy children are more predisposed to croup and may have it frequently. Interestingly, there is often a family history of croup in a parent who was prone to it as a child. Even though croup is most often associated with parainfluenza (75 percent of cases) other viruses such as influenza or RSV may also cause croup.

We used to see a serious form of croup, called epiglottitis, caused by the bacteria Haemophilus influenza that we have nearly wiped out with Hib vaccines. Children who are not adequately vaccinated however are still at risk for epiglottitis. Any parent who has witnessed a case of epiglottitis would never even consider withholding vaccine from their child. Croup from viruses however is pretty hard to prevent. Children at risk should get their flu shot but there is no vaccine for the most common cause parainfluenza.

Croup usually can be treated at home. The child should as much as possible be kept calm, and cool moist air does help. Taking the child outside or into the bathroom with the shower running may have a dramatic effect to "break" the stridor. A child who is drooling or is unable to speak or cry or if they continue to have a lot of difficulty breathing in spite of the cool air should be seen urgently by a physician.

Therapies for the sicker child seen in the hospital or physician's office include breathing treatments with epinephrine, which may have a dramatic effect, steroid medication either inhaled, orally, or by injection to decrease the inflammation, and "croup tents" which surround the child in a fog of moist cool air. Only rarely will a child with viral croup need to incubated or have a tracheotomy done.

Steroids if used are generally given for a short course so side effects are minimal and they are effective to decrease symptoms. Because croup like most respiratory illnesses is viral antibiotics are not indicated expect in rare instances when a bacterial cause is suspected. Children will often seem better during the day to only get croupy again at night. It is good to run a vaporizer and cool their sleeping room down before the child is put to bed if they have croup. Any fever or discomfort may be treated with acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Generally symptoms will resolve within one week and the restful nights will return.

Dr. Roderic Timney is a pediatrician for Pine River Medical Center located at 14734 Park Avenue in Charlevoix. He can be contacted at (231) 547-6554.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for October reading.

Ruth Krauss, "Bears."
Ages 2-6

Maurice Sendak, author of "Where the wild things are," reinterprets Krauss' original 27-word rhyming text from 1948 as a joyous romp by a group of delightful bears. The visual story begins on the title page with the all too familiar "Max" taking his teddy bear from his dog, only to have the dog snatch it away and begin a chase around the house and through the bears. It is in the chase after his teddy bear that Max encounters many of the bears that are "everywheres." At the end of the chase, the dog is tucked contentedly in bed, replacing the teddy bear. Sendak's colored drawings are irresistible. The rhyming text flow beautifully within Sendak's visual interpretation. Kids will love the re-birth of Max on another fun romp through their imagination.

Simon Puttock, "Big bad wolf is good."
Ages 4-8

The Big Bad Wolf, feeling lonely, vows to change his image and make friends by being useful, good, and noble. But no one believes he's reformed. The slight, silly narrative, accompanied by textured illustrations, follows the wolf as he's first rejected by Mrs. Goose, Mrs. Chicken, and Mrs. Duck and then welcomed when he finds and returns (instead of eats) Mrs. Duck's lost duckling. Young children, who are familiar with the Big Bad Wolf, will delight in his new found persistence in being a better wolf.

Patricia Reilly Giff, "Willow Run."
Ages 9-12

During World War II, after moving with her parents to Willow Run when her father gets a job in the B-24 bomber-building factory, 11-year-old Meggie learns about different kinds of bravery from all of the people around her. Meggie was first introduced in Giff's Newberry Honor book, "Lily's Crossing." This tough and tender book is an excellent selection for the historical fiction assignment.

Leslie A. Dendy, "Guinea pig scientists."
Ages 10-16

This fascinating investigation of how, when, and why scientists have experimented on themselves deepens the reader's understanding of a passion for knowledge in spite of inherent risks. The individual stories, told in clear, vivid language, often laced with the scientist's own words; will live on in memory as both examples and warnings. While this book does not address the ethical issues of self-experimentation, it is loaded with factual knowledge. It includes a "Now We Know" supplement to each chapter, showing how human science has been extended since the time of the experiment, an excellent selection of resources, and an explanation of how the writers chose the stories they told. Kids will be fascinated with what science can be and how it affects our everyday lives.

All of these books are available at Charlevoix Public Library located at 109 Clinton Street in Charlevoix. For more information contact Meyerson at (231) 547-2651.

Monthly featured event: *Corn field maze*

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Bolt's Farm is the place to be in October for harvest family fun.

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FBO agreement at airport raises eyebrows

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A debate that divided Charlevoix City Council in 2003 has resurfaced.

Negotiations are underway to establish a fixed base operator agreement between the City of Charlevoix and Island Airways. This seemingly simple process has produced the same wrangle that came up during the last round of contract discussion in 2003.

"We're breaking the law by not bidding this out. The city code states that all contracts over $20,000 must be bid out," Shirley Gibson, a third ward Charlevoix City Council member, said.

At the heart of the debate are members of council, the governing body that enacts the agreement, who are split as to whether the operator's function is a contractual agreement which by law must be bid out.

However, city attorney Jim Young has said it is within the city's right to enter an operator's agreement with Island Airways without entertaining bids.

Young has maintained the FBO agreement is a lease agreement under which the city is giving Island Airways license to operate on city owned property. In return the city takes in some money for fees the airline collects and they perform various services. Young said this type of agreement is not subject to a bid requirement.

The airport committee, which was formed about two years ago, has agreed to request a second opinion on this issue. At this time an attorney has not been selected for the review.

On Monday, Sept. 26 the airport committee, of which Gibson is a member, met to discuss the issue and review figures compiled by airport manager Jim Shull.

The figures showed that under the current agreement with Island Airways, the city makes about $26,000. On the flip side, Shull's figures in a scenario with the city operating the airport calculate a loss of over $45,000.

Further calculations of what another operator could produce at the airport, acting in the same capacity as Island Airways, show a loss to that fictitious operator to come in at about $120,000.

"I don't think any company, or professional carrier would present a bid when it's obvious that there's no way to make a profit," Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said.

City mayor, Norman Carlson, said that setting the airport up for failure isn't in the city's best interest.

"The city is uncomfortable setting someone up to fail. We would have to go back to the former FBO and say, 'Save us.' That would cost us a lot more money. Why should we put ourselves in the position to hurt the taxpayers in the long-run," Carlson said.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

There has been debate between members of Charlevoix City Council who feel the Fixed Base Operator agreement between the City of Charlevoix and Island Airways is a contract over $20,000 that should be bid out, and those that don't feel bids are necessary.

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All Commisionsers were present.

Minutes of the September 14, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #05-073, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign the revised contract.

Motion approved Resolution #05-074, Authorization, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign the affidavit.

Motion approved Resolution #05-075, Mileage Allowance.

Motion approved Resolution #05-076, Electrical Upgrades.

Motion approved Resolution #05-077, Opposing HB 5124.

The meeting was adjourned.

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At 11:44 a.m. Sept. 30 at the corner of Bridge and Carpenter streets a Jeep Grand Cherokee driven by Sarah Shuman, 20, of Charlevoix heading north trying to turn left on Carpenter struck a Buick four door driven by Clayton Smith, 90, of Charlevoix traveling south on Bridge Street. Shuman was treated and released at Charlevoix Area Hospital and Smith was transported to Northern Michigan Hospital for further treatment.

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FBO agreement renewal awakens familiar debate

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Based on this information, the committee recommended that council stick with Island Airways.

The details of the agreement are still being hammered out. But the gist of the five-year agreement to take effect in April of 2006 requires Island Airways to perform maintenance functions at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport as well as provide plane service to Beaver Island in exchange for use of the city's terminal, runways and facilities.

The committee further recommended that council add the following terms to the agreement — Island Airways pays half the utilities for the snow removal equipment building currently under construction and that fuel sale prices remain the same for self and full service fuel.

Through the contract, Island Airways is given exclusive lease of the city's fuel farm system in exchange for year-round maintenance and operating services at the airport. These services include mowing, snow and ice removal, grounds work, maintenance at the terminal building and of the radio system and payment of most utilities.

Under the current contract the city pays Island Airways $7,000 a year to provide all operating services it requests including maintaining the Unicom radio, issuing advisories and answering questions about airport and weather conditions, providing guidance and assistance in parking, filing notices to airmen, enforcing city rules pertaining to airport operations, maintaining a record of commercial landings, issuing parking permits and collecting tie down fees.

While Wiesner said Island Airways is the most cost effective direction to take with airport operations, Gibson says that isn't for the city to decide and bids should be taken.

"It's a cozy relationship," she said of the agreement with Island Airways.

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VFW Post 1153 to host grand opening of hall

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The members of Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 1153, whose building was vandalized on several occasions and finally burned beyond repair at around 2 a.m. Dec. 10, will soon open their new building.

According to Veterans Affairs Administrator, Bob Drebenstedt, the VFW Post 1153 is more than just a place for people to hold weddings. He said it's a home away from home for veterans and a place for fellowship between those who have served their country and their relatives.

"In just about any family you have a relative who was in the service so no one goes untouched from wanting to see the things we will put up."

"They will see some history inside the building that will hopefully spark them back to grandpa's day when he was in World War II, so it's a nostalgic journey for some when they come back into the new building," Drebenstedt said. "Hopefully we'll educate people that come and see the open house."

According to Drebenstedt, the VFW hall will offer more space than the American Legion hall.

The official opening of the new building on the grounds of the original VFW Post 1153 will take place at 2 p.m. Oct. 15 at the site of the VFW's previous building located at 12735 U.S. 31 North, right next door to Brady's Carpet Cleaning during an open house ceremony where the public will be welcome.

VFW 1153 post commander, Charlie Butcher, said the hall will be available for rental shortly after the ceremony in mid-October.

"We already have some advanced bookings into next year," he said.

While bingo was one of the bigger events at the post previously, the members of post 1153 haven't decided on whether to bring it back, although things like a fish fry, weddings, receptions and reunions will occur there.

Charlie Butcher, commander of the VFW Post 1153 added, "We do not plan to start bingo in the near future."

With all the negativity and speculation concerning the fire and later the murder of one of it's members by another member which surrounded the old VFW building, Drebenstedt said, hopefully the new building will symbolize a new beginning.

"We want a healing process to take place," he said.

The VFW post also helps veterans and their family members in times of need when a military member is called up for duty or overseas for great lengths of time.

"When the reserve and guard people are being called up to active duty and the wife has no other place to turn they'll call me as a last resort and the VFW will get more in the niche of helping those left behind," Drebenstedt said.

He added, "This is just like anything else brand new, we hope to start brand-new with more opportunities to use that facility than the way it was used in the past."

According to Drebenstedt, aside from offering a place to host functions, the VFW hall is also a place where people can work off community service when necessary.

The home of VFW Post 1153 was formally dedicated in 1953 during the 13th District Rally. Before that time, the post and its auxiliary functioned out of the second floor of a building in downtown Charlevoix.

VFW Post 1153 received its charter on June 16, 1937 and has continuously served the community. The building that became the post's home in 1953 took two years to build and was constructed almost entirely by volunteer labor, including the plumbing and wiring. And, a second addition was added in the 1970s followed by the addition of a garage in the 1990s.

Various dignitaries including U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak, State Sen. Jason Allen and State Rep. and Kevin A. Elsenheimer have been invited to the open house and the public is welcome.

For information on booking the hall or donating equipment call Butcher at (231) 547-4724. Or mail donations to VFW Post 1153 P.O. Box 753, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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Survey shows another ferry needed to service island

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The future of passenger ferry service from Charlevoix to Beaver Island may include a new boat.

A study called the Beaver Island Transportation Coordination Study, undertaken this summer by the Beaver Island Transportation Authority in conjunction with the Detroit consulting firm, The Corradino Group, reviews the symbiotic relationship between Charlevoix and Beaver Island.

"The consultant believes acquiring a new or used vessel with capacity similar to the Emerald Isle is critical to ensuring the integrity of the economic well-being of Charlevoix," the study's authors state.

The research included open forum discussion, a survey and data analysis estimates. Its authors conclude that transportation to and from the island with a mainland hub on Round Lake in downtown Charlevoix, brings nearly $2 million a year to Charlevoix County's economy.

Chairman of the authority, Richard Gillespie, said the Emerald Isle, a boat launched in 1997 and funded with grant writing assistance from Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, is integral to the economic vitality of the island and Charlevoix.

The Emerald Isle stretches 130 feet in length, travels 13.5 knots and holds 295 passengers, 20 cars and light trucks and one heavy truck with bus capacity.

Passenger use of the Emerald Isle almost doubled in the eight years between 1995 and 2003 while the number of vehicles it carries fell from 2000 to 2003.

With fast paced development of the island and increased tourist activity the study suggests a second ferry would decrease the likelihood of a major economic hit were the Emerald Isle to require major repair.

"A breakdown of the Emerald Isle would be disastrous for the island if it were out for any length of time," authors of the study state.

The authors explain that the Beaver Islander has limited storage and chronic engine trouble and is not an ample replacement vessel for the Emerald Isle. The Beaver Islander is 98-feet long, travels at 13 knots and holds 200 passengers and 12 automobiles or light trucks. It has no space for a heavy truck.

The Beaver Islander is currently used on days when more than two round trips are required.

The study also suggests that growth patterns will result in the need for additional vehicular capacity by 2008.

"These data indicate that planning for additional ferry capacity for vehicles should begin now," the authors state.

Cost and operational factors were accounted for in looking at desirable features of a new vessel. In looking to future, the authors suggest a monohull vessel, similar to the Emerald Isle or an open deck ferry.

"There does not appear to be justification for the expense of a highly sophisticated vessel such as a hovercraft that may be able to operate year-round or a catamaran that can travel twice as fast as the Emerald Isle," the authors state.

Passenger boat service between Charlevoix and Beaver Island is currently offered from mid-April through early December.

While the study presents a case for purchasing a new boat, it also points at insufficient parking in the area of the Beaver Island Boat Company in Charlevoix.

It goes on to suggest that if the United States Coast Guard does not replace the cutter ACACIA after the buoy tender is decommissioned in 2006 the parking lot spaces currently reserved for the ACACIA crew could be used for freight and temporary parking of ferry patrons.

Off-site parking, is currently provided at the Charlevoix Middle School and the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.

The study also suggests the authority partner with the City of Charlevoix to evaluate a long-term plan for the boat company's wharfage in Charlevoix.

"It's obvious we need more wharf space," Gillespie said. "If the space comes available I hope we can work together to accommodate the needs of private boaters in the marina and the Beaver Island Transportation Authority."

At this time, Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner is not willing to pursue such a study. He said any planning for the space might deter Coast Guard representatives from relocating a vessel to Charlevoix.

Funding for the study was provided by the authority as well as the Michigan Department of Transportation.

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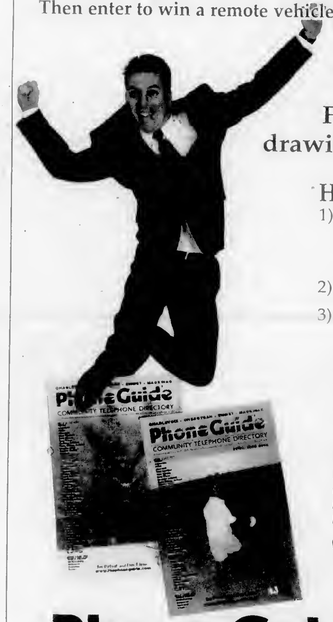

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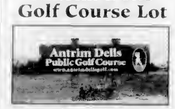

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BUSINESS

Motorcycle travelogue films in Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The production company, Storytelling Pictures from Grand Rapids recently visited Charlevoix to shoot a segment for an upcoming 30-minute motorcycle travelogue entitled, "Two Wheels Good."

Company owners, Corey Niemchick and John Evans, journeyed hundreds of miles across the state to tape at Whitneys Oyster Bar Sept. 27. They chose Whitneys because, according to Niemchick, they have vacationed in Charlevoix and always loved dining there.

"I think it's (Charlevoix) my favorite northern Michigan town and Whitneys is excellent because it has that New England harbor town feel," Niemchick said.

This may be the first episode of "Two Wheels Good," but Niemchick and Evans are no novice riders having sojourned through the brutal heat of Death Valley, Calif. the beauty of Colorado's Rocky Mountains and the exotic haunts of the Hawaiian Islands.

And, despite having traveled all over the globe working with their film and video production company, Evans and Niemchick decided to start their new program in their home state, Michigan.

"We're filming a television pilot that is a motorcycle travelogue called 'Two Wheels Good' about two guys on bikes exploring the scenic side of a given state," Niemchick said. "Half of the show is to experience the unique people, places and points of interest that dot the map along the way."

"The other half of the show is to give people a slice of hometown America," he added.

The episode Niemchick and Evans are working on will cover points of interest including the Mackinac Bridge, the oldest operational fire hall in Michigan, Sleeping Bear Dunes and, of course, Charlevoix among others.

As one of eight points of interest in the pilot episode, the segment shot at Whitneys will be about a minute to a minute-and-a-half in the approximately 24-minute show.

Niemchick said the taping of the show takes three to four days of riding around the state, while the pre-production took two to three months to complete.

Niemchick and Evans began riding for the show on Sunday evening, Sept. 25, in a "literal torrential downpour," Niemchick said.

Evans has been riding the roads on motorcycle for between 15-20 years while Niemchick said he has been riding for 10-15 years. For the first episode of "Two Wheels Good," Niemchick drives a shiny, rumbling, blue, 2005 Harley-Davidson Heritage Soft Tail and Evans, right by his side rides the 2005 bright red, Harley-Davidson Road King.

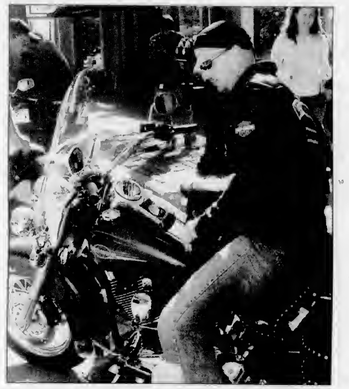
Niemchick said, he and his partner plan to air the program in cities across Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Chicago. And, once the show is finished, "Two Wheels Good" will have a Web site wherefrom people can download the route from a particular program.

"People can follow the same route, take the same journey, visit the same places," he said.

According to Niemchick, he hopes to have discounts at the various destinations highlighted for those who wish to make the trip.

In addition to highlighting local bed and breakfasts, restaurants, breweries, hotels and historical landmarks, Evans and Niemchick will employ music from bands native to Michigan for the show's soundtrack in an effort to utilize Michigan's assets.

Once the Web site www.2wheelsgood.net is complete, fags of the show will be able to download maps, order DVDs of the show, merchandise, submit suggestions for show locations as well as music samples from local bands hoping to have their songs used on the show.



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Corey Niemchick pulls into a parking space in front of Whitneys Oyster Bar last week before shooting a segment for the upcoming travelogue Two Wheels Good.

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SPORTS

Lady Rayder basketball team take five straight

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders continued their winning ways with a 73-48 win over Grayling.

Charlevoix has now won five straight, including a 3-0 start in the Lake Michigan Conference, still coach Keith Haske wasn't entirely satisfied with the Rayders' effort.

"I thought we struggled on defense at times," Haske said. "We need to do a better job communicating on the floor and creating ball pressure. We have a big week of league games coming up and we need to do a better job in those areas."

Charlevoix (6-2) led at each of the quarter breaks, 26-16, 42-29 and 58-42.

Laura Nitchman pulled off a rare triple-double with 14 points, 14 assists and 11 steals.

Stevie Murray led the Rayders in scoring with 19 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Shannon Dibble added 12 points on four three-point shots.

The Rayders traveled to Traverse City St. Francis on Tuesday, Oct. 4 to play the 10th ranked Gladiators. Kalkaska travels to Charlevoix to take on the Rayders on Thursday, Oct. 6.

Rayder Golf team to tee off at regional tourney Oct. 6

It's on to the regionals for the Charlevoix High School golf team.

The Rayders shot 338 to place third in the Division III district tournament at Champion Hill in Honor last week to claim a spot in the regional tournament on Thursday, Oct. 6, at Manistee National.

The Rayders will join 11 other teams at the regional, and the top three teams there advance to the state tournament Oct. 14-15 at The Meadows on the campus of Grand Valley State University in Allendale. The players who record the low six scores who are not on state-qualifying teams also advance to the state tournament from the regional.

Dan Murphy shot 74 to capture medalist honors and lead Roscommon to the team title in the district tournament at Champion Hill. The Bucks finished with a 317 team score, while Grayling was second, 335; and the Rayders finished with 338.

Kalkaska ws fourth, 342; followed by host Benzie Central, 345; Elk Rapids, 349; and Lake City, 369. All six advance to the regional along with the top six teams from District Tournament No. 22, which was played at Kutke Golf Club in Big Rapids.

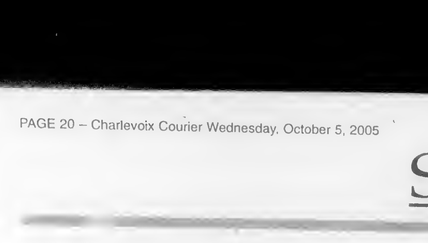
Big Rapids shot 335 to win that district, followed by Montague, 342; Mason County Central, 343; Newaygo, 350; Stanton Central Montcalm, 352; and Shelby, 362.

Senior Kyle DeYoung overcame a double-bogey and a triple-bogey to shoot 81 and lead Charlevoix in its district tournament.

"He's come on real strong and he's focused and has a good positive attitude going into regionals," Charlevoix coach Jim Glynn said.

Also for the Rayders, junior Kris Bartling shot 83, Chase Beatty shot 86, Stephen Parker shot 88, and J.D. Speigl shot 92.

"We played well," Glynn said. "It was super windy, we didn't get any rain, but the wind was, I'm going to say, three clubs and it would maginily any mistakes that you made. You had to play the wind, even when you were putting."



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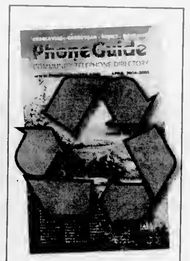

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SPORTS

Football team one win away from making the playoffs

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Despite 14 penalties and a scoreless second half, the Charlevoix Rayders managed to beat the Kalkaska Blue Blazers Sept. 30.

With a score of 7-6 it was not the most decisive of victories, but a win is a win, and this win puts the Rayders just one game from playoff territory.

"We played pretty well defensively and overall we played really well, but our middle linebacker got hurt so we had to pick that up," said head coach Don Jess.

Chris Aepelbacher spent the entire 2004 season on the sidelines due the same separated shoulder which put him out of Friday's game.

"It was a tough break," Jess said.

Charlevoix scored on their second play of the game with a 73-yard touchdown run by quarterback Matt Kautz. Russell Williams scored the extra point making it 7-0 Charlevoix.

The Blue Blazers threw a touchdown pass in the second quarter but missed the extra point putting things at 7-6 for the rest of the evening.

Kautz had 11 carries for 86 yards, Williams had 16 carries for 95 yards and Eddie Waldron had five receptions for 52 yards.

On defense, Jeff Golovich had 17 tackles and a sack and Evan Keller had 10 tackles and a sack.

"Jeff Golovich had an outstanding game," Jess said.

Currently, Traverse City St. Francis is in first place in the Lake Michigan Conference while Charlevoix is in a three-way tie with Grayling and Boyne City.

The Rayders are 3-1 in the league and 5-1 overall.

"We only have to win one to make the playoffs," Jess said.

According to Jess, the biggest concern heading in to homecoming Oct. 7 against Harbor Springs is keeping the kids focused on the opposition.

"We've got some filling in to do with our middle linebacker and we have to go over some things to make sure we're ready to go for Friday," he said. "They (Harbor Springs) have been down for a while. They haven't won a game this year but the kids will still have to go out and execute."

Jess added, "We've got a chance. As long as we take care of business on Friday we'll be in the playoffs."

The Rayders hope to tame the Rams of Harbor Springs at 7 p.m. Oct. 7 on Kipke Field for Charlevoix's Homecoming.

Cross country team shines at Carson City Invitational

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix boys' cross country team met Saturday, Oct. 1 in Carson City for the Carson City Crystal Invitational.

"The best teams in the state were there and now we know what we need to do to compete with them," said coach Ken Plude. "The boys proved this weekend that they deserve to be ranked in the top 20 by beating four of the teams ranked ahead of them."

Jacob Wimmer finished in 30th place for a time of 17 minutes and 23 seconds. He was followed by Brandon Stevens in 40th with 17:37; Nick Wimmer in 48th with 17:47; Scott Plude in 49th with 17:48; Isaac Matchett in 53rd with 17:49 and Dustin Arp in 56th with 17:53.

The junior varsity team was led by Jacob Hunt in 6th place with a time of 18:06. He was followed by Alex Buday in 78th with 18:14; Zach Scharenbrach in 21st with 18:29; Nate Sotuyo with 18:30; Sam Balasz with 18:43; Joe Graham with 18:59; Nate Gilmore with 19:30 and Chuck Mason with 19:41.

Charlevoix placed 8th out of 27 teams.

Plude said, "Nick Wimmer, Dustin Arp, Jacob Hunt and Sam Balasz had exceptional races this weekend and deserve special recognition."

The Charlevoix girls cross country team also competed in the Carson City Crystal Invitational.

Top runner for Charlevoix's varsity team was Lindi Edger who placed 8th with a time of 20:02. She was followed by Brittney Lamb in 25th with 20:57; KC McCary in 63rd with 22:10; Emily Westenbroek in 73rd with 22:25; Caitlin Taylor in 82nd with 22:46; Lauren Bradley in 83rd with 22:48 and Mia Matchett in 87th with 22:54.

The junior varsity was led by Chantel Novotny with 23:39. She was followed by Lisa Kuebler with 23:44; Kristina Alden with 24:09 and Shelby Goss with 24:14.

Charlevoix took 10th place overall out of 27 large class C and small class B teams.

CMS football defeats Kalkaska

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the Charlevoix Middle School Rayder Football team defeated the Kalkaska Blazers 7-6.

Charlevoix scored first on a 5 yard touchdown pass from J.T. Lawrence to Gunner Whitley in the second quarter. Justin Williams kicked the extra point.

Quarterback Clayton Mitchell was five for seven for 12 yards passing and Lawrence led the Rayders with six tackles. Johnstone, Mitchell and Ian Gauthier also had fumble recoveries for the defense.

Charlevoix is 1-0 and hosted Harbor Springs Tuesday, Sept. 27. Results from this game were not available by press time.

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	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	11	1
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	10	2
J Arnold Painting "2"	8	4
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B Vanloo & Sons	5	7
Kerr's Racing	3	9
The Flight Deck	3	9
Selph Trucking	1	11

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Brian Dixon	657	259
Ray Kerr		231
Jon Kieman	609	224
Gordie Selph	573	

Tuesday Night Ladies - Sept. 27, 2005

	W	L
DM Construction	11	5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	11	5
Grey Gables Inn	9	7
Oleson's Food Store	9	7
Team #6	9	7
Paul Bunyan Lanes	7	9
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	5	11
Central Drug Store	3	13

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cathy Sullivan	551	209
June Kunkle	515	200
Connie Wood		187
Jane Holm	509	

Church League - Sept. 28, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	144	56
Ferguson & Chamberlain	114	86
Lakeshore Tire	111	89
Mark White Paint & Stain	94	106
State Farm Insurance	90	110
R & C Roofing	90	110
Lutherans	83	117
St. Mary's	74	126

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	665	247
Jim Potter	609	235
Larry Potter		215
Mike Webb		215
Ron Grulke	596	

Young at Hearts League
Sept. 29, 2005

	W	L
Irish Rollers	13	3
Alley Cats	12	4
Spareitme	11	5
Half & Half	8	8
Misfits	8	8
Past Timers	6	10
Twilighters	4	12
Has Beens	2	14

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

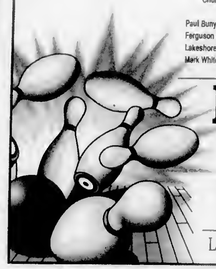
	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	553	213
Eldon Potter	449	180
Don Wells		155
Art Rulis	435	
Liz Meadows		150
Zettie Kitson	409	
Beverly Smith	398	148
Dolly Coen	386	143

Gutter Gals - Sept. 22, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	39	21
Burger King of Charlevoix	32	28
Express Yourself	31	29
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	42

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	573	223
Diana Speigl	453	177
Jane Holm	402	154



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By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A drive through the countryside in autumn can be nice, but there are other ways to see the annual arboreal color change — while getting exercise and saving on gas — take a hike.

Instead of spending a day in a cramped car, grab a camera, put on your favorite flannel, pack a picnic lunch and get a hikers-eye-view of the fantastic foliage all around Charlevoix.

From the Web site www.michiganring.com the northern Lower Peninsula is at, "five percent to 35 percent color reported. Peak colors are still one to two weeks away."

Three top notch destinations for beginner hiking and fantastic viewing are the Ransom Nature Preserve, Mt. McSauba and Fisherman's Island State Park. The terrain ranges from flat to hilly.

If you're looking for a shorter hike, you might want to try the trails at Mt. McSauba. McSauba offers both hilly and flat trails suitable for novice hikers and kids.

If you're looking for a longer walk, the Ransom Nature Preserve at the end of Maple Grove Road in Hayes Township has 80 acres of land and about a mile-and-a-half of trail to tackle. The trails are well groomed and hilly. And, if you're not up for a walk, the Ransom Preserve has a scenic overlook at which you can view much of western Charlevoix.

If the long haul is what you are about, Fisherman's Island campground off Bell's Bay Road offers three miles of hiking trails which include both dense forest and open meadows. If you walk the distance and back you can easily turn this hike into an afternoon of fun.

The nice thing about this trail system is you don't have to drive into the park to hit the trail as there is a trail head approximately a few hundred yards before the entrance of the campground on the south side of the road. Fisherman's Island trail system is also good for anyone who enjoys a walk through nature.

While the Ransom area has probably the best viewing, all three destinations have a place to park and check out the brilliant colors. And, all three locations have nice mixes of trees guaranteed to dazzle onlookers with oranges, reds and yellows.

The different colors of the leaves are a result of the temperature, water content and sunlight but also from chlorophyll which makes leaves green, anthocyanins which makes them red and carotenoid which accounts for yellow, orange and brown.

The colder fall weather tends to cutoff the production of chlorophyl and this is when the bold red, yellow, orange, purple etc. begin to appear. When it becomes cold enough to freeze, the trees cease to turn their beautiful colors and begin turning black.

While you are out peeping the leaves, you may also spy turkey, white tail deer, chipmunks, squirrels, porcupine, skunk and many other species of wildlife Michigan has to offer.

As with any type of trip through the woods there are some things you can do to ensure the highest level of fun, comfort and safety.

Dress appropriately —anyone from Michigan knows how fast the weather can change. Bring plenty of water and a snack. There are many things you could bring with you on a hike and plenty of Web sites out there to help you put together a hiking kit such as www.redcross.org/services/hss/tips/hiking.html. But, if you avoid straying from the trail, you should be just fine.

Map provided by the Charlevoix County Planning Department

Leaves on the map above mark three destinations for fantastic color viewing opportunities and wooded hikes in the Charlevoix area.

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Left) This is the breathtaking view of western Charlevoix from the scenic overlook at the end of Maple Grove Road. (Center) You can go straight, left or right off this trail head at Mt. McSauba each of which lead down a unique path through nature's playground. (Right) This is one of the trail heads you will find on the three miles of hiking trails located inside Fisherman's Island Campground just off Bell's Bay Road.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski to HomeAmerican Credit Inc. DBA Upland Mortgage, A Pennsylvania Corporation Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2001 and recorded December 12, 2001 in Liber 448 Page 82 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders and the Note Insurer of the ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Mortgage Backed Notes, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Forty-Six Cents ($122,380.46) including interest 9.84% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, October 28, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: All that certain parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Charlevoix, State of MI, to-wit: A parcel of land being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 6 West, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 5, 2464.2 feet to the place of beginning; thence South 83 degrees 18 minutes 40 seconds West, 1339.7 feet; thence North 326.35 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 5; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes East along said East-West 1/4 line, 1331.2 feet to the center 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds West along the North-South 1/4 line 175.0 feet to the place of beginning. Being that parcel of land conveyed to Richard J. Idolski and Donna Lynne Idolski, his wife from Ben H. Schenck and Joanne E. Schenck, his wife by that deed dated 02/15/1986 and recorded 03/03/1986 in deed book 292, at page 968 of the Charlevoix County, MI Public Registry. Pursuant to a Court Order dated 01/11/1993, Case # C92-417-15 DM, Title to the above described property is vested in Richard Joseph Idolski. Being that parcel of land conveyed to Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski, husband and wife from Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski, husband and wife by that deed dated 09/09/1997 and recorded 09/11/1997 in deed book 379, at page 415 of the Charlevoix County, MI Public Registry. Commonly known as 539 South Wilson Road, Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders and the Note Insurer of the ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Mortgage Backed Notes, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-38777 ASAP723724

L(9/28,10/5,10/12,10/19)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

Taxvest Limited Partnership, a Michigan limited Partnership, William H. Conn, Stephen M. Elfelt, Joseph Elfelt and Joan F. Elfelt, husband and wife, and Jon Bonadeo and Suzanne Bonadeo, husband and wife,

Plaintiffs,

v

Citizens Realty Company, Margaret C. Adams, a/k/a Mable C. Adams, Effie Johnson, Emma J. Marls, Ida Shafer, Joseph P. Geiger, Spouse of Joseph P. Geiger, Oliver M. Holliday, a/k/a William J. Burke, spouse of W. J. Burke, a/k/a William J. Burke, Katherine M. Kerr, Harry S. Cole, spouse of Harry S. Cole, Carleton A. Hammond, a/k/a/ Carlton A. Hammond, individually and as trustee, spouse of Carleton A. hammond, a/k/a Carlton A. hammond, individually and as trustee, and their unknown, unascertained, undetermined, unborn heirs, devises, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf,

Defendants.

Douglas J. Austin
Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap, P.C.
124 W. Allegan, Suite 1000
Lansing, Michigan 48933
Telephone: (517) 482-0887
Attorneys for **Plaintiffs**

FIRST AMENDED ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

At a session of Court
held in Charlevoix County, Michigan
on September 19, 2005

PRESENT: Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

this is a quiet title action whereby Plaintiff is attempting to quiet title to the following described properly against the interest of Defendants:

FRL SE 10A OF LOT 1 SEC 11-37-10

EX: COM AT A PT 1050 FT FROM E LI SD SEC OR A CONT S OF SD E LI & 200 FT N OF SH LK MI TH W 75 FT TH S TO SH LI LK MI TH NELY AL SD SH TO PT 200 FT S OF POB TH N TO POB

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Plaintiff has filed an Ex-Parte Verified Motion in Support of Service of Process by Publication,

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants appear before this Court for hearing on Friday, November 11, 2005 at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon at the Circuit Court located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to answer or take such other action as permitted by law or by the Michigan Court Rules.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if any of the Defendants fails to appear, answer, or take such other action as permitted by law by that date, judgment quieting title against the interest of that Defendant in the premises will be entered by the court at the time of hearing as stated above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Charlevoix County, Michigan

Entered: September 19, 2005
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas (P18594)
Circuit Court Judge

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John S. Marsh, A Single Man, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002 and recorded February 26, 2002 in Liber 460, Page 2, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee by assignment dated February 21, 2002 and recorded on December 20, 2002 in Liber 506, Page 557, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Nineteen and 22/100 Dollars ($240,119.22) including interest at the rate of 10.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on November 4, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel *A*: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, beginning at a 2 1/2 inch pipe at the North quarter corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, and along the centerline of Stephens Road, 335.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds West 1308.55 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds West along said eighth line, 334.89 feet to the North line of said section; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East along said section line, 1304.27 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast Fractional Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, and containing 10.042 acres, more or less, within the perimeter of the courses herein described. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. Parcel *B* In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at a 2 1/2 inch pipe at the North quarter corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, 335.00 feet to a point in the centerline of Stephens Road, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along said quarter line, and along the centerline of said road, 334.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 44 seconds West 1312.81 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence North 0 degree 30 minutes 34 seconds West along said eighth line 333.89 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East 1308.55 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast fractional quarter of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, and containing 10.045 acres, more or less, within the perimeter of the courses herein described. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: October 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 322.0040 ASAP725321

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 05-010878-NC

In the matter of Cathy Sue Pumford

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including those whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 2:45 p.m. at Probate Court, at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Cathy Sue Pumford requesting that the name of Cathy Sue Pumford be changed to Catherine Suzann Pumford.

September 30, 2005

Cathy Sue Pumford
P.O. Box B
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231) 549-2290

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010872-DE

Estate of Eleanore K. Nowakowski, Deceased
Date of birth: February 21, 1926

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Eleanore K. Nowakowski, who lived at 6685 M-66 N. Lot 159, Charleyoix, Michigan, died August 24, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to William H. Noud, Jr., P.O. Box 316, Mason, MI 48854, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

September 28, 2005

William H. Noud, Jr. P32942
155 W. Maple, P.O. Box 316
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Area events

Alano Club meeting notice

Effective October 1, 2005, all meetings at the Alano Club will be held in the back building. For meeting times and emergency numbers call (231) 547-9184.

Fashion show

Saturday, Oct. 8 is a day to celebrate life, with cancer survivor models and family members, at the Second Annual Circle of Strength Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. Lunch will be provided by Mahogany's of the Charlevoix Country Club. Workshops will begin at 10 a.m. The fashion show will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon following at noon. Tickets for this event are $18, and are available at the door, or in advance by calling The Circle of Strength Office at (231) 547-8950, the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation at (231) 547-8685, Dee Vincent at (231) 547-9339, or by visiting the following merchants: Trademark of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Floral, Mary's of Boyne, The Clothing Company, and Shop of the Gulls. All proceeds from this event, will serve cancer patients in our area, through the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Circle of Strength.

Harvest festival

The Third Annual Harvest Festival, Pig Roast and Raffle at the Wagbo Peace Center will take place from 3-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. The center will celebrate the season with farm tours, hay rides, old-time games and fun for kids and adults, music and food. Register for the baked bean cook-off between 3 and 4 p.m., judging will take place at 4 p.m. The old-time squares and contra dance will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. No dance experience is necessary. Ticket price includes a raffle drawing for three Gourmet Farm Harvest Gift Baskets and all food, games, hay rides and square dance. Members/advance tickets are $5 for kids with those under five participating free of charge, $7 adults, $20 family. Tickets are available at Wagbo Peace Center. Door prices are $6 kids with those under five participating free of charge, $8 for adults and $23 per family. All proceeds benefit Wagbo Peace Center and its programs. The Wagbo Peace Center is located three miles south of East Jordan on M-66. For more information or to sponsor or volunteer at this event, call (231) 536-0333.

Gardening event

Pine Hill Nursery is celebrating fall with Super Saturday, to take place at 11 a.m. Oct. 8. A free class, "Those Darn Deer! Fall and Winter Strategies," and mini demonstrations will be offered between noon and 2 p.m. WCCW Radio will be broadcasting live from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drawings for free prizes and free cider and donuts will be available. If you wish to attend the deer class, call (231) 599-2824 to register. Pine Hill Nursery is located on US 31, 10 miles north of Elk Rapids.

Orchestra auditions

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will hold auditions for students starting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10. Student members of school orchestras and the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra are requested to confer with their private teachers and the school or youth orchestra director as to the appropriateness of their auditioning. The auditions will be held at the orchestra's offices, 438 E. Lake Street in Petoskey. The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra has provided outstanding opportunities for young musicians to perform with the community orchestra, and to benefit from playing challenging literature and working with a professional conductor and soloists. Presently four young musicians are regular members of the orchestra. For a specific time and other information about the audition requirements, contact Robert Pattengale, the executive director of the orchestra at rpatt@freeway.net.

MARSP meeting

MARSP members and guests are invited to join other retired school personnel from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 for a free cup of coffee at the Legs Inn in Cross Village.

Grief/loss support group

Two grief and loss support groups are being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. The upcoming Charlevoix grief and loss group will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road, five blocks west of Pizza Hut. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed. These services are free of charge. Call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 to register or for more information.

Retired federal employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, October 18, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, Chief Norm Conklin from the Resort/Bear Creek Fire Department will speak about home fire safety. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For further information, call (231) 238-4840.

Northern Lights

St. Mary School is proud to announce the 10th Annual Northern Lights Celebration dinner dance auction. This year's event which will take place from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 22 in the St. Mary Parish Center. Dinner will be catered by Grey Gables and music provided by Class Act Productions. An Italian theme will be woven through the entire event being called "Little Italy." A preview will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 21. Reservations and donations are now being accepted. Call the school for more information at (231) 547-9441. Tickets are $75 per person and includes all beverages.

Library fall fun day

The Charlevoix Public Library is celebrating harvest season with a "Farm Fall Fun Day." The afternoon event will take place from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 for children of all ages. There will be pumpkin/gourd decorating, story telling, music, a petting farm and more. The Charlevoix Public Library will be celebrating outside, please dress for the weather, indoor gear in case of rain. Volunteers are needed for this event. Call (231) 547-2651 for more information and for volunteer opportunities.

Christian concert

Nationally known Christian recording artist, singer and songwriter, Larry Dameron, will be in concert at the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix on M-66 across the street from the post office, at 10:15 a.m. October 23. Dameron has had songs in the top 25, top 10, and number one, and was nominated for a Dove Award. An offering will be received and snacks will follow the concert.

Library story hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library. Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Gambler's Anonymous

Gambler's Anonymous 12-Step meetings will take place at 1 p.m. Monday's at Harbor Hall located at 520 N. Main #106, in Cheboygan. For more information contact Bonnie at (231) 818-0992.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Evening Garden Club

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting room at Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information contact Margaret Arnold at (231) 547-5199.

Skatepark hours

New hours for Charlevoix's Skatepark are Wednesday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 2 to 5 p.m. closing for the winter on Oct. 15.

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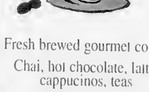
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Week-long homecoming festivities underway

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

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The senior homecoming court (from left) includes Aaron Hagen, Piroska Papp, standing in for Kyle DeYoung (not shown) is a skeleton, Shannon Dibble, Travis Burke, Christine Bradley, Michael Greyerbiehl, Chris Aepelbacher, Liz Jadwin and Lisa Kuebler. The homecoming king and queen will be crowed at half-time of the Charlevoix, Harbor Springs football game Oct. 7.

Move over Charles and Camilla, the royalty of Charlevoix will soon be in the spotlight.

For Rayder seniors, the 2005 school year will likely be one filled with bittersweet feelings and thoughts of leaving an institution they have known for so many years. But the upcoming ceremony and festivity of homecoming is a time of excitement and jubilation.

With 10 candidates for homecoming king and queen comprised of athletes, scholars and artisans, these renaissance men and women will soon know their fate. Will they be wearing a crown or a frown?

The homecoming parade is at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 7. The parade route begins at the former Charlevoix Middle School building off Grant Street, heads down State Street ending at Kipke Field where the football game against Harbor Springs will kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

The crowning ceremony for king and queen of the homecoming court is scheduled for half-time and the homecoming dance will be from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 in the Charlevoix Elementary School gym.

This celebration will bring with it the crowning of two seniors who will forever be Charlevoix High School's 2005 homecoming court royalty.

Thursday was the 2005 Gigantic Service Auction wherein homecoming court members and class presidents and vice-presidents were auctioned to help raise money for homecoming festivities.

Floats for the homecoming parade were constructed on Sunday, Oct. 2 at various locations around Charlevoix County.

Candidate for queen, 18-year-old Christine Bradley, is the daughter of Buck and Linda Bradley. She has participated in four years of track and field, two years of basketball and cross country and plans to attend college Grand Valley State University.

Candidate for king, 18-year-old Travis Burke, is the son of Kenny and Cindy Burke. He has played football for the Rayders for four years. Burke plans to attend a trade school for mechanics.

Candidate for queen, 17-year-old Shannon Dibble, is the daughter of Dave and Maria Dibble. She is the current president of the National Honor Society, is in her second year as yearbook editor and has played four years of basketball and three years of track and field. Dibble plans to attend college at an undecided location.

Candidate for king, 17-year-old Kyle DeYoung, is the son of Randy and Renee DeYoung. Kyle is a golfer, baseball player and enjoys squash and water polo. DeYoung plans to pursue a business degree at an undecided location.

Candidate for queen, 17-year-old Liz Jadwin, is the daughter of Chuck and Nora Jadwin. She has been a member of the basketball team for four years, tennis team for two years and volleyball team for three years. Jadwin is also treasurer for both student council and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend the University of Michigan or Michigan State University.

Candidate for king, 16-year-old Michael Greyerbiehl, is the son of Mark and Vicki Greyerbiehl. He is a member of student council, class co-president for his third year, a tennis player, a football player and a volunteer for junior achievement. He enjoys Ping-Pong, croquet and putt-putt golf. Greyerbiehl plans to attend Michigan State University or Grand Valley State University.

Candidate for queen, 17-year-old Lisa Kuebler, is the daughter of Doug Kuebler. She has spent four years on the cross country team and three years on the soccer team. She has been on student council as class officer for three years and plans to attend Northern Michigan University.

Candidate for king, 17-year-old Chris Aepelbacher, is son of Mark and Karen Aepelbacher. He is a girls soccer barbecue club member, plays football as well as wrestles and is co-manager of the high school weight room. Aepelbacher plans to attend Northern Michigan University.

Candidate for queen, 17-year-old Piroska Papp, is the daughter of Wendy and Michael Papp. She plans to attend Robert Morris College in Chicago, Ill. She enjoys snowboarding.

Candidate for king, 17-year-old Aaron Hagen, is son of Tony and Micki Hagen. He plays squash, croquet and Frisbee. He also enjoys playing pool. Though he has yet to decide where, Hagen also plans to attend college.

For more information on homecoming festivities, call student council advisor, Gail Cherry, at (231) 547-3222 ext. 2032.

Local incident sparks 'Student Safety Initiative,' signed into law last week

Parents across the state can find assurance of their children's safety in classroom and day care centers under legislation signed into law this week.

"Parents should be able to know that when their children go off to school or daycare that they are safe," said Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City. "Predators don't belong anywhere near our schools, daycare centers or our children."

The Legislature began working on the bicameral Student Safety Initiative after a series of reports in northern Michigan papers, including the Charlevoix Courier, as well as those down state which showed cases of sex offenders being allowed access to children in Michigan schools.

Locally the incident involved a Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District contract worker with an extensive criminal history.

Arthur Kirk, 70, of Charlevoix Township, who was arrested in early August and charged with felon in possession of a firearm and falsifying a gun permit application, worked in the school system as coordinator for the volunteer group AmeriCorps.

Charlevoix County Sheriff's office investigators discovered Kirk's criminal history, including criminal sexual conduct convictions.

At least 35 Michigan school employees, a majority of whom are teachers, have been charged or convicted of sexual misconduct in recent months, according to recent news reports.

Sponsored by Allen, Senate Bill 611 (Public Act 125) lists failure of a school employee to report being charged with certain crimes, including all felonies, or convicted of those same crimes as a felony.

Other pieces of the Student Safety Initiative signed into law will:

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Local non-profits feel the sqeeze of Katrina donors

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The United Way funds about 25 different agencies in the area which range from the American Red Cross to the Alamo Club, Clifford DuPont said, "But to local stuff, not the national the agencies."

As a result of the large-scale emergency which occurred in the south, Clifford DuPont said, "We had some things planned which we delayed about a month to let the whole Katrina thing settle down a bit."

Clifford DuPont said, she understands the need in other places, but there are still people at the local level who need assistance.

"We still need their money here at home," she added.

According to Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation executive director, Lyn Jenks, it is difficult to say how much of an impact the hurricane disasters in the south have made so far.

"At this point in time it's hard to say. We seem to be about the same as last year but we might be a little behind usual support," she said.

Jenks said she expects support to drop some when there is an increased pressure by so many charities for gifts.

"At times like this where all charities have to accept that there is a greater good, and there is a finite pool of philanthropic dollars, we all need to dig a little deeper and help out where the need is the greatest," she explained.

The foundation has many programs and services to which people can donate their dollars.

"They can help local people in the area not only with health care services at the hospital but with staying well with health education and health promotion activities," Jenks said.

According to Pastor Ryp Hankins of the Charlevoix Assembly of God, the church's food pantry is keeping pace with need but donations of nonperishable food items as well as health and beauty aids are always welcome.

"What we are seeing is an immediate increase of applicants coming in," he said. "There is a sharp increase and I feel that's directly attributed to the rise in fuel prices and the anticipated sharp increase in winter fuel."

Hankins added, "I think food pantries across the immediate north country will see a sharp increase in usage."

Anyone interested in donating to the CharEm United Way can send checks to P.O. Box 22, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or call (231) 237-9551. Anyone wishing to help the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation can call (231) 547-8502. Those wishing to donate food pantry items can call (231) 547-6430.

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Charges to be filed in Mackinaw County

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The City of Charlevoix is aggressively pursuing reclamation of over $220,000 it lost in a check mishap that happened over a year ago.

On Oct. 6 city attorney Jim Young received word that the city's insurance carrier, Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, had been served with the city's lawsuit.

The suit, which is on file in Charlevoix County Circuit Court, claims the city's insurer should have compensated the city for its losses and defended it in a lawsuit filed by United Fire and Casualty.

The lawsuit the city feels should have been covered, stemmed from a check that was written on April 2, 2004 to CCMS and Associates, a contractor out of Sault Ste. Marie hired by the city in 2001 to work on roads and sidewalks.

However, the check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

A report given to council in February outlining why the mistake was made pointed to miscommunication.

Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi, who was on vacation when the check was issued, claims he was not aware United Fire was supposed to be paid instead of CCMS. United Fire claims they sent a letter to Brandi with check writing instructions, prior to his vacation, but Brandi says he never received it.

Brandi's stamped signature as well as that of deputy city clerk Stephanie Brown, appeared on the check. At that time, Brown was sitting in for former clerk Liz Gooch, who had resigned.

When Brandi realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment but it was too late. CCMS owner William Montgomery had cashed the check.

This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the city. In December of 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United Fire the over $220,000 it already

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The queen's carriage

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Homecoming queen and king, Piroska Papp and Aaron Hagen cruise to the homecoming game in style during the parade Oct. 7. The two were crowned at halftime of the Charlevoix, Harbor Springs match-up. For more homecoming week pictures see page 23.

BASES loses contract with the Char-Em ISD

Financial loss to result in reduction of full-time staff

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

BASES, the local drug counseling services organization, plans to cut its staff in the wake of a loss of $28,500.

BASES executive director, Scott Kelly said, as a result of the lost contract with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and other issues, he will be forced to let go one of his four full-time staff members.

"We're looking at laying off a full-time counselor. The ISD has had a contract with BASES since the 1992-1993 school year," Kelly said. "The contract was to coordinate the Safe and Drug Free Schools program."

Until now, BASES worked with all 11 schools in the district helping them utilize federal funds for violence and drug prevention.

Kelly said formation of the Coordinator of School Safety Programs position at the intermediate school district which will be filled by current City of Charlevoix Police Chief Dennis Halverson in November, eliminated the need for BASES to continue writing grants for them.

According to Kelly, he expected a cut to the program because the $64,000 in federal money received last year was reduced to $57,000.

"January 2005 this whole federal program was on the chopping block according to president Bush but in late spring there were some maneuvers to continue it at lesser amount," he said.

But, Kelly said, it wasn't until the end of summer that he found out BASES would be losing the funds altogether.

"We learned in late August that they had pulled the contracts," he said. "It's a huge decline from the $64,000 it was last year."

"The bulk of that was writing the grant, doing the report and the mid-term report," he said. "The moneys received by each school are relatively small compared to the amount of moneys received in the grant so it worked out better to have a consortium of schools."

Kelly added, "Another big part of the project was to consult with all the school administrators and staff and help provide them with resources and materials for drug and violence prevention programs."

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Jacob Alexander Pace, 19, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended /revoked/denied/allow. Serve 12 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Richard Allen Lund II, 21, Lakeview. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 62 days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

Georgia Lee Himebaugh, 23, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve five days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Peter Joseph Gallagher, 36, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Michael Joseph Kruzel, 70, Boyne City. Disorderly person/drunk. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for 15 days, to serve five days, 70 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to enter any school bus; $700 in fines and costs.

Lisa Ann Leist, 30, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Sean Michael Hubble, 31, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Billy Jack Pickles, 31, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended. Serve 20 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve 15 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Walter Jerome Demaray, 19, Central Lake. Furnishing tobacco to minors. Serve seven days in jail with credit for seven days; $100 in fines and costs.

William Gary Helvie, 43, Royal Center, Ind. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for three days, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve 12 months probation; $300 in fines and costs.

Thomas Steven Gillespie, 22, Boyne Falls. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Rocque Anthony Perez, 24, Tucson, Ariz. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Casey James Fortune, 44, Boyne Falls. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for four days, 89 days held in abeyance; serve 12 months probation; $100 in fines and costs.

Deborah Marie Lauake, 34, East Jordan. Failure to inform, less than $500. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, 79 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; $9,211.13 in fines and costs.

Aaron Curtis Finch, 24, Vanderbilt. Disorderly person. Serve 15 days in jail; $550 in fines and costs.

Brian Richard Coon, 23, East Jordan. Larceny under $200. Serve 90 days in jail, 85 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; write a letter of apology; $700 in fines and costs.

Michelle Catharine Britt, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend BASES; $160 in fines and costs.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Nicholas Gerard Groudis, 25 and Stephanie Mae Sobleski, 22 both of Charlevoix

Joseph Glen VanLoo, 22 and Angel-Ann Chipman, 18 both of Boyne City

Robert Lee Marcotte, 42 and Julie Gail Carter, 41 both of Charlevoix

Timothy John Roeth, 27 and Jennifer Ann Price, 22 both of Charlevoix

Michael Robert Behrendt, 36 and Sandra Bonilla Castro, 37 both of East Jordan.

Births

Jaden Nicole Harris weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces was born Sept. 30, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Lyman and Mandie Harris of East Jordan. Jaden's sibling is David. Her grandparents are Lynn Harris and Sue Slough of East Jordan, Steve and Teri Lukas of Flushing and Al and Linda Larobardiere of Grand Blanc.

Dawson Bradley Carey weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces was born Oct. 3, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brad and Brieann Carey of East Jordan. Dawson's sibling is Blake, 2. His grandparents are Marty and Debbie Carey, Glen and Rhonda Thorman and Sue and Bill Rock, all of East Jordan.

Alison Christine, weighing 6 pounds, was born to Dennis and Dawn (Kirby) Jinsky of Farmington on Oct. 6, 2005 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Her grandparents are Christine and Steve Kirby of Flushing and Shirley (Farkas) Wilkinson and Jim Jinsky of Charlevoix.

Sportsman's dinner at Knights of Columbus

The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will hold their 3rd Annual Sportsman's Dinner starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Knights of Columbus hall located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road.

There will be a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by Bill Steven's world famous Swiss steak dinner.

Syndicated sports columnist George Rowe will be the guest speaker and will present the latest trends in deer hunting and the great outdoors.

Tickets are $15 per person. There will also be raffle tickets available to win a $1,000 shopping spree at Jays Sporting Goods in Gaylord. You do not have to be present to win.

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BASES cuts staff after losing contract for $28,500 with ISD

BASES

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The $28,500 which BASES will not receive, constitutes just over 10 percent of their budget. Kelly said the program will definitely feel the pinch.

"This contract was initially one of the contracts that got BASES off the ground," he said.

According to Kelly, he isn't certain whether BASES will be working with the intermediate school district in the future.

"We're not sure. Nothing has been talked about at this point," he said.

In the past, BASES worked with 11 public schools and at least five private schools in the district.

Kelly said BASES will, "No longer, be coordinator for those schools but will work with those schools independently."

"We've been through a couple of these types of funding changes through the years," he said. "We'll play it cautious right now, but I would say in six to 12 months we'll be up and running as good as ever — not that we won't be doing the things we have been doing."

He added, "It's kind of an important life lesson, when one door closes, three or four more open."

But, Kelly said, regardless of what happens, he is proud of the work BASES did under the former contract.

"I think the progress in the local area for drug prevention and those types of things is a significant change for the good," he said. "It's been a great opportunity for BASES to work with the school districts for the last 13 or 14 years."

According to Rick Diebold, deputy superintendent of the Charlevoix-Emmet ISD, as far as he knows the district and BASES will continue to work together in other capacities.

"We're still going to continue to keep a relationship with BASES, the only thing they won't be doing is applying for the grant for us," Diebold said. "But all other services they provided they will continue to provide. They're a valuable asset in the region."

He added, "They definitely provide services that are of benefit to schools and we want to maintain that service for schools and students."

According to Diebold, at least 25 people applied for the new Coordinator of School Safety Programs position at the intermediate school district. Halverson's new role is a result of the consolidation of several preexisting positions.

"We took a variety of services we provide in a variety of different ways (grant writing, supervision of AmeriCorps) and we consolidated them into a single position," Diebold said.

He added, Halverson's work in law enforcement and as a school liaison officer, as well as his grant writing experience and master's in educational administration made him the right choice for the job.

"He has all the qualities we were looking for," Diebold said. "He has proven himself (to be) a high quality individual."

Diebold said Halverson is expected to begin the new job in early November at a salary of $51,700. This constitutes a reduction in pay from the $53,500 he is currently making as City of Charlevoix Chief of Police.

City's CCMS check debacle leads to lawsuit and charges

CCMS

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paid CCMS.

Bob DeJong, an attorney with Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. out of Grand Rapids is representing the city in its claim against the Michigan Municipal League.

In DeJong's claim he is requesting reimbursement for the check and attorney fees.

The incident will also likely lead to criminal charges against Montgomery.

Because the check was cashed in St. Ignace city police chief Dennis Halverson has been working with detective sergeant Robin Sexton with the Michigan State Police post there to investigate the matter.

Sexton said a request for charges will be issued with Mackinaw County Prosecuting Attorney Clayton Graham.

Graham said that at this time he has not received Sexton's request. Sexton said he could not confirm when he will issue the request.

Up, up and away

Photo by Kim Taylor

This home, the former guest cottage of the Christiana Ransom family, has sat at the "Maple Grove turnaround," the trail head for the Ransom Nature Preserve in Charlevoix's Hayes Township, for over 30 years. The home which belongs to the Little Traverse Conservancy was sold and moved Sept. 30 to a location about two miles away.

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Death in perspective: The circle of life

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Formally, biology is the study of life, but no one gets very far into biology without confronting the end of lives.

At a season of the year when we are confronted daily with the cessation of life in many organisms – plant and animal – it is worthwhile to consider the place of death in the biological world. We are generally so conflicted about death that it is difficult to examine it. It is hard to confront the idea without getting tangled in personal considerations.

For now, we are going to look at death as a part of life, as a part of biology.

It is only necessary to visit the creek alongside St. Mary's Cement Plant to draw the connection of life to death. Forget for the moment that the salmon swimming up the creek are destined for eat food rather than reproduction.

The free-swimming salmon kill and feed on thousands of living creatures in the course of their two or three-year life. In the ordinary circumstances of salmon migration, the fish are converting any substance and energy they have accumulated into a chance at reproduction, and their death is a necessary part of that equation. Having spawned and died, the decaying bodies of the salmon provide energy to the bottom of the stream's food chain and ultimately feed small creatures that nourish the hatchling salmon in the same stream.

More than that, salmon are pulled from the stream and eaten by bear and other smaller carnivores. These animals in turn grow, defecate and finally die, all of which nourishes the surrounding trees and shrubs and herbs and thus help to keep the stream clear and unmuddied by erosion. It is a lovely system, with death at its center. No death, no life.

I like to think that I participate appropriately in that process by killing and preserving for later use some small number of those salmon. This is a thoughtful process, for it is impossible to terminate the life of any creature without contemplating its death and the meaning of that. And, of course, whatever biologically necessary elements are in those salmon do eventually find their way back into Lake Michigan, where they help to grow more salmon or anything else the lake contains. Death as a necessary part of life.

The death of tree leaves and all of our annual plants accomplishes the same life-giving end. Even if burned, such plant material contributes its substance to the atmosphere and to the soil. And composting those dead leaves and plants certainly contributes to the life abundant of all the minute creatures involved in decay and decomposition. Again, the dance of life has death at its center.

Fall is my favorite season of the year, possibly because the combination of life and death most clearly reveals the pattern of life on earth. I fully expect to eventually provide for continuing life in Lake Michigan – as close to immortality as I ever hope to achieve.

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A solution to the transplant, native battle

Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

"So, where are you from," she asked.

"Charlevoix," I said.

"Well how long have you lived here," she responded.

"About six years," I said.

"So, you don't know anything about Charlevoix," she said.

As much as I enjoy a good insult, I've had it with this smug conversation. I've encountered the same exchange on at least 10 instances in my time here and I've come to the conclusion that there is no number of years of residency or amount of Courier Scrapbook article reading that brings you to, "In the know" status.

I know, I know – once a transplant, always a transplant. It's not even the question. "Where are you from?" which fuels my lividity, it's the condescending tone and gleeful posturing which too often accompanies it.

These exchanges contain a biting tone about my ineptness as it pertains to the area and a deaf ear from the offenders who could care less that, prior to moving here, I spent a decade of summers playing softball on the local rec. league, working at local stores and even coming up on wintry weekends to play in the snow.

In my 27 years on earth I've lived in Redford, Brighton, Berkeley, Calif. (for a summer, hold all Berserkeley comments), Ann Arbor and Charlevoix. And, after discussing this topic with another transplant, we concluded this is the only place we've lived where it doesn't matter what you've done in life or where you are going. If you weren't born and raised here you aren't worth a pile of petunias.

In my experience this verbal vilification seems to be used as a segue into conversation. And, is generally followed by a tidbit or 12 of knowledge about Charlevoix, past and present.

I welcome this type of information, but I say lead with it. Don't put your gab partner on the defensive before delivering a story by belittling them for geographic reasons. It simply isn't polite.

Perhaps this overzealous behavior is simply a sign of strong community pride. After all, many current and former Charlevoixians proudly share their native status whenever they are away from the area. It could also be the warming signs of some deep-seated anti transplant behavior. Either way this issue must be solved if natives and transplants are to exist harmoniously.

Since I'm not the proverbial queen of quaintness, I called out the big gun of politeness, local etiquette guru Edith Gilbert, for her take on the whole deal. She said, "Instead of asking a direct question which may evoke a defensive response, try an anecdote, that will get the reminiscing ball rolling and it never stops."

Maybe the answer to alleviating the transplant/native tensions would be "Charlevoix immigration standards." Much as immigrants to the United States must learn about America, prospective Charlevoix residents too would be subject to a test before officially becoming "locals."

These transplants-in-training could undergo intensive reeducation at the Historical Society, fudge identification classes and petunia pruning seminars before taking a combination multiple choice and essay examination. Oh, and they would all have to take driving tests because we all know out-of-towners can't drive.

It could be the rite of passage that would finally lay to rest the, "Well let me teach you a thing or two," speech.

Community pride is a positive thing, but I don't necessarily believe a resident of one year has any less pride than a resident of 80 or vice versa. So instead of asking, "Where are you from?" try asking, "How are you today?" At the close of conversation I bet both parties will walk away better for it.

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Letters to the editor

Apple Fest too late

Editor:

It seems by waiting for the Apple Fest a week later then it has been is not getting the families that come here for the Columbus Day weekend. I know you want the second Friday of the month but there are other considerations.

Dorothy Irvin
Charlevoix

Letter response

Editor:

The letter printed in the Courier concerning the actions of the city manager in the recent check writing fiasco deserves comment and it's hoped you received more than this one.

Dr. Marshall H. Cossman found fault with the use of the words malfeasance and malefaction and provided only one definition of them found in dictionaries. That being "evil doing."

Having a crossword puzzle doer in the house leads to all kinds of reference material to accomplish that hobby available. But to satisfy my own curiosity I looked up the two words listed above. Since the matter discussed is headed for legal action it appears what better source is there for clarification than Blacks Law Dictionary.

There was no listing of malefaction but malfeasance and misfeasance did appear. Malfeasance: "Evil doing; unlawful act; Comprehensive term including any wrongful conduct that effects, interrupts or interferes with performance of official duties. Misfeasance a substitute word."

Webster Dictionary: "Malfeasance: Wrong doing or misconduct, especially by a public official.

The word misfeasance appears in the World Book Dictionary as well as the above sources.

Misfeasance: "Wrongful performance of a lawful act; Wrongful and injurious exercise of legal authority."

It appears that Dr. Cossman feels that complete clarification of the original word usage is superfluous (exceeding what is sufficient or necessary).

Regardless of what words are used the word manager means to direct, control, go further and other definitions are charge of and responsible for.

Truman said it best, "If you can't take the heat, get the hell out of the kitchen."

Charles C. Papineau
Charlevoix

Flip flop fund

Editor:

We are indeed blessed by God in order that we may bless others.

I never really understood that until I went to Uganda, and struggled with the unfairness of the wealth we have in the USA compared to the poverty I saw in Uganda.

Most villagers and all prisoners were without even a pair of flip flops, and I saw many people with wounds on their feet that would probably never heal because they could not protect their feet. We think of shoes as a fashion statement, and forget that they are first and foremost a means to protect our feet.

When I got home from Africa, I looked at my closet floor differently. It occurred to me that a pair of flip-flop sandals in Uganda cost $1. I realized that if I had a dollar for every pair of shoes I own, I could buy 21 people a pair of shoes in Uganda. Yes, I am not afraid to admit that I have 21 pairs of shoes. Other brave souls at this church will be sharing "their number" with you, too.

This is an example of "blessed to be a blessing." So I challenge you to ask yourself, "What is your number?"

Will you donate $1 for every pair of shoes you own?

Look for the blue Uganda basket in the back of the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church and add to the "Flip Flop Fund." If you wish to write a check, make it out to Charlevoix Community Reformed Church and write "Flip Flops" in the memo line.

I will be sending the money to those who hosted us in Africa, and they have promised to make sure that those who need shoes will receive them.

Thank you on behalf of those who need our help.

Sue Boyko
Charlevoix

Skatepark requests council funding

Editor:

Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. needs your help.

We are getting closer to our goal, and to date have raised over $92,000. We appeared before Charlevoix City Council on Monday, Oct. 3 to request their support.

If you are a city resident, and support this project, please call your local council representative and verbalize your support.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

Citizens Bank Donates to Charlevoix Area Organizations

Contributions totaling $5,050 from the Citizens Banking Corporation Charitable Foundation were recently distributed to four Charlevoix area organizations. The bank distributed checks to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Charlevoix County Community Foundation for Camp Quality Fund, Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Charlevoix Hospice Fund and Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Fund.

Youth program participant

Matthew A. Mason, a freshman at Charlevoix High School, recently participated in a summer youth program at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. Students taking part in the program attend week-long explorations in engineering, science and technology, computers, environmental studies and outdoors, business and arts and human sciences.

Alumni club scholarship

University of Michigan Club of Little Traverse Bay recently awarded a $500 freshman scholarship to Jacklyn Heckendorn, a Charlevoix High School Class of 2005 graduate, to attend the University of Michigan this fall. Heckendorn graduated with a 3.95 grade point average, was a member of the National Honor Society and earned a varsity letter in cross country.

Math honor

Tom Kennedy, the son of Tom and Sue Kennedy of Charlevoix, was recently awarded a departmental honor in mathematics from Grand Valley State University. To have received this honor, Kennedy must have earned at least 85 credits and received a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Design award

Local designers, John and Becky Spieth of Charlevoix, were recently named top seller and top sponsor at Home & Garden Party's national rally. More than 1,700 designers and guests attended the rally at the Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

Camp Daggett to celebrate its 80th anniversary Oct. 16

Camp Daggett's 80th Anniversary celebration will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

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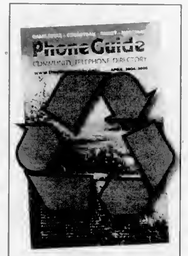

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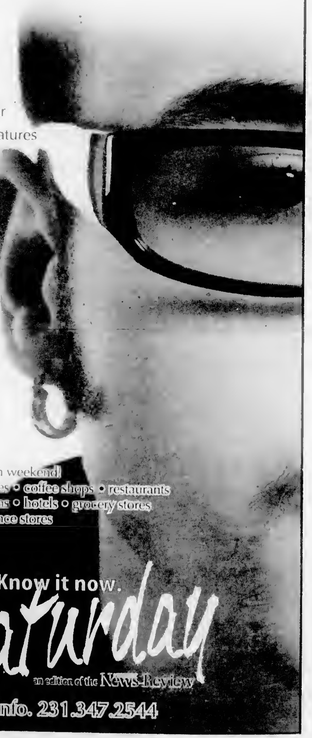

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Presented by Castle Farms and The Formal Affair of Traverse City, the Grand Bridal Expo will get underway at 11 a.m., with a bridal fashion show at 2 p.m.

The fashion show will feature wedding party fashions with a fresh, fun approach.

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For more information call (231) 237-0884.

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Castle Farms, a premier local wedding destination, is the site of The First Annual Grand Bridal Expo to take place Sunday, Oct. 16 at the site, off M-66.

50th Anniversary

Leonard and Jeanne Dubey

Leonard and Jeanne Dubey were married Sept. 9, 1955 in the Eastport Baptist Church by Rev. Al Northup. Leonard came from Alpena at age 16 and retired from the City of Charlevoix. Jeanne came from Kentucky in 1955 and retired from her job as a school teacher at St. Mary's of Charlevoix. Their children are Cathy Liotta of Charlevoix and Cristol Black of Foxworth, Miss. The Dubey's have two grandchildren, Bryan and Jennifer Liotta. Their anniversary party has been postponed due to Hurricane Katrina.

44 Women Participated in the 6th Annual Mustang Triathalon Open

September 24: Play started at the Mallard Golf Course in East Jordan with a shotgun scramble then resumed at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth for a lunch buffet, followed by Euchre & pool. Kris Etienne & Maureen LaBlance won the tournament. The ladies enjoyed music by Ray JDJ. The event founded & coordinated by Sally Nye, raised $700 and a truckload of supplies for the Charlevoix Co. Humane Society. Sally would like to thank everyone who participated in the tournament and to the individuals & businesses that graciously donated their time or prizes.

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Obituaries

John Steven Beyers: Aug. 12, 1966 - Oct. 2, 2005

John Steven Beyers, 39, of Islip, N.Y., died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, at the South Side Hospital in Bay Shore, N.Y.

Mass of Christian Burial was at noon, Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Fr. Jerry Hunko officiated and interment took place in Saint Mary's Cemetery.

John was born Aug. 12, 1966, in Peoria, Ill., the son of Marvin E. and Alberta C. (Puhek) Beyers. He graduated from Bergen High School in Peoria, then earned a BA in Business Administration from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

While in high school and college, John spent all of his summers at his family's home in Charlevoix, where he worked at Murdick's Fudge.

He was presently employed as a Vice President of Coral Graphics in Hicksville, N.Y.

John is survived by his mother, Alberta C. Beyers of Charlevoix; daughters, Megan and Allyson; former wife, Michelle Beyers of Brownsburg, Ind.; brothers, Michael (Debbi) Beyers of Danville, Calif., Daniel (Gail) Beyers of Tulsa, Okla.; sisters, Kathleen (Dan) Wassmann of Glenview, Ill., Barbara Beyers, and Ann Marie Slater both of Chicago, Ill.

John's father, Marvin, preceded him in death in 2002. Contributions may be made to the Megan A. and Allyson M. Beyers Benefit Fund at Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

James Stoneham: Sept. 9, 1933 - Oct. 5, 2005

James L. Stoneham, 72, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born Sept. 9, 1933, in Royal Oak, the son of Vincent E. and Clara B. (Leininger) Stoneham. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1951 to 1955. On May 26, 1956, he married the former Donna Sharow in Boyne City. Jim was employed as a lab technician at Medusa Portland Cement Company before retiring. He was a member of the VFW Post 1153, in Charlevoix.

Jim is survived by his wife, Donna of Charlevoix; sons, James (Marlo) Stoneham, Jr. of Charlevoix, Wade Stoneham of Texas, Alex (Monica) Stoneham of Oklahoma; daughter, Margo (Ricki) Hood of Texas; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; seven sisters; brother, Mike.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family of James Stoneham, Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Fabulous fashion fund-raiser

Local cancer survivor models and family members participated in the Second Annual Circle of Strength Fashion Show and Luncheon Oct. 8 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. (Above) Helen Merill, Joan Nowak and Jackie Krutsch look at a wig display. (Left) Kaylee Walters, 6, tries on Lia Sophia Jewelry.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

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Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6410

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Church Office 547-6322

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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Chamber Action

Reminder that Charlevoix State Bank branch is open

The Charlevoix State Bank Branch has been opened since May. This is a perfect way to do your banking in a convenient way. They are located on M-66 highway.

Congratulations to Shop of the Gulls on their new kitchen section

We are happy to see this section of Shop of the Gulls open. It is a great addition to our shopping district. Owner, Patricia Blanchard, will he carrying numerous kitchen items for every need. Fall store hours are 10am-6pm Monday through Saturday and 11am-4pm Sunday. Congratulations, Patricia!

Camp Daggett will be celebrating 80 years October 16

This is a special celebration for Camp Daggett. Join in their festivities on Sunday, October 16 from 12-5pm. There will be activities for young and old. Yes, their CLIMBING WALL WILL BE OPEN FOR THOSE up for the challenge! Come on out to Camp for some fall fun, cider, doughnuts and a slice of giant cake! There is no charge.

Momentum will celebrate a Katrina Fund Raiser October 19

On Wednesday, October 19 Momentum will donate 100% of all proceeds (minus sales tax) to the American Red Cross disaster relief fund. Doors open at 10am and will close at 8pm, or when they reach their $10,000 goal (whichever is first). All goods will sell at their everyday 40-70% off. Any further donations would be appreciated. For more information, please call 237-0209.

C² Gallery Frame Shop is now open

C² Gallery opened their Frame Shop September 21. They are doing custom framing. The owners, Mike & Cheryl Carey and Amy Cook are excited about this new service. They can he reached at 547-2228 for more details.

100-Year banners for sale

If you haven't purchased your banner to celebrate Charlevoix's 100 years, please stop at the Chamber of Commerce. We still have banners left and would love to see everyone display one at their home or place of business.

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With the holidays rapidly approaching, the perfect gifts for family, friends and employees are Certifichecks as they encourage "Shop Charlevoix". These Certifichecks are redeemable at any of our member businesses, whether it is a dentist, doctor, gas, groceries, gifts, etc. Call the Chamber at 547-2101, or drop in, or go online to purchase yours.

Farmers Market at Castle Farms

On every Wednesday from 4pm-9pm through the month of October, Castle Farms is hosting a healthy farmers market. There will be all kinds of fruits and vegetables for sale.

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

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Oct 14-16	26th Annual Charlevoix Apple Festival 547-2101
Oct 14-15	Applefest Days at Friske's 599-2604
Oct 16	Grand Bridal Expo at Castle Farms 237-0884
Oct 22	Fall Young Naturalist Meeting Little Traverse Conservancy 347-0991
Nov 2	Annual Spaghetti Dinner - Historical Society 547-0373

The next retail meeting is October 20 at 8:45am at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

October 27, 9th Annual Autumn Charlevoix County Chamber Business After Hours, from 5 -7 pm.

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Marina project faces another permit setback

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The United States Army Corps of Engineers permit evaluation of the City of Charlevoix's marina renovation project has faced another setback.

In early August, Patricia Borden, project manager with the regulatory division of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, said the corps' decision whether or not to issue a permit for the project would be ready in mid-August.

At the end of September, Borden retired and a new staffer assigned to the project. Corps project manager Pat O'Connor, is now playing catch-up.

The information was in O'Connor's hands Oct. 4 but as of Oct. 6 he said he hadn't looked at the material. He said Charlevoix can expect some delay due to the change in review command.

"I have to read the history of the file and get up to speed," he said.

The focus of the permit from the corps is environmental. In a recent interview, Borden said in assessing the project and preparing the decision packet they will look at both existing environmental conditions as well as the project's possible environmental impact.

According to city mayor Norman Carlson, this permit which the city expected to be approved in the summer of 2004 is the last piece in the puzzle before the project can be let out for construction bids.

He said no matter what, a dock system whether it be the existing or the new one, will be in the water by June of 2006.

"They can work through the winter. As soon as we get the permit we are going to bid and we'll get it moving. Our intention is fully to get it done before next spring," he said.

While mayor Carlson is optimistic that the project will get done, John Winn, a Charlevoix resident and chairman of the project's major funding agency, the Michigan Waterways Commission, is fed up.

"This is total ineptness. It's mind boggling they've had this for a year. The state (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) approved it a long time ago and it's rare for the Corps to make changes once the DEQ gives their permit," Winn said.

The other permit required prior to construction was issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on Feb. 24, 2005 and expires on Dec. 31, 2006.

According to Roxanne Ramirez, an environmental quality analyst with the MDEQ, Charlevoix's initial proposal did not meet the state's permit guidelines. The city issued a modified project plan that was reviewed and accepted.

The marina planning process, which was finalized in September of 2002, proposed replacement of the sea wall, removal of the existing 17 docks which at the furthest point extend 75 feet into Round Lake and replacement of those docks with a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220 feet into Round Lake at the furthest point.

Ramirez said the city's use of space was a major MDEQ concern in evaluating this initial proposal. MDEQ officials told city management the plan did not stay within the city's riparian interest area.

The newest design keeps boaters from impeding on Ward Brothers operations on the marina's south end and on the Coast Guard area on the north end.

Pier width was also reduced. The initial proposal for the northernmost pier extends 12 feet wide 186 feet into the lake with a 30 foot wide viewing pier running perpendicular to it.

Plans for the viewing pier were scaled back to 16 feet wide. This 12 foot docking pier was the only one whose width was not reduced. The other three piers, which extend 195 feet, 220 feet and 175 feet were all reduced from 12 feet to 8 feet wide.

The plan to run a new sea wall in front of the existing wall to minimize disruption of contaminated soil was nixed as it would require a substantial amount of back filling, disrupting habitat.

Ramirez said this new plan will likely cost the city more as construction crews will have to properly dispose of the contaminated soil but will result in less lake fill.

In December of 2003, 75 percent of this $4.8 million project was secured from the Michigan Waterways Commission and it was announced that Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority would pay for the rest.

Winn explained that in spite of the delays, the 75 percent funding the commission dedicated to the project is not in jeopardy.

"I'm a local citizen looking to get this done before we lose it," he said. "This town is looking so tired. If we can get the park and marina done, people will drive in from the north and south and say, 'This community is on the go.'"

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Revised smoking ban approved by health department

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency approved changes in a unanimous vote to the Public Health Clean Air Act of 2005.

The board of health heard comments from the public concerning the act on Sept. 30, but the required number of health board members were not present to vote until Oct. 5.

"This is exactly the way the process is supposed to work," said Gerald Chase, Health Officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, who presented the recommended revisions at both meetings. "The Board of Health listened to the community and have addressed many of their concerns with a workplace smoking regulation that makes sense in northwest Michigan."

In response to the concerns some citizens had, the board of health made changes to the original wording of the act which now allows smoking in businesses which employ one person as well as smoking for businesses with vehicles used by one person at a time.

The new wording also allows smoking break rooms as long as they are sufficiently ventilated.

According to Chase, the clean air act was never about forcing smokers to quit.

He said, "Smoking is a personal choice. We take our responsibility to protect public health very seriously and secondhand smoke is a major cause of preventable disease in northern Michigan."

He added, "This regulation will save lives."

The act will soon be presented to boards of commissioners in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties and will become effective within 60 days after the last county board has approved it.

At the public hearing on Sept. 30, Chase said, even in parts of Kentucky, where the tobacco industry is the primary source of jobs and revenue, smoking regulation exists.

"Even where tobacco is king, the smoking bans are stronger than the one we're proposing," he said.

Several board members cited the ill effects of cigarette smoke both direct as well as secondhand and said secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

Josh Meyerson, Medical Director for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, said, "Cigarette smoke is an acute cause of heart disease and kills 50,000 nonsmokers each year."

Meyerson said children get chronic respiratory illness from secondhand smoke and it increases cancers not just lung cancer.

Chase, who was once quoted as saying, "The response to the worksite smoking ban has been overwhelmingly positive," listened as the majority of the people in attendance to the public hearing spoke out against the ban.

Charlevoix resident Robert Taylor said he is the father of a child with asthma and while he sympathizes with the plight of nonsmokers, he doesn't support the ban.

"I have one problem with this ban and it's something I'm more scared of than dying by other people's cigarette smoke — that's losing our rights," Taylor said. "I don't want to see a small board make a decision for many people. I want it put to a vote of the people."

Taylor's comments brought an eruption of applause from most of the public in attendance

But, spokesperson for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Jane Sundmacher said, "The board of health is authorized to make public health regulations according to the public health code of Michigan. So it's not going to go to a (public) vote at this time."

Lynda Page said, "I'm against the smoking ban. My father passed away from cancer and my mother is dying from cancer and she is a nonsmoker but it's the right of anyone to choose whether or not they want to smoke."

Bob Christensen, supervisor of South Arm Township, said Northwest Community Health Agency is superseding the authority of the townships it covers.

Chase responded that this smoking ban is a regulation, not an ordinance.

The proposed 2005 regulation does not apply to restaurants, bars and other food service establishments and certain gambling and casino operations since other laws already affect those establishments. Businesses operated out of private residences will also be exempt, except for those used for childcare, health care, or adult day care businesses.

For more information about the "Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation of 2005," visit www.nwhealth.org or call Teresa Sington at (231) 547-6523.

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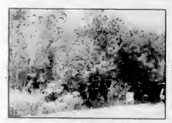

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Apple Festival
October 14 -16

Apple lovers flock to town for annual festival

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

While they may keep the doctor away, the celebrated fruits won't stop thousands of visitors to the 26th Annual Charlevoix Apple Fest this weekend.

East Park will be transformed into a harvest farm market and craft fair as both locals and out of town visitors flood the area to capture the flavor and character of autumn in northern Michigan, as they sip golden apple cider and bite into 30 varieties of crunchy apples.

"I think it's going to be a fantastic festival. We've had lots and lots of phone calls from people checking dates," Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce President, Jacqueline Merta, said.

This year's event will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16.

The first festival, hosted by current sponsors, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, occurred in 1979. The aim of this fall-based festival was and is to familiarize residents and visitors with the many commodities provided by thriving area orchards and farms.

Northern Michigan is known for its bountiful crop production and three area orchards, Kings Orchard of Central Lake, Friske Orchards of Charlevoix and Cherryview Orchards of Kewadin will be showing off this year's crunchy, sweet products in bright reds, yellows and greens.

According to Judy Friske-Kehr, Director of Retail at Friske's Orchard, in spite of the unusual heat this summer which sped the crop's maturation process, she promises to have plenty of perfect apples in more than 14 varieties of the 27 grown at the orchard.

"It's a good harvest. It's not above average, but it's a good harvest," she said. "With the hot weather all the apples are ripe at once — that's the dilemma — we had to get them off the trees. Having cooler nights slows it down, but we haven't had them."

"We're still harvesting." It usually takes us the month of October to get the crop off," she added.

Some of the apple types you will see at the festival include: Honey Crisp, Macintosh, Red and Golden delicious, Spartan, Empire, Gala, Spy, Jonagold, Crispin and Jonamac.

Friske Orchard reps sell an estimated couple hundred bushels of apples every year at the festival.

But, Friske-Kehr, said, "Our biggest draw is our homemade apple cider cinnamon doughnuts that we fry on site.

Who: Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
What: Apple Fest
When: Oct. 14-16
Where: East Park

And we're known for our apple cider, caramel apples, pies, cookies and we make a special apple sticky bun."

She added, "Just about as much as we can cram into that tent, we bring."

Aside from the many varieties of fresh apples that will be on-site, other commodities will also be for sale including: Apple cake and pie, cider, honey and jams, fresh donuts, plants and bulbs, hydroponic tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and more.

In all, 13 food vendors will be ready to tantalize customers with delectable harvest treats.

After shopping for fresh produce and baked goods, festival participants can travel through the craft courtyard filled with 130 vendors showcasing multiple handmade goods.

Or, take a walk back in time and check out the farm machinery that once ruled the fields. The Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers will exhibit in Bridge Park.

While apples, crafts and antique machinery will keep adults interested, there will be plenty in the park this weekend to keep the kids busy including: Pony and carriage rides, a petting farm and a huge apple play land.

In addition to the fruits and vegetables available at Apple Fest, there will be a few nonprofit organizations such as the AKtion Club of Charlevoix, which will hold their annual Blanket Drive.

Now through Oct. 15, people can donate new blankets to the Bergmann Center and at the AKtion Club's booth next to the Chamber of Commerce during the festival. For more information call Kim Brock at (231) 547-2979.

While families keep busy having fun in the park, merchants are also expecting an influx of shoppers. Merta said Apple Fest popularity plays an important economic role in the community bringing in high volumes of shoppers.

"I think we'll have a great attendance for the festival — it will be a good boost for the economy," she said.

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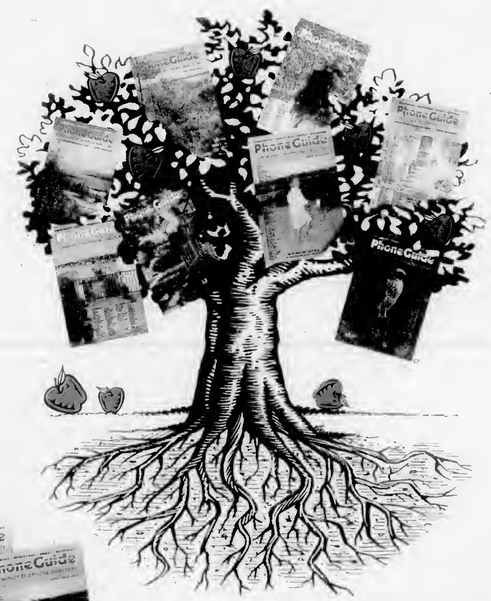

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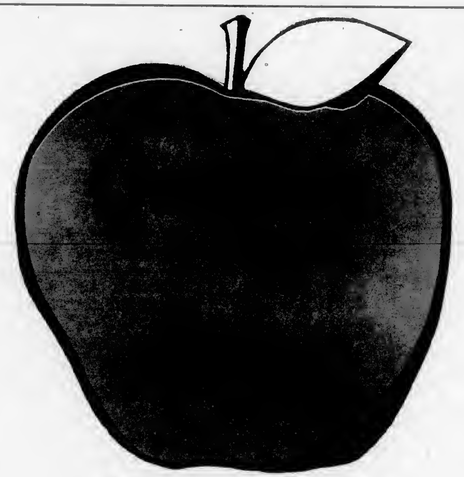

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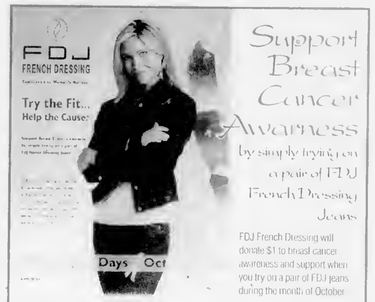

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Bone health program coming to Charlevoix Public Library

"Fit to a T," an educational one-hour program will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The program will focus on bone health, osteoporosis, and how to fight fragility fractures. It will also provide consumers with the information resources they need to make informed decisions on bone health.

The session will feature a medical expert, a health information specialist and a patient who will team up to teach the program. The session is free to the public and all interested patrons are welcome to attend.

Osteoporosis affects nearly 44 million Americans or 55 percent of people over 50. Ten million Americans are estimated to have low bone mass. One out of every two women and one out of every eight men over age 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetime.

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Prior to the luncheon, the morning session will include workshops on fund-raising, membership, programs, and campaign finance laws.

The council was formed by the National Federation of Republican Women's organizations in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Grand Traverse and Leelanau counties.

The council's objectives are to elect Republicans to local, state and national offices, to recruit women into the Republican Party, to bring women together to positively impact our nation and to identify and lobby for Republican initiatives and ideals.

For more information or to participate in the conference, contact Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

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Homecoming: Pep rally, parade and crowning

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Students participated in spirited class games like this Clothes Pin Trick at the Charlevoix High School Homecoming Pep Rally that took place in the Charlevoix High School gym Friday, Oct. 7.

Photos by Julie Withoeft

(Above) Sophomore class float Donkey Kong represents the video game float theme. (Below) Crown bearers Aidan Flynn and Brad Klinger cruise in the parade.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The 2004 Charlevoix High School Homecoming Queen Madison McKenzie crowns 2005 queen Piroska Papp during halftime at last Friday's homecoming ceremony on Kipke Field.

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SPORTS

Varsity basketball beat Kalkaska in OT

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders had a successful homecoming week, defeating conference co-leader Traverse City St. Francis, 60-38, and beating Kalkaska in overtime, 88-75.

"It was a good week for us," coach Keith Haske said. "Those were two good wins."

The win over Traverse City St. Francis was especially big with the Gladiators ranked number eight in the state and having only one non-conference loss coming in.

Adding to the sweetness of the victory was the fact it occurred on St. Francis's own court and came on a night when Rayder star Laura Nitchman was in foul trouble all night.

"We faced a bit of adversity and the kids responded well," Haske commented. "We had a lot of things going against us down there."

Charlevoix jumped out to a 17-10 first quarter lead to take the Glad fans out of the game somewhat. The lead was extended to 28-17 at the half and 45-26 after three quarters.

Juniors Bethany Pearson and Ashley Bradley stepped up with two of their best games of the year. They each scored 17 points. Pearson grabbed 12 rebounds and Bradley pulled down eight.

Nitchman was held to eight points.

Against Kalkaska, the Rayders came back to put on one of the best displays of girls basketball in Charlevoix history.

Nitchman tallied 41 points, 10 assists, 10 steals, seven rebounds and four blocks.

"That's a career for some people," Haske joked. "That was pretty cool."

The triple-double was Nitchman's third of the season.

Shannon Dibble scored 14 points, including four three-point baskets.

"Kalkaska played an excellent game," Haske said. "They shot very well, including 29 for 32 on free throws which is tremendous."

The Rayders led 13-7 after the first quarter, 33-30 at the half and 51-48 headed into the fourth quarter. The game was tied 66-66 at the end of regulation.

"In overtime, the key was Kalkaska got in foul trouble," Haske observed. "They had three girls foul out in overtime. There were a lot of fouls called all night. We finished with four girls with four fouls each and one fouled out."

The Rayders are now 8-2 overall, 6-0 in the conference.

Charlevoix completes the first half of league play, playing at Boyne City on Tuesday and at Elk Rapids on Thursday.

Results from both games will appear in next week's Courier.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Lady Rayder basketball standout Ashley Bradley takes it to the hole in Charlevoix's 88-75 overtime victory over Kalkaska Oct. 6.

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Rayder football takes Rams for playoff position

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Not about to spend another Friday night mired in scoreboard ambiguity, the Charlevoix Rayders corralled the Rams of Harbor Springs for a win of 28-6.

By the middle of the second quarter it was obvious the Rayders had no intention of waiting until next week to solidify a playoff berth.

"The kids came out ready to play," said head coach Don Jess. "They executed on offense and on defense and everyone got a chance later on in the game to play."

He added, "It was a good team win — everyone did well."

Entering the playoffs is even more impressive because Charlevoix hasn't done it often in the past.

"This will be the third time in (our) history that we made it," Jess said. "The kids really earned it. They worked hard in the summertime lifting weights and putting in the time it takes to be a playoff team."

When the Rams finally rallied for a fourth quarter touchdown it was too late.

The first touchdown of the game was a one-yard run by Russell Williams, the second was a two-yard run by Quarterback Matt Kautz, the third was a 47-yard run by Kautz and the final touchdown was a pass from Kautz to Darren Munson.

There was also a two point conversion from Kautz to Matt Kanine.

Williams kicked two extra points and had 23 rushes for 89 yards.

Kautz completed seven of 10 passes for 91 yards and he rushed the ball 12 times for 120 yards.

On defense Jeff Golovich had nine tackles, Drew Klooster had eight tackles and Evan Kellar had seven tackles and a fumble recovery.

The Rayders travel to Grayling next. Despite Grayling's loss to Boyne City on Friday, Jess said it should be a tough game.

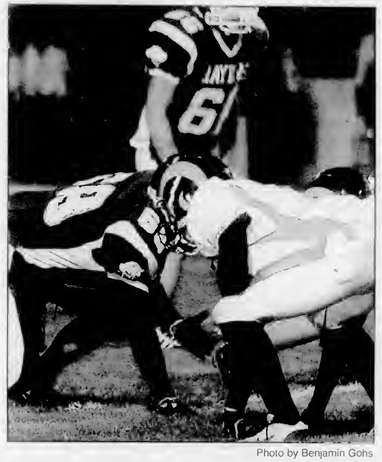
"They beat us the last couple years. They're going to be tough," he said. "They've got some outstanding athletes — a good wide receiver, a good quarterback — they have some good athletes in skilled positions."

According to Jess, even though his boys made the playoffs, there will be no resting in next week's game.

"We're going to have a couple position changes to work," he said. "We'll work on our passing game, run game and stopping the run on defense."

He added, "They like to throw deep, so we have to work on stopping the deep ball as well."

The Rayders travel to Grayling for the second to last game of the Lake Michigan Conference at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.



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Halfway through the second quarter of the Charlevoix High School homecoming game, the Rayders racked had up a score of 21-0 over the Rams of Harbor Springs. The final score was 28-6.

Rayder golf miss state finals by a single stroke

Stephen Parker

If losing is bad, then losing by one point is torturous.

The Charlevoix Red Rayders golf team ended their season at the regional championship at Manistee National Golf Course with a score of 343.

"The Rayder's finished 5th out of 12 teams, one shot out of third place and a chance to go to the state finals," said coach Jim Glynn. "Stephen Parker was low shooter for the team with an 84."

He added, "The team had a good season. (They) should have a solid chance for next year."

Parker was followed by Chase Beatty and JD Speigl each with an 86 and Kyle DeYoung and Kris Bartling each with an 87.

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Paul Bunyan Lanes	14	2
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B Vanloo & Sons	9	7
J Arnold Painting "A"	9	7
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The Flight Deck	5	11
Selph Trucking	4	12
Kerr's Racing	4	12

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kiernan	665	245
John Fiedorek	616	244
Scott Bliechel		221
Ron Grulke	601	

Tuesday Night Ladies - Oct. 4, 2005

	W	L
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	14	6
DM Construction	12	8
Grey Gables Inn	12	8
Oleson's Food Store	12	8
Great Lakes Concrete	10	10
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	8	12
Paul Bunyan Lanes	8	12
Central Drug Store	4	16

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Lisa Nicola	592	218
Jane Holm		192
Doreen Burns	519	
Cathy Sullivan	518	189

Church League - Oct. 5, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	179	71
Lakeshore Tire	147	103
Ferguson & Chamberlain	138	112
Mark White Paint & Stain	120	130
R & C Roofing	116	134
State Farm Insurance	114	136
Lutherans	97	153
St. Mary's	89	161

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Larry Potter	593	232
John Fiedorek	594	226
Ron Grulke	582	215

Young at Hearts League - Oct. 6, 2005

	W	L
Irish Rollers	17	3
Alley Cats	16	4
Spareitme	11	9
Half & Half	11	9
Past Timers	9	11
Misfits	9	11
Twilighters	5	15
Has Beens	2	18

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ralph Kitson	464	200
Mo Dixon	500	183
Don Wells	471	184
Theola Eldridge		153
Irene Cellner	397	
Zettie Kitson	380	144
Nancy Zimmerman	380	
Nancy Bambach		142

Gutter Gals - Oct. 6, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	56	44
Burger King of Charlevoix	54	46
Express Yourself	50	50
Paul Bunyan Lanes	38	56

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

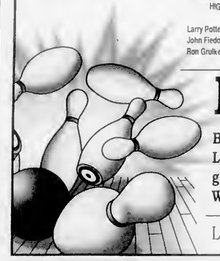
	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	502	186
Mary O'Brien	516	181
Jane Holm		156
Mary Keem	414	

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
Sept. 25, 2005

	W	L
Novotny	7	1
Cunningham/Mikulski	6.5	1.5
Siebe/Rodriguez	6	2
Golovich	5.5	2.5
Hill/Martinchek	4	4
Herboldsheimer	4	4
Bradley	2	6
O'Leary	2	6
Team #10	2	6
Hart	1	7

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cisco Rodriguez	508	211
Jeff Novotny	545	192
Dave Golovich	480	182
Jeannie Siebe	431	158
Cindy Novotny	363	143
Kathy Bradley		140
Margie Golovich	357	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowlers of the Week: Lisa Nicola of the Tuesday Night Ladies League had an actual series of 592 with a high game of 218. Scott Vollmer picked up the 7-10 split on Wednesday in the Church League. Congratulations!

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Punt, pass, kick winners

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix youths captured first-place honors in their respective age groups at Charlevoix's annual NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick competition held Sunday, Sept. 18 at Kipke Field.

These finalists moved on to the sectional competition which took place Saturday, Oct. 9 at the Civic Center in Traverse City.

They could qualify for the 19th Annual Detroit Lions Punt, Pass and Kick Competition Team championship to be held at Ford Field during half-time of a Detroit Lions game. A number of former and current NFL players have competed in the Punt, Pass and Kick competitions, including record-setting quarterbacks Dan Marino, Drew Bledsoe and Brett Favre.

Winner in the girls ages 8-9 division was Jacy Herriman. Winner in the girls ages 14-15 division was Meridith Rich. Winner in the boys ages 8-9 division was Shane Sutherland. Winner in the boys ages 10-11 Cohy Herriman. Winner in the boys ages 12-13 division was Thomas Rich. Winner in the boys ages 14-15 division was Ian Gauthier.

Cross country teams place in top slots at Oct. 8 invitational

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Rayder cross country teams ran away with top spots at the Northern Lower Peninsula Invitational Saturday, Oct. 8.

According to lady Rayder coach, Mary M. Plude, this was a great race because all the girls ran together with no junior varsity or varsity separations and the medals are given by grade.

"Kristina Alden ran a terrific race very gutsy and it earned her a varsity position and medal," Mary said. "This was a wonderful race for the team. The time gaps are tightening down from one to five."

She added, "The whole team is keeping closer contact to one another."

Lindi Edger finished in 4th place with a time of 20 minutes and 34 seconds. She was followed by Alina Dhaseleer in 9th with 21:13; Brittney Lamb in 12th with 21:29; KC McCary in 19th with 22:07; Mia Matchett in 27th with 22:45; Emily Westenbroek in 30th with 23:01; Kristina Alden in 32nd with 23:07; Caitlin Taylor in 33rd with 23:09; Lauren Bradley in 34th with 23:10; Lisa Kueblcr in 40th with 23:28; Chantel Novotny in 41st with 23:43; Shelby Goss in 45th with 23:56; Christine Bradley in 57th with 25:18; Rachael Nuttall in 66th with 26:20; Lauren Dupuis in 67th with 26:28; Jennifer Rich in 71st with 27:26 and Samantha Shull in 72nd with 27:26.

In team standings Charlevoix was 1st out of twelve teams with 58 points followed by Ogemaw Heights with 68 points; Rogers City with 77 points and Petoskey with 79 points.

According to boys' coach, Ken Plude, his team finished 3rd out of 15 teams this weekend losing to Kalkaska by eight and Hemlock by 11 points.

"Again this team did a great job competing against top ranked teams without one of their best runners who had to sit out because of an injury percussion," Ken said.

Jacob Wimmer led the Rayders by finishing in 10th place with a time of 17:41. He was followed by Isaac Matchett in 17th place with 18 minutes; Nick Wimmer in 18th place with 18:01; Scott Plude in 22nd place with 18:06; Dustin Arp in 23rd place with 18:07; Alex Buday in 24th place with 18:08; Jacob Hunt in 35th with 18:50; Zach Scharenbrach in 37th with 18:57; Nate Gilmore in 39th with 19:03; Joe Graham in 40th with 19:05; Nate Sotuo in 44th with 19:10; Chuck Mason in 45th with 19:13; Sam Balasz in 52nd with 19:43; Dan Myers in 74th with 20:53; Ted Dilworth in 82nd with 21:42 and Rob Shutler in 87th with 22:07.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Synopsis

Monday, October 3, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion approved accepting the resignation of Police Chief Dennis Halverson.
- Motion approved to accept the bid from Service Master for carpet cleaning in the amount of $4,440 for 3 cleanings, additional cleaning at $0.26/sq. ft.
- Motion approved to accept the bid from Cleaner One for window cleaning in the amount of $1,440 for 4 cleanings, additional cleanings at $4.00/exterior window and $3.00/interior window.
- Motion approve to accept the bid from Tunnel Vision for sanitary sewer cleaning and T.V. at a cost of $0.45/sq. ft. for a total of $13,500
- Motion approved accepting the Mayor's appointment of Greg Stevens to the Housing Commission.
- Motion approved appointing Becky Doan to the Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate).
- Council heard presentations from Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., Beaver Island Transportation Authority, and Big Fish Environmental LLC (septic pre treatment). Council gave general direction to staff on how to proceed following the presentations.

Council adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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(10-5-2-076)

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(10-12-1-170)

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(9-28-5-203)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski to HomeAmerican Credit Inc. DBA Upland Mortgage, A Pennsylvania Corporation Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2001 and recorded December 12, 2001 in Liber 448 Page 82 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders and the Note Insurer of the ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Mortgage Backed Notes, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dol-lars and Forty-Six Cents ($122,380.46) including interest 9.84% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, October 28, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: All that certain parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Charlevoix, State of MI, to-wit: A parcel of land being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 6 West, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 5, 2464.2 feet to the place of beginning; thence South 83 degrees 18 minutes 40 seconds West, 1339.7 feet; thence North 326.35 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 5; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes East along said East-West 1/4 line, 1331.2 feet to the center 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds West along the North-South 1/4 line 175.0 feet to the place of beginning. Being that parcel of land conveyed to Richard J. Idolski and Donna Lynne Idolski, his wife from Ben H. Schenck and Joanne E. Schenck, his wife by that deed dated 02/15/1986 and recorded 03/03/1986 in deed book 292, at page 968 of the Charlevoix County, MI Public Registry. Pursuant to a Court Order dated 01/11/1993, Case # C92-417-15 DM, Title to the above described property is vested in Richard Joseph Idolski. Being that parcel of land conveyed to Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski, husband and wife from Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski, husband and wife by that deed dated 09/09/1997 and recorded 09/11/1997 in deed book 379, at page 415 of the Charlevoix County, MI Public Registry. Commonly known as 539 South Wilson Road, Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders and the Note Insurer of the ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Mortgage Backed Notes, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-38777 ASAP723724

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

Taxvest Limited Partnership, a Michigan limited Partnership, William H. Conn, Stephen M. Elfelt, Joseph Elfelt and Joan F. Elfelt, husband and wife, and Jon Bonadeo and Suzanne Bonadeo, husband and wife,
Plaintiffs.

v

Citizens Realty Company, Margaret C. Adams, a/k/a Mable C. Adams, Effie Johnson, Emma J. Marls, Ida Shafer, Joseph P. Geiger, Spouse of Joseph P. Geiger, Oliver M. Holliday, a/k/a WIlliam J. Burke, spouse of W. J. Burke, a/k/a William J. Burke, Katherine M. Kerr, Harry S. Cole, spouse of Harry S. Cole, Carleton A. Hammond, a/k/a/ Carlton A. Hammond, individually and as trustee, spouse of Carleton A. Hammond, a/k/a Carlton A. Hammond, individually and as trustee, and their unknown, unascertained, undetermined, unborn heirs, devises, legatees, and assigns, including those who are legally incompetent to act on their own behalf,
Defendants.

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Attorneys for **Plaintiffs**

FIRST AMENDED ORDER FOR ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

At a session of Court
held in Charlevoix County, Michigan
on September 19, 2005

PRESENT: Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

this is a quiet title action whereby Plaintiff is attempting to quiet title to the following described property against the interest of Defendants:

FRL SE 10A OF LOT 1 SEC 11-37-10

EX: COM AT A PT 1050 FT FROM E LI SD SEC OR A CONT S OF SD E LI & 200 FT N OF SH LK MI TH W 75 FT TH S TO SH LI LK MI TH NELY AL SD SH TO PT 200 FT S OF POB TH N TO POB

ALSO EX BEG ON SLY LI CO RD 703.45 FT N & 1815 FT E. OF NE COR OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 SEC 11 TH S 200 FT TO SH LK MICH TH ELY AL SD SH TO PT 75 FT E OF 1ST DESC CRSE ALSO BEING 750 FT W OF E LI SD SE TH N 200 FT TO SELY LI SD CO RD TH SWLY AS SD RD TO POB

ALSO EX BEG 1314 FT S OF N LI OF E FRL 1/2 OF SE 1/4 SEC 11 BEING IN GOV LOT 1 SD SEC & 1233 FT W OF E LI RNG NELY IN STRAIGHT LI TO PT 1298 FT S OF SD N LI & 1233 FT W OF SD E LI TH S PARA WI SD E LI TO PT 25 FT N OF SH LK MICH TH SWLY AL LI PARA WI SD SH & AT ALL TIMES 15 FT N OF SH TO PT 1233 FT W OF SD E LI SD SEC TH N PARA WI SD E LI TO POB BEING PT OF GOVE LOT 1 SEC 11 T37N R10W

Plaintiff has filed an Ex-Parte Verified Motion in Support of Service of Process by Publication,

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants appear before this Court for hearing on Friday, November 11, 2005 at 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon at the Circuit Court located at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to answer or take such other action as permitted by law or by the Michigan Court Rules.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if any of the Defendants fails to appear, answer, or take such other action as permitted by law by that date, judgment quieting title against the interest of that Defendant in the premises will be entered by the court at the time of hearing as stated above.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Charlevoix County, Michigan

Entered: September 19, 2005
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas (P18594)
Circuit Court Judge

L(9/28,10/5,10/12)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John S. Marsh, A Single Man, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002 and recorded February 26, 2002 in Liber 460, Page 2, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee by assignment dated February 21, 2002 and recorded on December 20, 2002 in Liber 506, Page 557, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Nineteen and 22/100 Dollars ($240,119.22) including interest at the rate of 10.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on November 4, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel "A": In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, beginning at a 2 1/2 inch pipe at the North quarter corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, and along the centerline of Stephens Road, 335.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds West 1308.55 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds West along said eighth line, 334.89 feet to the North line of said section; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East along said section line, 1304.27 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast Fractional Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, and containing 10.042 acres, more or less, within the perimeter of the courses herein described. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. Parcel "B" In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at a 2 1/2 inch pipe at the North quarter corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, 335.00 feet to a point in the centerline of Stephens Road, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along said quarter line, and along the centerline of said road, 334.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 44 seconds West 1312.81 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence North 0 degree 30 minutes 34 seconds West along said eighth line 333.89 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East 1308.55 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast fractional quarter of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, and containing 10.045 acres, more or less, within the perimeter of the courses herein described. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accor-dance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: Oc-tober 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCI-ATES PC Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 322.0040 ASAP725321

(10/5,10/12,10/19,10/26)

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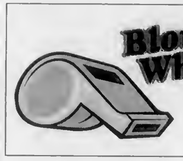

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO's. 05-010879-GM
05-010880-GM

In the matter of Danielle Y. Nations; Cody T. Nations

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including Yvonne Nations whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at Probate Court, at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser P28895 for the following purpose: The Petition(s) filed by Nancy Crandell requesting that Nancy Crandell or another suitable person be appointed Guardian for the above-captioned person(s).

October 3, 2005

Nancy Crandell
05133 Camp Daggett Rd.
Boyne City, MI 49712
(231)582-3391

L(10/12)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010882-DE

Estate of Howard John Fox, Deceased
Date of birth: April 11, 1922

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Howard John Fox who lived at 111 Eaton Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, died September 13, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bonnie K. Lenhart named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 10, 2005

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Alano Club

Effective October 1, 2005, all meetings at the Alano Club will be held in the back building. For meeting times and emergency numbers call (231) 547-9184.

Infant loss memorial

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will be offering a special memorial service on Oct. 15, National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, for those grieving the loss of an infant as a result of miscarriage, premature birth, stillbirth or death after birth.

This service is to recognize and honor all family members who have experienced this loss. The program will provide an opportunity for personal reflection and remembrance. Educational materials and resources will be available.

The service will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at the First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey located at 501 E. Mitchell St. There is no need to RSVP.

There is no charge for this program thanks to community contributions. It is being conducted in conjunction with the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay's Pregnancy and Infant Loss Program.

For more information please call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Hospital food drive

Charlevoix Area Hospital is participating in the 2005 Michigan Harvest Gathering, a state wide effort to raise food and funds for regional food banks, led in its fifteenth year by honorary chair, Joey Harrington of the Detroit Lions. Charlevoix Area Hospital will be conducting a nonperishable food drive among employees, clients, medical staff and volunteers until Oct. 16.

Goods received will be distributed to individuals in the Charlevoix, East Jordan, Ellsworth, Boyne City and Central Lake areas. Bins are available throughout Charlevoix Area Hospital to collect donations of canned items, cereal, dry beans, and other nonperishable foods and grocery items.

Monetary donations are also welcome.

For more information on Charlevoix Area Hospital's food drive for the 2005 Michigan Harvest gathering, contact Rebecca Parker at (231) 547-8651.

Sheriff Lasater to speak

After Hurricane Katrina devastated much of the New Orleans, La. area, Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater volunteered his help in relief assistance.

At 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at the Horton Bay United Methodist Church, Sheriff Lasater will speak about his experiences in Louisiana. A time for questions will be allotted.

The public is welcome to attend this free event.

Legion casserole dinner

The American Legion and its auxiliary, Leslie T. Shapton, Unit 11 of Charlevoix will host its annual fall salad and casserole benefit dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the American Legion Post Hall at 106 East Garfield St. in Charlevoix.

The famous all you can eat dinner will cost only $6.50 for adults and $4.50 for children ages 5 to 10. Children under 5 eat free. Takeout available.

This fund-raiser, sponsored by the legion and auxiliary is open to the public. Proceeds will assist with insurance, maintenance and repairs on the post home building, as well as assisting veterans.

The dinner will feature ham, chicken, polish sausage and sauerkraut, all types of vegetable and meat casseroles, varieties of potatoes, beans, gelatin salads and all types of other salads, vegetables, relishes and great homemade desserts.

All post and auxiliary members will be contacted for their contributions of food for the dinner. If you are a member or friend and for some reason are not contacted, or if you can assist with the dinner, please contact dinner chairman auxiliary president, Katie Curtis, at (231) 547-6943 or Roberta Whitley at (231) 547-2791.

Active and retired federal employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, October 18, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, Chief Norm Conklin from the Resort/Bear Creek Fire Department will speak about home fire safety. All active and retired federal and postal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For further information, call (231) 238-4840.

MARSP meeting

The final Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel meeting for 2005 will take place at noon Oct. 19 at the former Boyne City Middle School across the street from the Bone City Public Library. All retired school personnel are invited to attend. The cost for lunch, prepared by the Boyne City High School Hospitaliters, is $8. Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater will be the featured speaker, discussing his book on local World War II veterans.

Free gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free gardening class "Fall Cleanup and Winter Preparation" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Call (231) 599-2824 to register. Pine Hill Nursery is located 10 miles north of Elk Rapids on U.S. 31.

Northern Lights

St. Mary School is proud to announce the 10th Annual Northern Lights Celebration dinner dance auction. This year's event will take place from 5:30 p.m. to midnight Oct. 22 in the St. Mary Parish Center. Dinner will be catered by Grey Gables and music provided by Class Act Productions. An Italian theme will be woven through the entire event being called "Little Italy." A preview will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 21. Reservations and donations are now being accepted. Call the school for more information at (231) 547-9441. Tickets are $75 per person and includes all beverages.

Fall Fun Day

The Charlevoix Public Library is celebrating harvest season with a "Farm Fall Fun Day." The afternoon event will take place from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 for children of all ages. There will be pumpkin/gourd decorating, story telling, music, a petting farm and more. The Charlevoix Public Library will be celebrating outside, please dress for the weather, indoor gear in case of rain. Volunteers are needed for this event. Call (231) 547-2651 for more information and for volunteer opportunities.

Christian concert

Nationally known Christian recording artist, singer and songwriter, Larry Dameron, will be in concert at the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix on M-66 across the street from the post office, at 10:15 a.m. October 23. Dameron has had songs in the top 25, top 10, and number one, and was nominated for a Dove Award. An offering will be received and snacks will follow the concert.

Story hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library. Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Gambler's Anonymous

Gambler's Anonymous 12-Step meetings will take place at 1 p.m. Monday's at Harbor Hall located at 520 N. Main #106, in Cheboygan. For more information contact Bonnie at (231) 818-0992.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Garden club meeting

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting room at Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information contact Margaret Arnold at (231) 547-5199.

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SCRAPBOOK

Looking back at the 'slower life' of 1940

Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

It was a slower time of life in 1940, and townspeople knew each other, enjoying times of just stopping what they were doing and chatting together. I certainly enjoyed those times.

Walter Moore lived at Carpenter Avenue and State Street. His daughter Helen, lived with him. She was a little younger than me.

Joseph Moran was a U.S. Coast Guardsman at the Charlevoix station. Nora Moran was a widow (Percy J.), and lived at 217 Clinton St. Her son, Patrick, also lived there and was a clerk at the post office. He later became a mailman with a city route.

Sherman Morse and wife, Araminta, lived at 303 W. Lincoln.

Louis N. Mosier and wife, Carrie, lived at 114 Palmer. He was in the U.S. Coast Guard. His children were Ione and Bill. Mary Louise also lived there.

Charles Munyon and wife, Sharazada, lived at Stover Road and State Street. He was a building mover. Sharazada was a button collector. Ralph Bacot told Dale that Mr. Munyon was busy constantly, moving houses in Charlevoix. When the 1927 school was built on the corner of Mason and Grant, he moved the house that Lola Lewis and family lived in which was located there. He placed it at 306 Mason Street, and they lived there for years. Another house moved by him was pulled up the Grant Street hill and relocated on the southeast corner of Grant and West Hurlbut. That had to be quite a feat, as the hill is steep. Harold and Lucille Byers and family lived there. According to Mr. Bacot, Mr. Munyon had a full-time occupation in town, moving houses.

Alonzo Murray and his wife, Elizabeth lived at 308 Antrim Street. Their children were Helen and William.

Mussallem A. Salem and wife Olga sold antiques at 101 Bridge St. They lived at 106 Park Ave. at the Alhambra Hotel.

Fred Myers and wife Alpha, lived at 104 Park Ave. He was a news dealer and sold cigars and confections at 106 Bridge. He usually had a cigar in his mouth or hand. He also was Vice President of the Charlevoix Savings Bank.

Nellie Myers (John) lived at 704 State. St.

John Nasson and wife, Anna, lived at 208 Antrim.

Lance Neff and wife, Esther, lived at 216 W. Upright. He was a painter. Their son was Robert, who in later years owned and operated the Neff Brothers Grocery Store on Bridge Street with his brother, Gordon.

Trine Nelson lived at 1210 State Street. Her daughter Joan lived there, and still does.

Arthur Nettleton was a musician. He lived at 202 Burns.

Douglas Nettleton and wife, Hilda, lived at 604 Bridge. He was a dentist. I can remember him rolling a mercury ball in his bare hands to make filling materiel for holds in teeth. I often thought in later years, of how he exposed himself to the mercury, as it was such a dangerous metallic chemical element. Doug also was an excellent singer, and he and my dad, Glenroy Ikens, Charlie Hamlin and Frank Poole sang together in a quartet. Doug's dentist shop was at 215 1/2 Bridge Street in 1940. He later moved to Clinton Street.

Rosa Nettleton was a widow (David C.) She was an artist and her works are on display at the Harsha House Museum.

Rev. Fr. Edward F. Neubecker was pastor at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. He lived at 102 W. Garfield.

Victoria Neubert was a widow (Charles) and she lived at 401 Park Avenue.

Edward Newman and wife, Nita lived at Division and Meech. He was a veterinary surgeon. Their children Jean V. and Bruce L. Harold and Warren Newman also lived there.

Dent Newville and wife Esther, lived at 208 E. Hurlbut. He was the manager of the A and P Food Store on Bridge Street.

Such were some of the people I knew as a child. I enjoy remembering them, and they all contributed to making Charlevoix what it is today.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Columnist's note: A note to Dave Schuchard who wrote a letter to the editor published Oct. 5, 2005 referencing that I didn't mention Bob Mol in my article published Sept. 14, 2005 which included information about the Mol family. The reason Bob wasn't included is he was not born in 1940 when the book I am sharing was printed. Thanks Dave for sharing about Bob, he sounds like a great guy.

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Boyne City Road at U.S. 31 to reopen this week

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Road construction on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road near the U.S. 31 intersection which began at the end of this summer, on Sept. 7 is scheduled for completion Thursday, Oct. 13.

All the work on the intersection is complete except for some painting.

The construction was originally postponed from the middle of summer to early this fall for considerations of the economy and public safety after the Charlevoix County Road Commission met with residents and business owners of the affected area this July.

The construction, which lasted approximately five weeks, was necessary to repair some serious flaws on the intersection.

The section of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road now has improved drainage, new tile and ditch work and it has been widened.

It also has dedicated left turn lanes to Charlevoix as well as a right turn lane toward Petoskey which will improve the flow of traffic.

This construction project is part of the $1.7 billion dollars spent by the MDOT in fiscal year 2005 on projects which employed over 26,000 workers.

Cookbook on sale at fest

Courtesy photo

The Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, an international service, cultural and social organization has created and is selling a cookbook, "A Taste of Charlevoix 2005" to benefit local charities. Recently, the chapter was able to present a donation in the amount of $1,000 to the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation. The cookbook will be on sale for $15 at the Apple Fest in Charlevoix. (Above) Lyn Jenks, Executive Director of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation with Janet Freidinger (center) and Barbara McKeown of the Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

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Thousands of visitors flocked to Charlevoix last weekend for the annual Apple Fest in downtown Charlevoix.

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City awards skate park $24,000

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix City Council awarded the non profit group Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. $24,000, ending the group's wait for materials to finish the city-owned skate park.

"This organization has worked really hard. When they are through the value of the park will be about $150,000. It seems like a $24,000 contribution is a nice percentage," Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said.

Council made its unanimous decision to fund project materials at its meeting Oct. 17. Council's motion was made contingent on the receipt of matching grants in the sum of $16,500 from the Frey Foundation and $5,000 from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Bids for the materials can now be requested.

The group estimated costs for steel couplings and plates at $10,000, treated lumber at $25,000 and Skatelight Pro sheet material at $24,000.

"The only cost that will not be bid is start-up construction guidance provided by skate park experts from Suburban Rails at what Wiesner referred to as the bargain price of $2,000.

Funding is available to pay for the materials in the city's infrastructure budget. However, first ward councilman Bob Timms would like to see it drawn from elsewhere as one of his major beefs is drawing from the infrastructure fund for projects outside the realm of infrastructure improvements and developments.

According to Vickie Daman, president of Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. thus far the group has raised almost $100,000 for the park. However, she said funds are still needed to pay for its construction, which is expected to begin April 1 with completion coming by the end of May.

Construction bids using the services of Scott Stebe, husband of Laura Stebe, a key player in Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., are estimated at $13,000. Mayor Norman Carlson said the work Stebe has done so far has come with rave reviews.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. member Michelle Witthoeft and student skaters applaud city council's decision to fund material costs for construction of a city-owned skate park off Carpenter Avenue.

VFW Hall opens its doors

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Charlevoix VFW Post Commander Charlie Butcher stands in front of the newly completed Post 1153 building on Saturday, Oct. 15 during the open house. (Left) John and Pat Gaskin enjoy a dance at the open house as musicians from Northwest Academy play New York, New York.

Republican candidate for Senate in Charlevoix

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Jerry Zandstra, one of two running for Republican candidacy for the U.S. Senate primary on Aug. 8, 2006, recently visited Charlevoix to share his plan for pulling Michigan out of a financial tailspin.

Zandstra wants to unseat Michigan's first female and current U.S. Senator, Debbie Stabenow so he can use his knowledge of economics and business to help end Michigan's financial flailing.

"I've worked all over Kenya, Zambia and Nigeria helping them understand how their structure of law affects the way that their economy is played out and how their public policy in many instances are detrimental," he said. "Nigeria, for instance, exports $32 billion worth of oil a year

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Debra Ann Mullens, 44, Central Lake. Motor vehicle operator without security. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Asha Christine Green, 21, Charlevoix. Operator no license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Corey Grant Dixon, 20, Mt. Pleasant. Disorderly person. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for five days, 85 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Eugenio Alvarado Hernandez, 30, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 40 days in jail with credit for six days, to serve 34 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Zachary Allen-Charles Brown, 19, Traverse City. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 50 days in jail, 41 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,480 in fines and costs.

Susan Ann Krumlauf, 44, Kewadin. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Cathy Anne Cueny, 39, Cheboygan. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 15 days in jail, 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 66 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Brian Keith Magill, 45, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Steven Wayne Gardner, 18, East Jordan. Attempted criminal sexual conduct, third degree (person between 13-15). Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for eight days, to serve 60 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Raymond John Whisler, 24, Ellsworth. Possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine/ecstasy; Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 29 days, to serve 120 days; $275 in fines and costs.

Rollie Clifford Royse, 21, East Jordan. Home invasion third degree, habitual offender-second offense. Sentenced to a minimum of 30 months to a maximum of seven years and six months in prison, with a credit for 122 days served; $2,768.78 in fines and costs.

Frederick Alexander Wiser, Jr., 18, Charlevoix. Attempted breaking and entering a building with intent; and minor in possession. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for seven days, to serve 60 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $640 in fines and costs.

Amy June Mathers, 24, East Jordan. Probation violation, larceny in a building. Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 23 days, to serve 60 days in jail.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Kidron Construction Services, 16324 Ferry Road, Charlevoix by William E. Hinole

Charlevoix Vending, 505 Petoskey Ave., Charlevoix by Angela Balyd

The Muffler Shoppe, 102 East St. Mary's Drive, Charlevoix by S. Clark Enterprises

Sunburst Company, 06685 M-66 North Lot #153, Charlevoix by Donna Curiel

Black's Ornamental Garden, 01333 Deer Lake Road by Randall Black

Timothy Twilliger Designs, 09360 Old U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix by Todd J. Warner

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Benjamin Thomas Frey, 25, Lake Leelanau and Whitney Alana-Lynn Crego, 19, Elmira

James Kenneth Chamblee, 22 and Heather Ann Schafer, 21 both of Boyne City

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Dewey Leroy Hoeskma vs. Krista Marie McGuire

Troy Charbonneau vs. Jennifer Charbonneau

Debra Lee Niswander vs. Jack Bryan Niswander

Thomas Joseph Heid vs. Jacqueline Sue Heid

Timothy E. Whippo vs. Rochelle J. Roerig

Kelly Michael Bales vs. Kathie Jo Bales

Jose Fransisco Rodriquez vs. Maria Virginia Rodriquez

Births

Aurora Evelyn Grace Garcia weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born Sept. 7, 2005 at Hurley Medical Center in Flint to Michael and Alison (Sendow) Garcia of Davison. Her siblings are Joseph, 9, Hannah, 8 and Nicholas, 7. Her grandparents are David and Vickie Moats of Charlevoix and Jesus and Christine Garcia of Lapeer. Great-grandparents are the late Wayne and Virginia Woods of Zephyrhills, Fla. and the late Allan and Elizabeth Cox of Davison.

Walker Ford Martin weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born Oct. 7, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Josh and Elsa Martin. Walker's siblings are Grady and Zeke. His grandparents are Tom and Glenda Conlan, Don and Sherry Sproul and the late Larry Martin, all of Charlevoix.

Benjamin Connor Reid weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces, was born Oct. 12, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Thomas and Michelle Reid of East Jordan. Benjamin's siblings are Josh, 14, Tyler, 13, Kortenay, 12, Caitlyn, 9 and Thomas, 1.

Benjamin's grandparents are Don and Kathy Moore of Boyne City and Thomas and Billie Reid of East Jordan and great-grandparent Alice Reid of East Jordan.

Baylee Michele Bender weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces, was born Oct. 11, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Marc and Stephanie Bender of East Jordan. Baylee's grandparents are Tammy Sulkowski of East Jordan, Timothy Arender of East Lansing, Doris Warsinske of Traverse City and James Burley of East Jordan.

Samuel Eric Fry weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces, was born Oct. 13, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Steven and Tiffany Fry. Samuel's siblings are Tylan and Masen. His grandparents are Terry McKay of Charlevoix and Craig and Bonnie Odden from Holly.

Weather

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Oct. 11	61	41	—
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Zandstra, Republican candidate for U.S. Senate visits Charlevoix

ZANDSTRA

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and yet it's one of the poorest countries on the planet."

Jerry Zandstra

He added, "Part of their economic poverty is the result of the kind of structure of law that they have and we have the same kinds of issues in Michigan."

According to Zandstra, the laws in this country make manufacturing far more expensive than in America's nine closest trading partners.

"Anything we make here is 22 percent more expensive. Senator (Debbie) Stabenow supports the kind of legislation which makes manufacturing in Michigan 22 percent more expensive," he said. "She backs it up and then she turns around and blames globalization. But, she's voted against the things that would make us a more competitive state."

Many believe the culprit of Michigan's poor economy is the high cost of labor in America but, Zandstra said, "The reality is these are mostly internal problems (such as) tax problems, tort law problems, regulatory issues and health care issues."

He explained that these issues don't seem to have as big an impact on states with little manufacturing, "But if you're in a state where 75 percent of the economy is manufacturing like Michigan, it's a huge issue."

According to Zandstra, tort reform is a good start to helping Michigan's economy.

"Tort lawsuit abuse adds two percent to the cost of everything we make and she (Senator Stabenow) voted against it. The second piece that needs to be put forward is the cap on the amount of damages that a jury can award on tort law," he said.

"You've created an economic incentive for people to bring lawsuits. Now there's two sides to that, you want to avoid that, but you also want to keep an avenue of justice for people that have been hurt," he added.

The second big issue Zandstra wants to tackle is federal taxation.

"It isn't a matter of higher taxes versus lower taxes, it's a matter of the structure of taxes," he said.

To compete in the global market, Zandstra said, Americans might do better to be taxed on consumption rather than income and the high cost of health care needs to be addressed.

"Administrative overhead is 31 percent of the total cost of health care. Senator Stabenow's answer to that is to nationalize it. But I would defy anyone to name any program that's been brought into the federal bureaucracy that has actually become more efficient as a result," he said.

Zandstra said the major economic pressure we're feeling is from the federal level.

"Michigan's unemployment rate is 40 percent higher than the national average. Despite the damage that (Hurricane) Katrina did in Louisiana, their unemployment rate is still lower than ours."

As an educator, education is important to Zandstra, who said only 27 percent of Michigan parents feel college is important.

"How are we going to compete with China? China's graduating somewhere between 500,000 and 750,000 engineers a year," he said. "We are going to be in direct competition with the Chinese for the foreseeable future and that's a massive issue for our economic picture."

"If we don't address those issues we're going to look like Gary, Indiana. It's not a pretty picture."

Zandstra has been a pastor and lecturer and spent five years as director of the Grand Rapids think-tank the Acton Institute. He taught at Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary and now teaches a course for the master's in business administration program at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids.

Zandstra's educational background includes a doctorate in public administration from Western Michigan University, doctor of Ministry from Trinity University, master's of theology and master's of divinity from Calvin Theological Seminary and a bachelor's of arts in psychology from Calvin College.

Zandstra is a member of the Pi Alpha-Alpha Honor Society, the National Association of Scholars and the American Society of Public Administrators.

Focus on fire safety

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Above, from left) Kiley Mann, 3, Michael Pearsall, 5 and Alex Kwapisz, 3, blow out a candle in the fire prevention safety trailer behind the Charlevoix Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week.

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OPINIONS

The First Amendment

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Real freedom more valuable than false security

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

As a result of the ill effects tobacco fumes can have on the human body, the government, in the form of the local health department, has decided to outlaw smoking in many private businesses.

I'm not surprised cigarettes don't provide the same boost to your health as a tall glass of Florida orange juice. Any firefighter worth his hose knows more deaths occur from smoke inhalation than flames. In the interest of fairness I believe all public areas, beaches and parks included, should be smoke-free.

However, private business owners know better whether smoking on the premises of their shop is a boon or hindrance. What shocks me is knowing they lack the discretion to decide this issue for themselves. This seems to be a bad case of tyrant-see, tyrant-do on the government's behalf.

And though a popular trend, legislating people's behavior is not a step in the direction of freedom. No doubt the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's actions are in the best interest of the common good. After all, it's their job to make you healthier — whether you like it or not. But, when government steps in to tell citizens what is good and bad, I wince. When it comes to economics, aiming for the common good is a goal best left for those who reside in communes and stand in line for bread — you know who you are.

Capitalism, rather, is based on survival of the financially fittest. Adam Smith, arguably the emcee of laissez-faire capitalism, seemed to think business should be absent of government controls, especially when it comes to interference with individual freedom and choice of action. To the chagrin of many business owners, the government doesn't always agree.

Whether unreasonable conditions placed on a merger by the Department of Justice or a smoking policy dictated by the local health department, every time the government interferes, they strengthen their sickly hybrid of capitalism and communism. While I agree a green dollar and red commie could make for quite the festive Christmas arrangement (I envision a children's book entitled "The Marx Who Stole Christmas" wherein the bourgeoisie learn the error of their ways and, in the true spirit of holiday spending, decide to give their assets to the proletariat) it's just bad business.

Those cheering this clean air act should consider the implications. Yes, you may be pleased with the outcome, but the next one commiserating the devious deeds of the elected body may be you.

What's worse than the aforementioned big-government cheerleaders, is the silent majority who seem content merely to mutter a mantra of lost freedom under their collective breath.

Nationalism is a strong drink. Overindulge and you'll likely awaken from a patriotic hangover only to realize your wallet is empty, your hands are tied and the deed to your civil liberties rests in the breast pocket of a snake oil salesman whose name badge reads: THE GREATER GOOD.

Voting with your pocketbook is a simple yet effective concept. Still, there are some who've trouble grasping it. Nobody wants to he the one to inform the mother of an asthmatic kid to take her business elsewhere if she doesn't appreciate a business' smoking policy — and therein lies the unpleasant business. A free society is supposed to embrace the ability to choose. A free society can be a dangerous, dirty and offensive place, because freedom and security are not cohesive. And I'd rather have a real piece of freedom than a false sense of security.

Personal freedom has always been in peril from one force or another. It's up to everyone interested in true freedom to speak up or scream if necessary. The next time Big Brother says "No smoking," just say you prefer the smooth, bold taste of freedom.

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Embrace the lighter side of the Halloween holiday

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

Halloween soon approaches and next to Christmas it's the one time when I can get my fill of chocolate.

Legend has it that the reason we dress up is to scare away the spirits of the dead. It seems like a good idea to me, I like to dress up once in awhile and pretend to be someone else — it's a bit therapeutic.

We've come a long way from the turnips in Ireland that were first used to carve into Jack o' lanterns. I feel certain the Irish turnip was a wee bit larger than the American one.

My childhood memories would have been so different had we sat around the kitchen table carving turnips. No seeds to cook and no goo to scoop out. What fun could cleaning out a turnip be? I'm glad pumpkins were plentiful and my Irish ancestors said let's carve those orange things instead. Then again, I saw Martha Stewart adding glitter to her pumpkins so she could extend their use into Thanksgiving. I wonder what she would have done with turnips.

I save my pumpkins and actually bake them so I can make pumpkin pies. Only one goes under the knife to keep the tradition of Jack and his good old lantern alive. You know Jack, the guy who didn't make it to heaven and supposedly walks the earth with his turnip lantern. There's that turnip again.

I remember the stories my mom would share with us about her life growing up in Detroit when Halloween meant pulling pranks. Something again that started eons ago as yet another method of keeping spirits away. Mom would giggle as she recalled her memories of the night spent going door-to-door just to ring the doorbell and quickly run and hide behind a bush; that was their idea of a prank.

As pranks became more serious than turning over trash cans the parents in the 1930s came up with the idea of trick-or-treating door-to-door and asking for candy. This idea came from schools and parents with hopes of curbing the mischief that kids would create on their own. The idea of chocolate candy as a treat was probably brought about by the Hershey Company.

Originally, Halloween in America was set as a day of pranks to ward off spirits; only here in the U.S. would we add an extra day — "devil's night" to include one night just for pranks and one night for trick-or-treating. I guess you could call it Halloween super-sized.

Now let's look at what another country does instead. During this time of year in Mexico they celebrate the return of the monarch butterfly by making altars bearing fruit and candy. Their legend tells of the spirits of their deceased relatives coming home on the wings of those pretty little creatures. The butterflies make their exit from Canada and the U.S. by fluttering home, stopping by these altars decorated with photos of deceased relatives, fruits and candy. I wonder what happens to all that candy and, more importantly, is any of it chocolate?

When Halloween arrives, the chill I feel in the air is not one of my deceased relatives touching me from the grave. In reality, harvesting is over and this is the prelude to winter. Time to check the snow blower and, yes, there's another holiday soon after in November and someone added chocolate to that one too.

Let's get back to the basics of Hallow's Eve. Honor deceased family members by saying a prayer, and include a prayer of thanks for the good harvest we have like our bumper cherry crop this year. This day marks the end of the harvest season and we should be grateful for our food, family and friends. Count your blessings that you haven't lost your homes to a flood and realize that you live in a good community of caring people. Invite friends over for apple cider and let the kids and adults dress up in costume if they want. It's a fun evening and don't take it so seriously that we are heathens for doing this.

So, dress up if you like and if you come to my house expect to get chocolate. Your children will have fun dressing up, so why not join them. We can still honor our deceased, we can still say prayers in thanks for our harvest and we are free to attend a church of our choice to do this. Let's not make a big deal about Pagan rituals, Satan and the like.

You can have your pumpkin and eat it too. Chocolate anyone?

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Letters to the editor

Current band shell unfit

Editor:

My name is Barry Bennett and I am one of the Petoskey High School Band directors, as well as the steel drum director. I also own the Sunglass Shoppe in Charlevoix.

I am writing in support of relocating the current band shell. I have had the opportunity to perfonn in Charlevoix for the past eight summers as well as many other venues across the state. We have enjoyed playing in Charlevoix but the current band shell is not very acoustically friendly despite claims to the contrary. The fish pond in front is not only a visual nuisance it is also a "sound blocker."

The style of the "mushroom" may look nice but it is not designed for good acoustics. I would also encourage changing rooms, better and bigger restrooms and more storage, all of which are either inadequate or absent from the current structure.

From an audience perspective it is very difficult to see and hear the performers. The grounds are too flat and unless you're sitting very close or on the edge of the hill the visual of the stage is very poor.

I sincerely hope the residents of Charlevoix pass this proposed ordinance. This opportunity may not soon come again, especially funded by the Downtown Development Authority and not from local residential property owners. Please vote yes on Nov. 8.

Barry Bennet
Petoskey

Center's successful sale

Editor:

Bergmann Center, Inc. had another great garage sale fund-raising event this year in Charlevoix. We would like to thank the people who so generously came to help support the center. All items received for the garage sale were donations. We raised a little over $1,600 this year. Area communities are very generous to our organization and we would like to extend our appreciation for making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Kim Brock
Community Relations Coordinator
Bergmann Center, Inc.
Charlevoix

Column response

Editor:

I read with interest your opinion in this week's Courier (A solution to the transplant, native battle, Oct. 12, 2005).

I too am a transplant (2003). My opinion however is much different than yours. I've been called, "Fudgie," "Wine Snob," "Cone Sucker," etc. I've learned to make the personal choice of how to let the statements of some others affect me. If I become angry or upset I've given control of my feelings away. I also don't like to "broad brush" a group, in this case a community, by the statements of a few.

I look at what people do rather than what they say or how they say it. My experience since moving here has been completely different. I've met so many people willing to help or tell me where to find what I need or just sit and have a pleasant conversation. Brenda, Ed, Walt, Darcy, Cindy, Gary, Nita, Brian, Spencer, Dennis, Chris, Tom, Kathy, Linda, Joe, Tommy, Dave, Debbie, are people I've grown to know and respect. The list goes on.

I've met hard working, family oriented people, interested in their community, willing to help if they can, and looking for a life we all want for ourselves and the rest of the world.

I try not to judge and change others who do not think or behave as I would like. Nor do I look for others to approve of what I think or do. Rather, I accept people for who they are, find the goodness in them, and let the imperfections they/ve all have go.

I respect your opinion and experience but another perspective is just as valid.

Jim Jannausch
Charlevoix

Traffic danger

Editor:

The traffic through downtown Charlevoix is dangerous. The city or state should make alternate routes for drivers.

For instance, the people from the other cities do not know the laws of Charlevoix so they break them. The people should cross at the cross walks, not in the middle of the street so traffic can flow better. Another thing that could help traffic is no parking on Bridge Street so there's two traffic lanes through downtown. One thing that would help is if people used common sense. Thank you.

Casey Riley
Boy Scouts of America Troop 11
Charlevoix

Editorial response

Editor:

In response to the latest editorial printed Oct. 5, 2005 (Recycling committee needs to lose distasteful warnings), the Recycling Committee of Charlevoix County would like to respond.

First of all, thank you for your comments. We appreciate the input from citizens to enhance the recycling program. We would welcome you to join us at any of our committee meetings so that you can understand the complexities of implementing a program such as this. We welcome comments and concerns from the public at any of our meetings. Perhaps with that said, it would have avoided hurt feelings and incorrect information.

With regard to the "distasteful" signs which were placed on many of the recycling bins, your comments were the first ones which have been negative. Ironically, we have had nothing but positive comments from many diligent recyclers who are tired of seeing trash left in and around the sites. These were designed, paid for and placed on the bins by a volunteer who thought humor was a better approach than fines for littering. We have implemented fines in the past for abusers and we will continue that practice as well, though we feel Sheriff Lasater has more important things to do.

Colored glass has been a subject which we would love to resolve, however the fact is there are no markets for these materials at this time. We don't believe the taxpayers want to pay additional dollars to stockpile these materials for some hopeful future use. The bottom line is we will continue to accept recycled materials where there is a market. At this point in time it includes clear, uncolored glass, plastics #1, #2, newspapers, catalogs, tin, aluminum, cardboard and office paper (in some locations). We are continually upgrading and expanding the recycling services for Charlevoix County. We have had many successful Household Hazardous Waste Collections, over 48 tons removed so far. We have recycled 8.7 tons of electronics, five million pounds of newspapers, 756,300 pounds of clear glass, 336,100 pounds of tin/aluminum , 287,420 pounds of plastics #1 and #2 and 3,325,000 pounds of cardboard.

In addition, we are currently working on educational programs for school age children, and have a wonderful educational program for civic/community groups. Together we can make recycling a successful, rewarding endeavor for Charlevoix County. Let's all work towards this positive direction.

Shirley Roloff
Chairman, Charlevoix County Recycling Committee

Petition confusion

Editor:

Recently I reviewed a petition I signed on July of 2005 which reads, "The calling of an election to submit Ordinance No. 1.73 to all the registered and qualified electors of Charlevoix Township for their approval. Submission of this petition is pursuant to Township Zoning Act 184 of 1943, Section 125.282, and any other relevant Michigan law. Ordinance No. 1.73 was adopted by the Charlevoix Township Board on June 13, 2005 and amends the Charlevoix Township's Zoning Ordinance.

The reason I signed this petition is because of the following. A man came to the door of my home in the township and said he had a petition he would like me to sign to keep "big box stores" out of Charlevoix Township. I read what was on the petition and did ask why he was saying this petition stood for was not stated on the petition, only Ordinance, Section and Zoning Act Numbers were listed, which I had no idea what they meant. He said that is just the way petitions are written. I believed what he was saying about the petition and agreed to sign it. At this point he wanted me to come out to his car to sign the petition, saying that he was not the person circulating it, but the person doing so was in his car. This was not a safe thing to do in my mind, and particularly where I live, as most homes in my area are second homes and not well populated, to allow my getting help. I said I would not go out to his car, so he went to the car and brought the petition back to me for my signature.

As I said, I had no idea what Ordinance 1.73 of the Township Zoning Act 184 of 1943, Section 125.282 meant until someone explained to me what it truly means. This petition was totally misrepresented to me and I am sure others feel the same, if this was represented to them, as it was to me, to get a signature. Had I known what this petition truly represented, I would never have signed it. This upsets me very much, but my reason for writing does not involve the way my signature was received, as much as the reason I never understood what I was signing for, is.

Something needs to be done to write clearly on a petition what the exact wording of a petition actually is, so citizens know exactly what they are signing. Just stating the ordinance number, zoning act number and section number does not give an individual any idea as to what they are truly signing. Citizens signing petitions are at the mercy of the individual presenting it to them for their signatures. This is wrong and needs to be corrected. Anything you or anyone else reading this can do to help in getting a solution to this situation would be a great help to all citizens.

Ruth Waters
Charlevoix

Visitors given helping hand

Editor:

We would like to aeknowledge the help that officer Jim Schlappi and the three young men who helped us with our car trouble. Officer Schlappi went out of his way to assist and accommodate three stranded ladies.

We would also like to commend Jerry and Kim Wades of the Capri Motel for all they did to help and make our stay enjoyable.

They gave us a home away from home. Charlevoix can be proud of these helpful citizens.

Many thanks from Muskegon.
Virginia Dresen
Marilyn Dion
Jean Slorf
Muskegon

Vote 'yes' to amend zoning

Editor:

Following numerous public hearings over the past three years, the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission and Township Board have agreed to amend our township zoning ordinance to limit the size of future retail buildings to 90,000 square feet. The 90,000 square foot cap is actually larger than the existing Charlevoix Kmart.

On June 24, 2005, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision that allows local governments to take private land for business development. Historically, the concept of "eminent domain" has been used by governments to take private property at fair market value for a "public use" such as schools, roads and bridges. The Supreme Court's decision clarified that local governments may seize people's private homes and businesses, even against their will, for private economic development. Since the Supreme Court's decision, the U.S. Senate has held hearings and legislatures at every level across the country are examining not only eminent domain laws, but also the lack of area zoning that may allow large retail developers to force the purchase of large amounts of private land for cheap. This could have an immediate negative impact on Charlevoix Township and surrounding areas.

A local Charlevoix Township opposition group has emerged with the belief that there should be no zoning change and do not see a need to protect local property owner rights. Their actions play directly into the hands of large, multi billion dollar retail developers.

On Nov. 8, vote "yes" to amend the Charlevoix Township zoning ordinance that protects your private property rights and insures reasonable future area growth.

Dave Beane
Charlevoix

Vote 'no' on park issue

Editor:

The November election is coming up, and, once again, the residents of the City of Charlevoix will have a chance to decide what vision they want for East Park.

The present plan is very urban. Is this what we want for northern Michigan?

I think if you go down to city hall and look at the design, you will be shocked at the size of the harbormaster building. It is bigger than my house with a three-stall garage. Imagine that sitting in the park. The plan calls for cooking facilities for the boaters, a laundry facility and a lounge. Wow. Will it be available for the local residents to use? Why not patronize local businesses?

I'm sure the argument will be that taxes from the boaters and the Waterways Commission are paying 75 percent of the cost, and the Downtown Development Authority the remaining portion. It is my understanding that by extending the life of the Downtown Development Authority, though, the city is losing $200,000 a year for 20 years, so, in reality, the city loses $4 million.

However, we, the taxpayers, will carry the burden of monthly expenses — cleaning, electricity, gas, garbage collection and general maintenance.

The bandshell is also another issue. Do we really need permanent seating?

The park is a beautiful God-given gift to this community. Why would we want to take away that view?

Instead of the millions of dollars being spent on all sorts of unnecessary projects all over the United States, why don't we use that money for the war effort or to help the people in the south rebuild their lives. It would make more sense.

Please consider a 'no' vote on the park issue. Let's go back to the drawing board and do it right.

Roberta Whitley
Charlevoix

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Farewell open house for Dennis Halverson Wednesday, Oct. 26

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Following almost two decades of dedicated service, Charlevoix City Police Chief, Dennis Halverson, will leave his post Oct. 28.

In recognition of Halverson's service the city is hosting a Farewell Open House for him to take place from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26 in the firefighters' training room at city hall located at 210 State Street in downtown Charlevoix. Refreshments, including cookies and cider, will be served.

Halverson, 50, the longest serving Charlevoix Chief of Police, submitted his letter of resignation to city administrators on Friday, Sept. 30.

He has accepted the "Safe Schools Coordinator" position with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and will start there in November.

City council has scheduled a work session for 6 p.m. Oct. 24 in council chambers located on the second level of city hall to discuss the hiring process to replace Halverson. In the interim, deputy police chief, Scott Hankins will fill in.

Oh boix

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Women's Business Enterprise certification

Kolka & Co. LLC, a visual communications company based in Charlevoix, has attained certification as a Women's Business Enterprise and as such is enrolled as a member of the Michigan Women's Business Council. Kolka & Co. LLC provide graphic design capabilities in the areas of development and creation of sales literature, editorial design for magazines, newsletters, brochures, corporate logos and identity packages as well as Web design and implementation.

Musical honor

Elizabeth Humphrey, former organist of 27 years at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix and a Julliard graduate was recently honorgd at the United Methodist in Music and Arts 50th anniversary celebration which took place in San Francisco, Calif. She was chosen as one of six to participate as a composer in the workshop of Carlton Young, editor of the Methodist Hymnal. Both she and Ellen Addington, former choir director for the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix were invited to attend.

Chief pinning

Daniel Meggison

BUC Daniel Meggison of the U.S. Navy, a Charlevoix native and 1987 graduate of Charlevoix High School, was pinned chief on Sept. 16, 2005. Meggison joined the Navy in July of 1987. His awards include the Navy Commendation Medal, four Navy achievement medals, a Joint Meritorious Unit Award, two Meritorious Unit Commendations, three Battle "E" Ribbons, four good conduct medals, two national defense medals, a southwest Asia service medal, a humanitarian service medal, eight sea service deployment ribbons, two Navy overseas service ribbons, a Navy recruiting service ribbon, a Kuwait Liberation Medal, an expert rifle medal and a marksman pistol medal. Meggison is currently stationed at Brunswick Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Maine with his wife Rebecca, his son Zachary and his daughter, Kayla.

East Park renovation Q & A session set for 7 p.m. Nov. 2

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The public is invited to attend a East Park renovation discussion forum to take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 in the second floor council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall.

Peter Pollack, principal designer with the park design firm Pollack Design Associates of Ann Arbor, as well as city mayor Norman Carlson and representatives of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will be on hand to field questions from those in attendance.

Park changes will go before the voters at the Nov. 8 general election. Changes voters will have to decide include removal of the current East Park band shell, construction of a new performance venue with amphitheater seating and reconfiguration of the park's topography.

If the park changes are approved, construction is excepted to start in the fall of 2006. This part of the project would cost the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority just under $1.5 million.

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50th Anniversary

Joe Powell and Velma McGinnis, high school sweethearts from the Charlevoix High School graduating class of 1955 will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Eastport Baptist Church located at 5910 North M-88. This is the site where they were married Sept. 3, 1955.

Joe retired in 1999 from Harbor Industries of Charlevoix after 43 years in the shipping department. He served on the Petoskey Area Youth for Christ board for over 20 years.

Velma is a homemaker. In the past she has done volunteer tutoring at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Both have lived in the Charlevoix area all their lives and are involved in the community. They are active members of their church where they have taught Sunday school and have held other offices during their 50 years of membership.

Their family is hosting this weekend's event. They are daughters Debby (Jerry) Jennex of Capac and Gail (Glenn) Rubingh of Ellsworth; grandchildren Abby, Elly, Butch, Stephanie and Joe; great-grandchildren Cora Micah, Azalia, Finch, Anna, Gus and Alejandro.

Family, friends, neighbors and classmates are invited to the evening celebration which will include music and a buffet dinner. The family has requested that gifts not be given.

Three generations

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Pictured from left are Susan Cadwell, the late Dagney Ogren, Dana Cadwell and Jeanne Way. The family celebrated Ogren's 96th birthday Oct. 13.

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Obituaries

Jason Wyglendowski: Sept. 14, 2005 - Sept. 14, 2005

Jason Thomas "J.T." Wyglendowski, died Sept. 14, 2005, in Hancock.

J.T. was born Sept. 14, 2005, prematurely at Portage Health System in Hancock.

He is greatly loved and missed by his parents, F. Jason and Melissa (Boss) Wyglendowski of Calumet. Maternal grandparents are Dwight and Joyce Boss of Charlevoix. Paternal grandparents are Dale and Claire DeCecco of Erie, Pa., and Frank Wyglendowski of Seattle, Wash.

Paul Louiselle: June 11, 1916 - Oct. 10, 2005

Paul F. Louiselle of Ottawa, Ohio, died Monday, Oct. 10, 2005.

He was born June 11, 1916 in Charlevoix and went on to be a piano technician. He attended Christ United Methodist Church in Continental, Ohio and was a member of the Flint Piano Conservatory for over 50 years.

He was preceded in death by his son, Elwood Louiselle; six brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by sons, Ed (Mary) Louiselle of Continental, Ohio and Tom (Dolly) Louiselle of Charlevoix; daughters Sharon Brendlinger of Glendale, Ariz. and Connie (Gary) Mahaney of West Tawakoni, Texas; his brother, Tom Louiselle of Charlevoix; and 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services took place Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Heitmeyer Funeral Home in Continental, Ohio, the Rev. Greg Wack officiated.

Burial services will take place at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Southern Cemetery in Central Lake.

Memorial donations may be sent to the Continental EMS. Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

Class of 1960 reunites

Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix High School class of 1960 held their 45th reunion on Sept. 24 at Grey Gables Restaurant in Charlevoix. The attendants are (first row, from left) Kay (Ulrich) Merrifield, Glenda (White) Reinhardt, Nancy Staley, Vicki (Miller) Emery, Sally (Weidman) Geer, Marilyn Novak and Ruth Ann (Riley) Chapman. (Second row) Brian Neff, Rod Richardson, Sally (Harrington) Whitley, Amy (Mitchell) Hartlep, Sandy (Zipp) Marquardt, Marilou (VerWys) Ikens, Janet (Schmidt) Geary, Hilda (Bruce) Armstrong, Sandy (Richardson) Beaudoin, Chris Campbell, Rick Davis and Marc Cross. (Third row) Leroy Sumner, Janet (Clarke) Beattie, Don Heise, Ran Fratrick, Marianne (Makel) Hruska, Deanne (Bartlett) Balch and Bud Balch. (Fourth row) Joe Beaudoin, Parris Halverson, John Martin, Jan (Burns) Olach, Doug Bergmann, Bruce Pease and Ron Grunch.

Planning underway for 13th Annual Holly Daze event Dec. 1 at the Castle

The 13th Annual Holly Daze Gala will take place Dec. 1 at Charlevoix's Castle Farms.

The benefit is being planned by a large committee to support community health education programs at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

According to event co-chairs, Liz Firehaugh and Linda Mason, this year's gala will top the charts with fun and philanthropy.

"A couple of things have been added this year," Mason said. "To start, we have a theme that goes through every room in the house with auction items ranging in value from $100 to priceless."

Firehaugh said many local businesses are sponsoring the event and have donated fabulous gifts and specialty items to be auctioned off.

"The list of items grows every day —and we will be publishing an auction booklet available to all attendees. We will also have phone lines available for call-in bidding for people who cannot be here with us that night," she added.

A new event feature is live music provided by the Up North Big Band who will take the stage after dinner and the live auction.

Free valet parking will be provided for all attendees. In addition, the medical staff of Charlevoix Area Hospital will sponsor post-event taxi service for persons needing a ride home.

The event will start at 6 p.m. Dec. 1 at Castle Farms with a cocktail reception and silent auction.

Tickets are $100 per person and include cocktails, dinner and all festivities. Call the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation office at (231) 547-8501 for tickets or more information.

Members of the 2005 Holly Daze Committee are Amy Lalewicz, Pam Hagel, Kathy Kirby, Nancy Wright, Carolyn MacKenzie, Patti Aikins, Gloria Barnes, Liz Firehaugh, Linda Mason, Jackie Krusteh, Susan Flanders and Joan Lucy.

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Church Office 547-6322

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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut

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Pratt to present a Katrina relief organ concert Oct. 23

Phil Pratt, the new organist at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, will present an organ concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 in the church sanctuary.

Pratt formerly served 14 years as organist at Heartside Ministry, an outreach ministry to the poor and homeless population of Grand Rapids.

Each December during that period, he gave an organ concert commemorating the anniversary of the opening of the Heartside Chapel.

During that time, he produced three organ CDs featuring favorite selections from those years of anniversary concerts. He is currently working on his fourth organ CD.

The concert will feature works of Bach, Widor, Vierne, Gigout, Manz, Lefebure-Wely, and Weaver, as well as one of Pratt's original compositions.

The offering will benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Some of Pratt's organ CDs will also be for sale with 100 percent of the proceeds also going to the hurricane victims.

Refreshments will be served in Ransom Hall following the concert.

For more information, call the church at (231) 547-9122.

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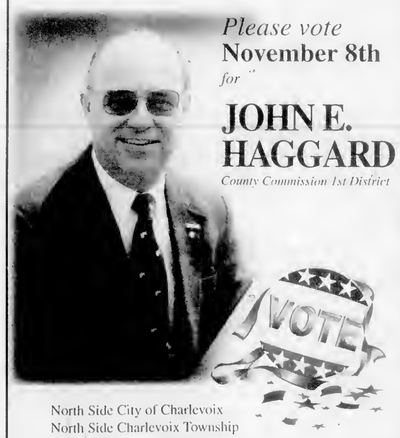

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Mediation launches victim offender program

Northern Community Mediation has launched a Victim Offender Reconciliation Program.

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Through the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, the store owner, probation officer, Nancy and her parents will meet with the mediator to establish restitution for the victim. Equally as important is the fact that Nancy will have to face the person she wronged and begin to understand the severity of her actions.

The 7th Probate Courts of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties in collaboration with Northern Community Mediation work to help juvenile offenders take responsibility for their actions, understand the impact their actions have on victims and determine how to right the wrong they have done.

At the same time, the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program allows victims to participate actively in a restitution agreement, tell about the impact the crime has had on them and listen to apologies.

Through a grant received from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Northern Community Mediation was able to design and print brochures that explain the program. These brochures have been distributed within the courts, at social service agencies, and to the judges, court staff and attorneys. They are also given to all participants, both victims and offenders, in the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program.

Anyone interested in receiving a brochure or learning more about the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, should contact Dr. Jane Millar at (231) 487-1771 or jane@northernmediation.org.

Planned Parenthood offers free exams

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will recognize Breast Cancer Awareness by offering free Clinical Breast Exams.

Free exams will be offered throughout the month of October at the Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan Health Center located at 1003 Spring St. in Petoskey. Appointments are required and are subject to availability.

Getting tested regularly for breast cancer is the best way for women to lower their risk of dying from the disease. These screening tests can find cancer early when it's most treatable.

Planned Parenthood recommends a 3-step approach to breast cancer screening that includes annual mammography beginning at age 40, annual clinical breast exams and monthly breast self-exams beginning at age 20.

Women with a family history of breast cancer or other concerns about their personal risk should consult with a health care provider. Screening tests may need to be done more often and/or started earlier than usual if the woman has certain risk factors.

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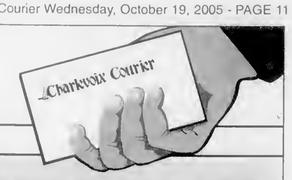

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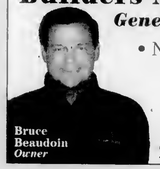

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Barnes, Haggard discuss issues facing Charlevoix County

ELECTION 2005

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

With only about three weeks to go until election day John Haggard and Josh Barnes, candidates for the Republican running slot for first district Charlevoix County commissioner, speak their minds on issues facing the county.

John Haggard

According to Haggard, a onetime county commissioner, one of the main issues facing the county is the astronomical price of fuel.

"Somehow we need to get a handle on our unfortunate fuel costs," he said. "The fact that budgets are set we need to figure out how to handle it, not only fuel with vehicles, but also with the facilities. We need to be as conservative as possible to maximize our services."

Haggard announced his interest in the seat when Valerie Snyder moved west with her husband. Though the seat was filled by Snyder's father, Barnes, 77 after Snyder resigned March 10, 2005.

"Prior to the vacancy really occurring I went to the mayor of the City of Charlevoix and got his backing and went to three township supervisors and got their backing and they thought I would be a good person to replace Valerie," Haggard said.

When the board of commissioners decided to appoint Barnes to the first district seat, Haggard decided he would run for the office this fall.

"I'd like to fill it and get back involved and help the county out," he said. "I've had a lot of people come up to me and say they support me and would vote for me and think I'd do a good job."

According to Haggard, he would make a good commissioner because he held the position before. And, he said, "I do have a little bit of connections with the state government as far as getting the necessary dialogue between county and state level."

Another issue which is still in the discussion phase is a possible county manager who would work much like a city manager.

"I'm willing to look at a county manager. But do we really want to move forward with it? I'm not sure," Haggard said. "We're a small county and all the departments I know of, appointed and elected, are run efficiently."

Josh Barnes

According to Haggard's opponent, Barnes, he considers creating the position of county manager a possible plus for the county.

"I would prefer to see it if we have room in the future budget. If we do I would like to move toward it," he said.

According to Barnes, there are times when commissioners sit on committees of which they have little knowledge and that, having a county manager could improve the situation.

"We work in some committees and sometimes we've seen a good job done, but sometimes we sit on committees, like the board of corrections which I know nothing about," he said. "It offers some advantages though I'm still not completely sold on it."

Barnes said he is the right man for the job because he has already shown he can accomplish good for the county.

"I worked hard on getting that Boyne City Road thing moved from mid-summer to now, and it is finished today. I was very instrumental in getting that accomplished with the road commission," he said.

He added that he has been heavily involved with working on getting new phone systems and other communication services on-line.

"I've got a lot of things resolved and take pleasure in resolving things when I can," he said.

Barnes, who took over Snyder's first district seat earlier this year when she moved, is running for reelection because, he said, "I'd like to believe I've done a good job at it."

He added, "It's good work and fun work and some of it uses my talents as a registered, professional engineer."

"I've got a good background and good history. I've been mayor of Charlevoix and I spent 35 years as CEO of Lexalite," he said. "The support I've had from the community has just been tremendous."

He added, "They want me to run and I am."

Voters living in the north half of the City of Charlevoix and Charlevoix, Hayes and Bay townships will decide who the Republican candidate for the seat will be. Since no Democrats filed nominating petitions to run, the winner of the Nov. 8 primary will run unopposed at the Feb. 28 general election barring entry of a write-in campaign.

This first district commission seat will be the only matter on the county primary ballot. Township election questions for Hayes, Bay and Charlevoix townships will be on the ballot along with the commission seat.

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City council candidates discuss waterfront property

Bandshell and Coast Guard dock space at forefront of election thoughts

ELECTION 2005

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Candidates for Charlevoix City Council seats are sounding off on one of the major points of contention in the coming election — the city's waterfront property.

At the Tuesday, Nov. 8 general election city voters will decide the fate of Charlevoix's music pavilion, known commonly as "the bandshell," and will elect officials who will determine the future of premier dock space.

Gene Beer

In the running for a first ward seat are former planning commissioner, Steven Bennett, who will face incumbent Robert N. Timms.

In the second ward councilman Bill Bellows will face Gene Beer.

And in the third ward, council member Shirley Gibson is running uncontested. A write-in candidate can file paperwork with city clerk Carol Ochs to run against Gibson. Ochs is also running uncontested and a write-in campaign can be launched for her seat.

While all the candidates have the race for a council seat in common, they are split as to how the city should proceed with planning for the intended abandonment of U.S. Coast Guard dock space in Round Lake.

Representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard's Ninth District have announced that the city's cutter ACACIA will be pulled from this port in 2006, without a replacement.

With this information in hand and a huge marina renovation just around the corner, Gibson and Bennett want to see the city establish a plan for the hundreds of feet of valuable dock space that could be vacant.

"That space needed to be included in a plan B — the extra docks could have decreased the length of piers in the marina project," Gibson said.

However, Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said a backup plan could hurt the city's plight to have another vessel located here.

Bellows, Beer and Timms agree that a plan excluding space for a replacement vessel could hurt Charlevoix's status with the Coast Guard.

However, Timms, Bellows and Gibson said if it comes down to it, and the boat is not replaced, the dock space and accompanying parking spots should be for public use.

Gibson recommended the dock space be used for shoppers docks and the adjacent parking, which was recently requested for use by the Beaver Island Boat Company, be open to the public parking.

Bill Bellows

The Coast Guard also utilizes a training and meeting facility next to the boat company's main office. Gibson feels the city should nix plans for a harbormaster's building at the base of Clinton Street in favor of renovating the Coast Guard area.

"It would be a tenth of the cost, right where they (boaters and the harbormaster) want to be and it would be less obtrusive on the lake (Round Lake)," she said.

Bennett said this could also be an ideal home for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce whose current location off Bridge Street in Chamber Park will be demolished during East Park renovations.

Bellows is thinking along the same lines as Gibson when it comes to incorporating the space into the dock renovation but doesn't want to see any planning for the space now.

Timms agrees that the city should retain ownership of the dock space.

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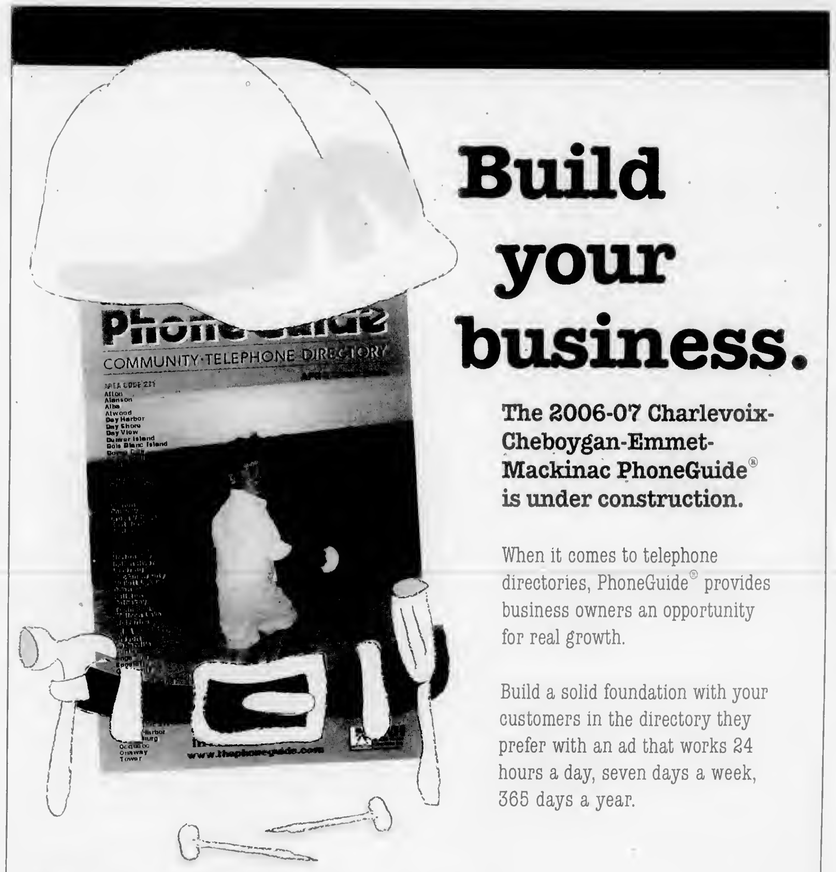

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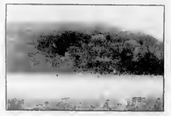

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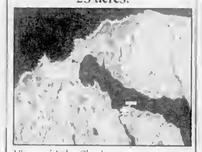

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Council candidates say: 'Bandshell should stay'

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Steven Bennett

Bennett doesn't agree wholeheartedly with Timms on this point. He said that use of the space by the boat company may be a logical expansion.

Beer added that the best use for the space is the one that brings the city the most money. He said whether it be part of the marina or a port for a cruise ship, he wants to see the city maximize its economic potential.

Shirley Gibson

Money and aesthetics are two issues that have been discussed with relation to dock space and are also at the heart of the bandshell debate.

At the election, voters will have to decide whether the current facility will be removed and a new performance venue with amphitheater seating should be built in the fall of 2006 at the south end of the park. This project would cost the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority just under $1.5 million.

Robert Timms

When it comes to the fate of the bandshell candidates Gibson, Timms and Beer want to see the city tighten the purse strings and leave it alone.

"That bandshell is dedicated to a special person (Clarence Odmark) and should be left as is," Beer said.

Bennett said he has mixed feelings on the fate of the bandshell as he believes it is somewhat of a historic landmark but feels park renovations need to move forward.

Incumbent Bellows was tight lipped about his opinion on the fate of the Odmark pavilion and said most of his constituents lean with Gibson, Timms and Beer and want to see it left as is.

This issue will be discussed at a public forum to take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 in city council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall.

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SPORTS

4-H Soccer winners

Courtesy photo

Pictured above is the 4-H soccer under 12 division champions for 2005. The final tournament game was played on Oct. 4 at Shanahan Field. Northern Michigan Sports Medicine defeated Charlevoix Screenmasters 3-2. Pictured include (top row, from left) Jacob Doskoch, Addie Loper, Lauren Bartling, Coach John Doskoch, Megan Peters, Cristin Cole. Bottom row, Carli Thompson, Mariah Zawisza, Justin Thomas, Alex Gooch and Christian McFalls.

Charlevoix Middle School football loses back to back

The Charlevoix Middle School Rayder football team tallied two losses in the team's first two games of October.

On Oct. 4, the team fell to the East Jordan Red Devils 20-6.

Ian Gauthier and Chris Levens led the Rayders defense with six tackles each. Gauthier also tallied two fumble recoveries.

J.T. Lawrence led the offense with 19 rushes for 83 yards and a touchdown. Clayton Mitchell threw for 94 yards on eight completions. Alex Foster had three receptions for 65 yards.

Then, on Oct. 11, the Rayders lost to the Boyne City Ramblers 46-14. Hunter Johnstone led the Rayders on defense with 12 tackles.

Lawrence led the offense with 22 rushes for 128 yards and a touchdown. Mitchell threw for 136 yards on seven completions including a touchdown pass. Foster had three receptions for 76 yards and a touchdown reception.

Charlevoix, 2-2 overall, hosted Elk Rapids this week. Results from that game were not available by press time.

Rayder football falls to Grayling

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

Charlevoix found out early last Friday night that Grayling wasn't about to lose at home.

With a final score of 11-41 the Rayders were reminded that, despite their having made the playoffs, the season isn't over yet.

"We didn't play very well," said head coach Don Jess. "Turn the ball over against a good team you'll never win."

Charlevoix, now tied for number three in the Lake Michigan Conference and with a record of 6-2 overall, must get their mind's in win mode before heading in to see number one Traverse City St. Francis Oct. 21 and then moving on to the playoffs.

"We've just got to take care of the ball," Jess said. "Our last home game is coming up before the playoffs. We really need to build up some momentum, so this is a big game for us."

Against Grayling, quarterback Matt Kautz was 11 for 17 for 110 yards passing with one touchdown and two interceptions.

Russell Williams had 12 carries for 65 yards, he kicked a 31-yard field goal and ran in a two-point conversion. Eddie Waldron had 7 catches for 85 yards and eanght a five-yard touchdown pass.

The Rayders' defense was led by Drew Kloöster with 11 tackles while Jeff Golovich and Darren Munson had nine tackles each.

According to Jess, his team doesn't have time to sit around commiserating last week's defeat.

"This is an important game for us," he said. "Traverse City has a decent passing game, but we're going to try and stop them with the run first and force them to pass."

The Rayders' last game of the season before the playoffs will begin at 7 p.m. Oct. 21, at Kipke Field against Traverse City St. Francis.

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SPORTS

Charlevoix Yacht Club closes fall sailing season

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for late September and Oct. 5 are:

The fourth race of fall series began with a delayed start due to a change in wind direction. Medium winds followed, and twenty boats completed the full course of a triangle and windward-leeward legs. Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — M3 (Carey); 2 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 3 — Four At Play (Herald); 4 — Sonnet (Lepman).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Artemis (Bowerman); 3 — Cygnus (Stuart); 4 — Tireless (Carland); 5 — Apothecary (Ochs); 6 — Original Sin (Miller).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 2 — Stringthing (Thomas); 3 — Kamikazee (Funck).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Northern Light (Orlow); 2 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 4 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 5 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 6 — Windrunner (Pirie); 7 — Moxie (Jensen).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Sept. 28 are:

The fifth race of the fall series was sailed in stormy weather. Winds were reported with gusts of over 40 knots. The course was shortened to two legs as a result of the severe weather.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 — Four At Play (Herald).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Cygnus (Stuart); 4 — Original Sin (Miller); 5 — Artemis (Bowerman).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Stringthing (Thomas); DNF — Thunderstruck (Pirie).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Moxie (Jensen); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 — Northern Light (Orlow); 4 — Hoi Polloi (Attee).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for Oct. 5 are:

The sixth and final race of the fall series was sailed in moderate winds. As a result of darkening skies, the course was shortened to two windward-leeward legs. Ties for the series were broken by number of firsts followed by number of seconds.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 — Four At Play (Herald); 3 — Sonnet (Lepman); 4 — M3 (Carey).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Cygnus (Stuart); 2 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 3 — Original Sin (Miller); 4 — Artemis (Bowerman); 5 — Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (Pirie); 2 — Stringthing (Thomas); 3 — Kamikazee (Funck).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 — Moxie (Jensen); 3 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 4 — Padawan 2 (Lamb); 5 — Windrunner (Pirie).

Final fall series results after six races with one drop:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sail La Vie (13); 2 — Booma (13); 3 — Sonnet (14); 4 — Four At Play (15); 5 — M3 (20); 6 — Flash (35); 7 — Exitus (37).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (7); 2 — Tireless (13); 3 — Cygnus (16); 4 — Original Sin (17); 5 — Artemis (20); 6 — Apothecary (21).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Thunderstruck (8); 2 — Stringthing (8); 3 — Kamikazee (14); 4 — Paleface Lit (22).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Affinity (9); 2 — Moxie (10); 3 — Northern Light (16); 4 — Gotcha! (16); 5 — Hoi Polloi (19); 6 — Padawan 2 (24); 7 — Windrunner (32).

MHSAA recognizes Beaver Island student athletes

Kathleen McNamara, principal of Beaver Island Schools was recently notified by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA), that Beaver Island students athletes, coaches, administration, staff and community members are being credited for demonstrating positive athletic sportsmanship.

The school received an exemplary rating by sports officials. There were no reports of concern, ejection or poor sportsmanship by officials during sporting events throughout the 2003-2004 school year.

This is the second year in a row that Beaver Island Schools has received this recognition. As a reward last year, all high school athletes names were placed in a drawing and four were selected to attend an all expense paid Grand Valley State University football game.

John Roberts, Executive Director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, has asked the island to reveal their formula for success with the association. They would like to share with other schools the positive effects of a community concerned about being "good sports."

McNamara credits the strong community support for students in general with helping build sportsmanship.

"Coaches and athletes should be applauded for their optimistic actions and examples. Congratulations to the entire Beaver Island Community for being role models of good sportsmanship to all competitors," McNamara said.

Rec volleyball and hoops meeting Monday, Oct. 24

The organizational meeting for adult women's coed and men's volleyball along with men's basketball will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24 in the basement of Charlevoix City Hall.

All interested coaches and players looking to participate are invited to attend.

For more information call Ike Boss at the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at (231) 547-3253.

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League - Oct. 10, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	16	4
B Vanloo & Sons	13	7
J Arnold Painting "A"	12	8
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	11	9
J Arnold Painting "2"	11	9
Selph Trucking	7	13
Kerr's Racing	5	15
The Flight Deck	5	15

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	614	246
Del Hart		238
Shawn Putman		219
Bryan VanLoo	596	
Jon Kleman	596	

Tuesday Night Ladies - Oct. 11, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	15.5	8.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	14	10
Great Lakes Concrete	14	10
DM Construction	13	11

Oleson's Food Store	12.5 11.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	11 13
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	9 15
Central Drug Store	17

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl		183
Janice Thanasiu	495	
Cathy Sullivan	479	180
Mary O'Brien	486	
Leanna Mesoryak		178

Church League - Oct. 12, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	213	87
Ferguson & Chamberlain	170	130
Lakeshore Tire	163	137
State Farm Insurance	142	158
Lutherans	139	161
Mark White Paint & Stain	138	162
R & C Roofing	138	162
St. Mary's	97	203

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	652	233
Larry Potter	598	214
Chuck Stein	604	
Ray Brown		207

Young at Hearts League - Oct. 13, 2005

	W	L
Irish Rollers	21	3
Alley Cats	20	4
Sparetime	13	11
Halt & Hall	11	13
Misfits	11	13
Past Timers	8	16
Has Beens	6	18
Twilighters	5	19

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	499	188
Ralph Kitson		176
LeRoy Buchanan	479	172
Art Ruis	472	
Zettie Kitson	444	179
Dolly Coen	399	135
Audrey Trimble	389	
Irene Cellner		134

Gutter Gals - Oct. 13, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	89	51
Burger King of Charlevoix	62	58
Paul Bunyan Lanes	55	65
Express Yourself	54	66

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	547	200
Diana Speigl	494	200
Debbie Yager		173
Jane Holm	469	

Double Deckers Mixed League - October 2, 2005

	W	L
Webb	7	1
Stein	6	2
Sladek	6	2
Russell A & J	6	2
Spencer	5	3
Blanchard Crain	5	3
Russell C & R	5	3
Bradley	5	3
Wells	4	4
Koffman	4	4
Nordman	4	4
Thomas	2	6
Fitzpatrick/Bindl	2	6
Brown	2	6
Ferguson	1	7
Patton	0	8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Gary Spencer	583	227
Roger Crain	521	205
Chuck Stein	533	205
Jackie Stein	495	188
Carrie Blanchard	434	161
Lynette Webb	438	
Susan Fitzpatrick		161

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Commissioners oppose bill to reduce public information fees

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff Writer

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners opposes a bill recently proposed in the Michigan legislature which would make public records more accessible and at a lower cost.

House Bill 5124 (HB 5124) was introduced on Sept. 6 of this year by State Representatives Joe Hune, Chris Ward and Edward Gaffney and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy. This bill would amend 1875 PA 54, also known as "An act to facilitate the inspection and reproduction of the records and files in the offices of the registers of deeds."

According to the board of commissioners' letter of opposition, which according to Chief Deputy Clerk of Charlevoix County, Sherry Browe is identical to the letter received from Lenawee County, the bill "Radically alters the intent of MCL 565.551 from facilitating methods of acquiring copies and researching records to mandating services, fees contracts, special reports, payment dates, personal liability and legal consequences effectively removing any local government control."

The resolution adopted by the commissioners expresses concerns that the bill would, "Drastically reduce county revenue received in copy fees generated through the Register of Deeds Office by approximately 75 percent. And, county records should not be available for private businesses to profit at public expense."

"In my office alone it's like $52,000 or $53,000 in revenue last year and if they go to 4 cents we would lose a lot of money," said Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, Charlene Novotny. "This is a bill that's really going to hurt our county."

According to Novotny, as it stands right now, the register of deeds office by law is not allowed to charge unreasonable rates for copies. Right now they charge $1 per page.

According to Hune's Legislative Aide, Cindy Denby, Hune proposed the legislation to create a reasonable standard for fees with regards to research and tracking indexes at the register of deeds offices throughout Michigan.

"Although many offices are run very efficiently, some offices might charge unreasonable rates, not so much for copies, but for other information," Denby said.

Another concern the board has is that the bill, "Ignores national security concerns by making it mandatory to provide access to public records for any requesting party no matter where they reside or what organization they represent."

"There is some information that should not be available to the public such as Social Security

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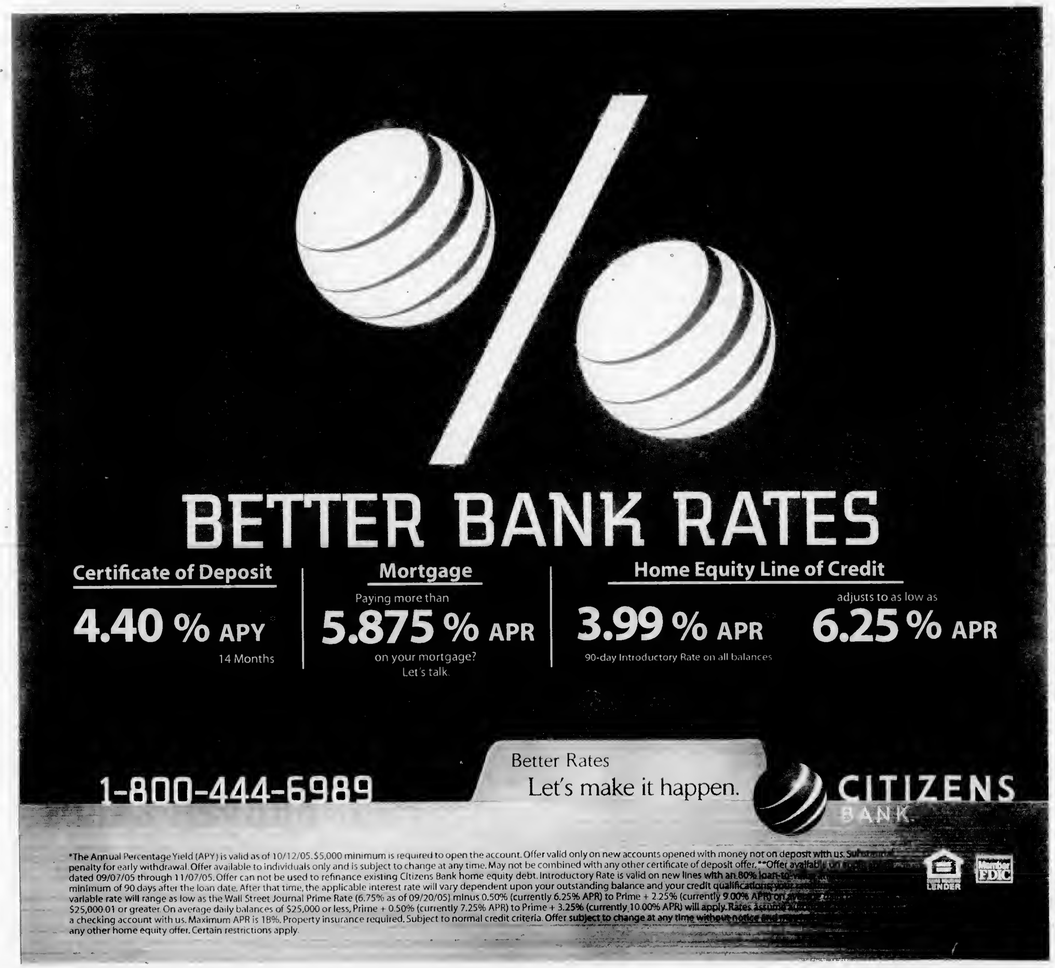

Board opposes bill citing possible security issues and revenue loss

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numbers, but a copy of a persons deed and (similar) information is supposed to be available for public viewing," Denby said. "Track indexing and search work rates (across the state) range from extremely reasonable to excessive."

The bill states a register of deeds may prohibit reproduction of a record which has been temporarily left with the register to be recorded in the register of deeds office but, the register of deeds shall not place any restrictions on the reproduction, distribution, use, or transfer of any record maintained by the register of deeds.

Types of records which fall under the provisions of this bill include written or printed transcripts, photocopies, photographs, microfilm and electronic images.

Including entries and indexes made by the register of deeds.

Denby said the groups most affected by the proposed legislation, including the register of deeds offices, are discussing possible changes with lawmakers to see if some compromise can be made.

"We're holding back on this bill and waiting to see if there are some compromises that can help both sides," she said. "This bill wasn't designed to try to cause problems for registers of deeds."

According to the proposed bill, the register of deeds must provide records to individuals in a timely manner as well as keep the cost of reproduction to a reasonable level, not to exceed 4 cents a page to those with lawful purpose to view the records.

"The title comps definitely want it to go through they would be making big bucks off our information," Novotny said. "If they get if off the Web for 4 cents, they would make big money without having to pay for the service they're getting."

As far as national security concerns go, Denby said most of their (Charlevoix County's) records are available through the Freedom of Information Act.

The proposed bill reads, "The register of deeds or custodian of the records and files may make reasonable rules and regulations with reference to the inspection and examination of the records and files as is necessary to protect the records and files and to prevent interference with the regular discharge of the duties of the register of deeds."

Barnard Grange Swiss steak dinner Nov. 5 at K of C Hall

Barnard Grange will host it's annual Swiss Steak Dinner, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 15144, Bell's Bay Road, Charlevoix.

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Foundation awards Charlevoix High School students scholarships

This fall, college tuition will be a little easier on the pockets of area families, thanks to scholarships totaling over $120,600 recently awarded through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Ben Bergmann

There were 95 scholarships awarded to Charlevoix County graduates from special funds held by the community foundation. All funds were established by local citizens to honor family members, civic leaders and educators.

Among the Charlevoix High School students receiving scholarships are:

Michael Wojan

Christina Sanchez and Jacklyn Heckendorn each received a $500 Don Meggison Service Scholarship from a fund initiated by the Charlevoix Lions Club. Sanchez will be attending Northwest Michigan College to study nursing and Heckendorn will be attending University of Michigan with an undeclared major.

Sonya Plude

Sonya Plude and Michael Wojan each received a $500 Stewart "Irish" Coleman Scholarship, also from a fund initiated by the Charlevoix Lions Club. Plude will attend Michigan State University to study agriculture education and Wojan is enrolled at Miami University for the business management program.

Michelle Fritsch

Michelle Fritsch was awarded the $1,000 Charlevoix Development Corporation Scholarship to attend Colorado College with an undecided major.

Ben Bergmann received the Ray Kipke Athletic Scholarship for $700. He will apply it to study criminal justice at Saginaw Valley State University.

Nathan Dube was awarded the $400 Arthur Taylor Scholarship. He will be studying business at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Elizabeth Madison

Elizabeth Madison was awarded a $1,000 Earl W. Miller Opportunity Scholarship to attend Ferris State University to study architecture.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation holds 161 different funds, 51 of which are designated for scholarships. Established by local citizens in 1992, the community foundation serves as a charitable resource for the entire county.

Now with net assets in excess of $15.6 million, the foundation has distributed grants and scholarships totaling over $5.7 million to benefit residents of this area. For more information about the community foundation, or any of its funds, call the foundation office at (231) 536-2440.

Charlevoix Township man charged with assault and domestic violence

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office arrested a 26-year old Charlevoix Township man after an incident at his residence in North Point early Saturday morning.

A deputy was dispatched to a 911 hang-up call at a Cedar Street location just after 2 a.m. Oct. 15. Upon arrival Michael J. McCann was encountered in the front yard with blood on his hands and clothing.

McCann was intoxicated and resisted and assaulted the sheriff's deputy. He was subsequently arrested and placed into the patrol car after a several block foot chase and again assaulting the deputy.

The deputy then entered the residence and located the McCann's 57-year-old mother who had been severely beaten. She was transported by Charlevoix City Ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital where she was admitted with multiple injuries. The deputy did not require medical treatment.

McCann has been charged by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office with a second offense of aggravated domestic violence and assaulting and resisting a deputy. Both are two-year felonies. McCann was also charged with being a habitual felon because he has two prior felony convictions for resisting and obstructing a police officer.

McCann has appeared before a Charlevoix County 90th District Court Magistrate and his bond has been set at $200,000 pending his arraignment on Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Hours before the Oct. 15 incident McCann had been released from the Emmet County Jail.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski to HomeAmerican Credit Inc. DBA Upland Mortgage, A Pennsylvania Corporation Mortgagee, dated September 25, 2001 and recorded December 12, 2001 in Liber 448 Page 82 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders and the Note Insurer of the ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Mortgage Backed Notes, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Dollars and Forty-Six Cents ($122,380.46) including interest 9.84% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, October 28, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: All that certain parcel of land lying and being situated in the County of Charlevoix, State of MI, to-wit: A parcel of land being a part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 5, Town 32 North, Range 6 West, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence North 0 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds East along the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 5, 2464.2 feet to the place of beginning; thence South 83 degrees 18 minutes 40 seconds West, 1339.7 feet; thence North 326.35 feet to the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 5; thence North 89 degrees 48 minutes East along said East-West 1/4 line, 1331.2 feet to the center 1/4 corner of said Section 5; thence South 0 degrees 11 minutes 20 seconds West along the North-South 1/4 line 175.0 feet to the place of beginning, Being that parcel of land conveyed to Richard J. Idolski and Donna Lynne Idolski, his wife from Ben H. Schenck and Joanne E. Schenck, his wife by that deed dated 02/15/1986 and recorded 03/03/1986 in deed book 292, at page 968 of the Charlevoix County, MI Public Registry. Pursuant to a Court Order dated 01/11/1993, Case # C92-417-15 DM, Title to the above described property is vested in Richard Joseph Idolski. Being that parcel of land conveyed to Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski, husband and wife from Richard J. Idolski and Donna Idolski, husband and wife by that deed dated 09/09/1997 and recorded 09/11/1997 in deed book 379, at page 415 of the Charlevoix County, MI Public Registry. Commonly known as 539 South Wilson Road, Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Indenture Trustee on behalf of the Noteholders and the Note Insurer of the ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-4, Mortgage Backed Notes, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-38777 ASAP723724

L(9/28,10/5,10/12,10/19)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John S. Marsh, A Single Man, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002 and recorded February 26, 2002 in Liber 460, Page 2, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee by assignment dated February 21, 2002 and recorded on December 20, 2002 in Liber 506, Page 557, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Nineteen and 22/100 Dollars ($240,119.22) including interest at the rate of 10.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on November 4, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel "A": In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, beginning at a 2 1/2 inch pipe at the North quarter corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, and along the centerline of Stephens Road, 335.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds West 1308.55 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds West along said eighth line, 334.89 feet to the North line of said section; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East along said section line, 1304.27 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast Fractional Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, and containing 10.042 acres, more or less, within the perimeter of the courses herein described. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. Parcel "B" In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at a 2 1/2 inch pipe at the North quarter corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, 335.00 feet to a point in the centerline of Stephens Road, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along said quarter line, and along the centerline of said road, 334.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 44 seconds West 1312.81 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence North 0 degree 30 minutes 34 seconds West along said eighth line 333.89 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East 1308.55 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast fractional quarter of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, and containing 10.045 acres, more or less, within the perimeter of the courses herein described. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accor-dance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: October 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCI-ATES PC Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 322.0040 ASAP725321

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The decedent, Scott L. Hunter, whose last known address was 06730 Peaceful Valley Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, died September 28, 2005.

By Trust indenture dated the 7th day of August, 1992, the decedent established the Scott L. Hunter Trust under Declaration of Trust dated August 7, 1992, and as amended on August 18, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Successor Trustee, David S. Hunter, at 15321 Summer Hill Lane, Frenchtown, MT 59834, within four months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the trust estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

THIS NOTICE IS PUBLISHED ON OCTOBER 19, 2005.

KEVIN G. KLEVORN (P35531)
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Area events

MARSP meeting

The final Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel meeting for 2005 will take place at noon Oct. 19 at the former Boyne City Middle School across the street from the Bone City Public Library.

All retired school personnel are invited to attend. The cost for lunch, prepared by the Boyne City High School Hospitaliters, is $8.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater will be the featured speaker, discussing his book on local World War II veterans.

Movie presentation

At 7 p.m. Oct. 21 and 22, Family of Faith Ministries Church located at 203 East Upright Street in Charlevoix is hosting a movie night featuring "Left Behind, World at War," the third movie in the series from the "Left Behind" books.

There is no cost to watch the movie and popcorn and refreshments will be available.

For more information call (231) 547-4221.

Fall Fun Day at library

The Charlevoix Public Library is celebrating harvest season with a "Farm Fall Fun Day."

The afternoon event will take place from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 for children of all ages.

There will be pumpkin/gourd decorating, story telling, music, a petting farm and more.

The Charlevoix Public Library will be celebrating outside, please dress for the weather, indoor gear in case of rain.

Volunteers are needed for this event.

Call (231) 547-2651 for more information and for volunteer opportunities.

Free gardening class

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free gardening class, "Fall Cleanup and Winter Preparation," at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. Call (231) 599-2824 to register. Pine Hill Nursery is located 10 miles north of Elk Rapids on U.S. 31.

Christian concert

Nationally known Christian recording artist, singer and songwriter, Larry Dameron, will be in concert at the First Baptist Church of Charlevoix on M-66 across the street from the post office, at 10:15 a.m., Oct. 23. Dameron has had songs in the top 25, top 10, and number one, and was nominated for a Dove Award. An offering will be received and snacks will follow the concert.

Preservation society meeting

The October membership meeting off the Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24 at the Boyne District Library located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City. The program for the evening will be spotlighting the group's affiliate members. The public is invited to attend the free event. For more information contact president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042 or by e-mail at charlevoixchps@yahoo.com.

Sportsman's dinner

The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will hold their 3rd Annual Sportsman's Dinner starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Knights of Columbus hall located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road

There will be a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by Bill Steven's world famous Swiss steak dinner.

Syndicated sports columnist George Rowe will be the guest speaker and will present the latest trends in deer hunting and the great outdoors.

Tickets are $15 per person. There will also be raffle tickets available to win a $1,000 shopping spree at Jays Sporting Goods in Gaylord. You do not have to be present to win.

All proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry. For more information call (231) 547-5397 or (231) 547-4208.

Harvest festival

Safe Harbor Baptist Church of Charlevoix will hold its annual Harvest Festival from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31 at the church located at 06046 Old 31, South near the intersection of U.S. 31.

The light dinner will be at 6 p.m. with games to follow. Costume contest, door prizes, ever famous candy scramble at 7:50 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome. Each child will come home with plenty of candy.

For more information call, (231) 547-6283.

Fall Fun at Friske's

Friske Orchards is showcasing Fall Fun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday in October. Fall Fun features u-pick apples and pumpkins, wagon rides, feeding the barnyard animals, sampling and food demonstrations, special "harvest" cafe menu items, and family entertainment.

Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 at Atwood. For details or questions, call (231)599-2604.

Alano Club meetings

Effective October 1, 2005, all meetings at the Alano Club will be held in the back building. For meeting times and emergency numbers call (231) 547-9184.

Story hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library. Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m., Thursdays. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays.

All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Grief support groups

Two grief and loss support groups are being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. The upcoming Charlevoix grief and loss group will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road, five blocks west of Pizza Hut.

Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed.

These services are free of charge. Call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 to register or for more information.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix.

Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

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(Left) Patrick and Sara McGuire, owners of Royal Farms, Inc. of Atwood, brave the cold, clouds and rain on Saturday, Oct. 15, during the annual Apple Festival. (Right) Cythina Parker, a volunteer with the Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. group helped raise money for the park at the Apple Festival by selling pies and basked goods and serving cider.

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Event features include dinner catered by The Grey Gables, a live auction led by Scott Mackenzie and dancing with Class Act Productions.

Live and silent auction items will include original art work from Russ and Sue Bolt, tickets to the top of the Mackinac Bridge, a Mackinac Island Grand Hotel package, a Beaver Island Deerwood Lodge package, Michigan State University tickets, a balloon ride, the Children's Art Gallery and more.

In conjunction with dinner, auctions and dancing, a variety of raffles will also be offered. The "Woman's Corner" will feature a deluxe package for four to Mackinac Island with a stay at the Harborview Inn, including many island amenities. The "Men's Corner" will feature an Apple iPod Nano, a Sony Cyber-shot T-1 digital camera and Magellan Explorer 200 portable GPS package. The tuition raffle will take place this year for $50 a card. A face card can be purchased at the parish office for your family or for a designated family. The "Chocolate Lover's Ski Weekend" raffle will feature a Shanty Creek package with a two-night stay at a Cedar River suite with lift tickets. Cash raffle tickets will also be available.

The Northern Lights Celebration is the largest annual fund-raising event for the school. Auction expenses are kept at a minimum with all proceeds going directly to the school operational budget.

Reservations are now being taken.

Tickets are $75 per person, which includes all beverages. Tickets for the event can be purchased through the school office or by calling (231) 547-9441. This is a community-wide event, with everyone welcome to attend.

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Charlevoix Area Hospital to host 'Great Start' parent event

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Sixth Annual Great Start New and Expectant Parent Expo will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

According to Pam Oshaben, lactation educator with Charlevoix Area Hospital, the expo will showcase everything imaginable for new and expectant parents.

"It is a health fair designed for families with children. We focus on preschool age and under and the whole goal with the health fair is to present everything available to new families," Oshaben said.

There will be representatives present from the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC), the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, area preschools and health care providers including a dental hygienist and an eye doctor.

"We're promoting education so parents may make informed decisions on their child's schooling and their choices in health care," Oshaben said. "So really it's kind of one-stop shopping promoting childbirth classes, breast feeding classes, sibling classes like a class for big brothers and big sisters. And we'll be doing sign-up for all of our classes."

She added, "We just want to promote what's out there and available. About 40 vendors will come in all."

Oshaben said there will also be many nice door prizes and a hopper structure for children to jump around in.

"We're going to have a $350 breast pump, quite a bit of baby equipment, and a lot of gift certificates to stores and certificates to restaurants," she said. "And there will be a costume contest for kids to dress up and a photographer for a small fee."

She added, "There will be a little bit of everything and it's free of charge."

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This family lost everything to Hurricane Katrina and has decided to set new roots in northern Michigan.

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Charlevoix County may face lawsuit

Legality of appointed commission seat under fire

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The validity of Josh Barnes' First District County Commission seat is the subject of debate among county officials.

Barnes, who was appointed to the first district county commissioner seat on March 10 when his daughter Valerie Snyder resigned, is now running for the Republican nomination in the primary on November 8.

However, according to Michigan law, an election for the seat should have taken place sooner. And, his appointed seat may be in jeopardy.

Michigan law maintains that appointees to vacancies in odd numbered years serve until the vacancy is filled. It further states that a county board's failure to call a special election to fill the seat within a reasonable amount of time makes the appointment illegal or invalid.

At a recent Charlevoix County Commission meeting, Charlevoix County resident Bob Taylor challenged the legality of Barnes' seat and asked county prosecutor John Jarema for his legal opinion on the matter.

"My opinion based on case law is that the election was not held in a reasonable time," Jarema said. "The case law cited by Mr. Taylor shows that commissioners were removed from office because they held their seats contrary to law because the special election was not held in a reasonable time."

Taylor and Jarema cite Wayne County Republican Committee vs. Wayne County Board of Commissioners (1976), under which they claim Barnes could be removed.

In a written response from Jarema to Taylor, Jarema states, "It appears that on the basis of the case you have cited, if a court would determine that the (Charlevoix) County Board of Commissioners did not conduct a special election within a reasonable time, the legality of commissioner Barnes could be called into question."

Jarema added, "The case speaks for itself and it certainly appears that the time frame in that case (Wayne vs. Wayne), which was deemed to be unreasonable, is similar to the time frame in this case."

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Fall farm fun

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

Children from across Michigan attended the Farm Fall Fun Day Oct. 22 at Charlevoix Public Library. (Above left) Leaf piles were the library playground at the event. (Left) Animals were playmates for Daniel, Benjamin and Martina Bollinger of Petoskey who met this duck from Howling Hills Ranch in Boyne Falls, held by co-owner Amy Howard. (Above) Stella Goshorn, 3, of Manistique painted gourds and pumpkins donated by Bolt Farm.

Investigators serve warrant at local guide book business

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

United States Postal Inspectors and the Michigan State Police are investigating the Exam Resource Center, a business located at U.S. 31 and Marion Center Road in Charlevoix.

The two agencies executed a search warrant at the business Oct. 19 after the post office and other consumer protection agencies fielded numerous complaints about the center's business practices.

According to Fred Van de Putte, a postal inspector with the Detroit branch of the United States Post Office Inspection Service, complaining parties maintain the Exam Resource Center falsely represented the availability of government postal service jobs that in reality were not available.

"We don't know if there was wrongdoing. We're investigating to find out if there is substance to those allegations," Van de Putte said.

At this time no arrests have been made or charges levied.

On Oct. 20 and 21 the office was

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Clarence W Bacon, 19, Harbor Springs. Motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 12 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Christopher Daniel Boyer, 22, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Nicholas Aaron Grams, 25, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Charles Kenneth Coss, 22, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Cody Lee Belford, 23, Boyne City. Violation restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Michael Lee Alexander, 38, East Jordan. Assault and battery. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 18, to serve 75 days in jail.

Mark Anthony Perry, 49, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Steven Allen Cronk, 45, Walloon Lake. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve six days in jail, serve 40 days on an electronic monitor, 76 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; $1,430 in fines and costs.

Charring Connett, 21, Maryland Heights, Mo. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail, to serve 10 days, 73 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $830 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Lee Morse, 32, Elmira. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Bryan Chad Simmons, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession. Serve 30 hours of community service work; $300 in fines and costs.

Wilbur Jones Wiser, Jr., 23, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; write letter of apology; $730 in fines and costs.

Pamela Marie Odom, 25, Boyne City. Violation of restricted license. Serve 10 days in jail; $250 in fines and costs.

David Michael Drewa, 40, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyaneg, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Wendi Ann Noeske, 30, Boyne City. Check non-sufficient funds under $100. Serve 15 days in jail; $455.61 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Pearson Enterprise, 103 East Upright, Charlevoix, by Travis Pearson

Emerald Isle Technologies, 26880 Paid Een Ogs Road, Beaver Island, by Michael Hurkmans and Sharon Hurkmans

Publishers Direct, 223 Franklin St., Boyne City, by Curtis Justin

Digital Creations Photography, 502 Maple St., East Jordan, by Kevin Bavers

KBI Services, 502 Maple St., East Jordan, by Kevin Bavers

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jeremy Allen Anderson, 24 and Caitlin Brianna Travers, 18-hoth of Charlevoix

Michael E. Bacher, Jr., 24, Little Falls, N.Y. and Shauna K. Barrett, 24, Charlevoix

Justin Lee Ferguson, 23 and Tasha Lee Morrison, 22 hoth of Charlevoix

Birth

Kacey Gray weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces was born to Karl and Charlynn Gray of Charlevoix on Oct. 14, 2005 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. His sister is Haley. Grandparents are Martin and Chris Neuhoft of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Larry and Cindy Gray of Dallas, Texas.

Holiday helping hands

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Postal investigators explore possible mail law offenses

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closed. But Van de Putte said the closing wasn't required by law enforcement and cannot be required due to a search warrant.

If the investigation uncovers violations of the mail fraud statute or other mail law offenses, arrests and charges may result.

The company under the investigative microscope sold postal exam guides for $150 a piece to assist users from across the United States in passing government entrance exams. Van de Putte said no such guide is available through the post office.

"Companies of this nature are a huge problem nationwide. They take money from the public for things they can get for free at the post office, or falsely represent job availability," he said. "The best way to find out what is necessary to get the job is to call the post office."

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

United States Postal Inspectors and the Michigan State Police are investigating the Exam Resource Center, a business located at U.S. 31 and Marion Center Road in Charlevoix where they served a search warrant last week.

Veterans recognized

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Veterans Affairs Administrator, Bob Drebenstedt and Veterans Affairs Board President Ed Holm award World War II veteran, Louis McKenzie, with the Non-commissioned Officer Association Medal for recognition of his service in World War II. This is the first in a series of medals which will be presented to World War II veterans all across Charlevoix County.

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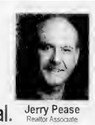

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It's election time: Let the political games begin

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

The birds flew south, bears are in their caves and politicians, panic-stricken at the possibility of impending upheaval, are twitching in their mohair suits.

Whether you prefer the lesser of two evils or the evil of two lessors, election day draws nigh. And, as nervous as I am about confrontational flyers, gaudy yard signs and hanging chads, the candidates are borderline frantic.

Handshakes are sweatier, the already plastic hairdos appear much slicker than normal and their lips are chapped from kissing one too many babies.

Whereas national and state politicians may spend millions of dollars to get elected to an office, local politicians tend to stick to campaigns consisting of word of mouth, letters to the editor and the occasional all-you-can-stomach pancake breakfast.

Now, to be fair, if absolute power corrupts absolutely, then even the worst of local politicians are merely the fat-free ice cream of politics. That doesn't mean they can't do harm, but they seem to be less capable of far-reaching chaos than your average congressman or senator.

But make no mistake, local candidates' hands are no drier and their hairdos no less caked with overpriced beauty aids. And this time of year, due to fluctuating poll numbers and dwindling finances, they tend to be more aggressive.

Due to the seriousness of the upcoming season I feel it is my paranoid, or patriotic, duty to forewarn my fellow citizens.

1. Never corner a candidate with invasive inquiries concerning their policies and intentions. If they wanted to play 20 Questions they'd become a contestant on Jeopardy.

2. Watch where you flash your cash. Sharks can smell a drop of blood in a million gallons of water. Likewise, a hard-boiled politico can smell a would-be campaign contribution through denim at 500 paces.

3. Warning signs of an agitated candidate include; the blinding shine of bleached teeth and patent leather shoes, as well as unsettling amounts of enthusiasm.

If confronted by one of these quasi-motivational glad-handers panhandling for votes, don't panic. Accept whatever propaganda pamphlet they offer, take a deep breath and back away. It is imperative to avoid eye contact. Nod, smile and in a confident and reassuring voice, tell them you are as of yet undecided, but will consider them come election day.

The not-so-symbiotic relationship (while they need us, I'm not so sure we couldn't do without many of them) between politicians and citizens is only possible when politicians receive all the public exposure, tax funded stipends and limited power small town representative democracy has to offer.

Once at a safe distance, and only then, make certain you still possess your wallet, shoes and integrity. You'll know you're safe when you can no longer detect the overpowering odor of hairspray and desperation.

Don't get me wrong, all in all I believe most Americans enter politics to do good. If I didn't still feel that way I would have moved to Canada, changed my name to Rufus and taken up salmon smoking and moose herding. But, that doesn't mean some of my representatives don't frighten me at times.

When you see a current or hopeful officeholder, take a little comfort in knowing that, at the very least, their anxiety is genuine. If that won't help you sleep any better tonight, here are a few tips on surviving the political season:

• Avoid the temptation to show your support via bumper stickers. Ask anyone who remembers trying to scrape off, "Vote Ferraro in '84."

• When annoying campaign workers call, answer the phone in Pig Latin.

• Political signs make great sanitary liners for bird cages and kitty litter boxes.

• Hang wreathes of garlic on your front porch, this will deter door-to-door campaigners and other assorted ghouls.

• As the late Chicago politician, William Hale Thompson, is thought to have said, "Vote early and vote often."

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Farewell to fishing season, hello freezer full of filets

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

In preparing to put the boat away for the winter, I checked the seldom examined memory of the fish/depth finder which tells me how many hours it has been turned on during its lifetime. I have noted this each of the past five years and the total number of hours is remarkably constant.

The depth finder tells me that during the just-past summer fishing season, I have been on the water for a total of 95 hours. Since the boat is used almost exclusively for fishing on Lake Michigan, the best guess of the number of hours spent fishing would be 90. Was it worth it? At the level of satisfaction and enjoyment that is a ridiculous question, but in economic terms how well have I fared this past season?

The freezer now contains 65 pounds of frozen boneless salmon and lake trout filets, and figuring that we have had 16 good meals of fresh fish for two during the summer, the total fish return comes to 89 pounds of fish flesh consumed or available. On average that would be 1 pound of pure fish for each hour spent in the boat. Considering that the usual price for a boneless fish at retail is about $6, I am compensated in financial terms at a rate of almost $6 per hour. And while that is not a princely or CEO-ly recompense, imagine getting paid for spending time fishing on Lake Michigan.

My accounting is certainly not complete (lacking depreciation for the boat and cost of fuel) but it is probably as good as that of some of our nation's most famous corporations. I am inclined to count the frozen larder as pure profit. And when someone else is fishing with me, I could add to the fishing profit with consultation fees that might well be in the hundreds of dollars per hour. While these fees are not actually collected, they should be citable for tax purposes. The entire fishing enterprise would certainly benefit from an offshore account in a warmer climate. And a few imaginary boats catching and storing imaginary fish might make the profit picture even more rosy.

Finally, if we can show sufficient promise for the future, wouldn't it be best to take the whole enterprise public and sell shares to those who might like to be fishing on Lake Michigan, but lack the time or geographic possibility? Then we could franchise the operation to other lakes. The economic picture is at least as bright as that for selling secondhand electricity or watery Florida real-estate.

All of the preceding is the sort of thinking that can occupy the mind while waiting for the fish to appear — another often uncounted benefit of fishing on Lake Michigan. Here's to next year.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Letters to the editor

Support the skate park

Editor:

I am writing to extend our appreciation to the members of Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc., the non-profit fund-raising group which has worked tirelessly for two years to see a quality, supervised skate park become a reality for our community. Phase one of the state-of-the-art park is now constructed near the ball fields on Carpenter Street.

Vickie Damian, Laura Stebe and Scott Stebe are three of the original members who have invested much time and personal sacrifice as caring parents who believe in the goal of providing safety to our skateboarders, BMX hikers and in-line skaters. Others have joined their group along the way to support them. This group has had only one agenda, to see the park built.

These parents are not politicians, but they have striven to work with both arms of local government, city council and the city manager. Learning to maneuver through the political landscape in the City of Charlevoix as been an education with perseverance as the key. This group has faced many challenges and delays along the way. A less committed group may have abandoned the project. Not so with Charlevoix Community Skatepark.

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Skatepark, Inc.

Many people may not realize that Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. has totally funded this skate park project, raising over $92,000. In addition, there is $21,500 awaiting disbursement from challenge grants. This has led to Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. approaching city council with a request that the city give a $24,000 advance to the project so these challenge grants can be released. It is their hope that an increase of construction materials cost (due to the recent hurricanes) be minimized. It is my belief that the city is staring a gift horse in the mouth and that these funds should be released.

Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. can use our help. Recent articles in both the Courier and The Petoskey News-Review have focused on the issue of national disaster contributions displacing funds to our local charities. Each charity is valid and serves a unique purpose. Support to these non-profits can be monetary and service oriented. Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. would welcome and appreciate either. Contact Vickie Daman at (231) 547-8063 if you are interested in helping see phase two of this project realized.

Ryp, Vicki, Spencer, Gabe and Mariah Hankins

Charlevoix

Editor's note: At Charlevoix City Council's Oct. 17 meeting council approved a $24,000 allocation for material purchases at the skate park.

Vote in favor of park changes

Editor:

Downtown Charlevoix continues to evolve. Historically it has always been so. Now we are faced with some long-reaching proposals that require us to do some serious thinking from a practical aspect and controlling some of the emotional side.

Yes, I am writing about the proposed Round Lake marina. The boat dock area is sadly in need of updating and we expect that to be accomplished within the next nine months. I hope so. Although I do not have much opportunity to use the docks other than as a pedestrian, I totally support their replacement with the proposed floating docks and am delighted that both state and federal authorities agree.

Now about East Park. I guess that if we are to complete the evolutionary process, we have to include the park. As I understand it, the park grounds will be brought together from Antrim to Clinton streets. The harbormaster's office and the appropriate bathrooms will be located to the north end and a new band shell, re-dedicated to Clarence Odmark, will be built taking advantage of our East Park site for the enjoyment of performers and the listening public. Great. What's more, the park will be improved with Downtown Development Authority funds.

Let's join together again and support this for our own enjoyment as well as the visiting public.

Lou Hollow

Charlevoix

Rededicate new bandshell to Odmark

Editor:

As the son of Clarence Odmark, to whom the present band shell in East Park is dedicated, I have more than a passing interest in the future of the park and a newly relocated band shell. After reviewing the plans, I would like to add my support for the project and hope that it can be completed as soon as possible.

I cannot remember a time in all my years of growing up in Charlevoix that my dad was not actively pursuing some sort of permanent concert venue for the Charlevoix City Band in East Park. We would even make side trips on some of our vacations so he could see what other communities had done. His dream was fulfilled when the present band shell was built.

Some of my earliest memories are of loading up Ike Byers' truck at the school to take the chairs and music stands to the temporary platform in the park for the weekly City Band concerts. As I remember, the stand was approximately in the same place as the permanent band shell is today, but the exact placement would vary slightly from year to year. Its placement seemed the only logical place, backing up to the store (Neff's) at the foot of Mason Street. The tall flat wall of the store provided a good reflecting surface for the sound of the band to project into the park. Had the store not been there, nor the Parkside Restaurant and the Chamber of Commerce building, I'm sure the present location of the band shell would have been in the place you are considering. Both acoustically and logistically, it is the only location that makes sense, just as the present band shell made sense when the building next to it was there.

It looks to me as though the audience capacity of the new location will be at least doubled, and the terraced seating will be very much like the lawn seating now available at the present site. I hope there are plans for an adequate sound system, something the present shell lacks. I also think that the present band shell is a detraction from the clear view of the harbor from Bridge Street.

I would hope that the many years my dad spent in promoting the need for a band shell in the park would not be forgotten with the renovation of the park. To this end, I strongly request that the new shell be rededicated in his honor.

Robert S. Odmark

Arlington, Va.

Debate city manager's performance

Editor:

The Charlevoix City Council recently discussed the city manager's performance relating to the problem we know as the check-writing incident. In a resulting editorial you stated there was not enough "meat" in the charges to consider terminating the city manager. You went on to describe the incident as a "slip-up." Councilman (Sherm) Chamberlain and Mayor (Norman) Carlson referred to it as a "communications problem."

I do not think the incident should be called a slip-up or a communications problem. It was a major blunder. I cannot imagine any other organization, public or private, big or small, where a payment of $220,000 could be made in such a casual manner with no managerial control in place.

Mr. DuPont responded to the editorial and made the excellent point that lack of criminal behavior by the city manager is not the same as his being competent. The ensuing public discussion in the paper evolved into a debate over the use or misuse of an odd word in the editorial. I thought this was too bad since I disagree with your opinion that there was lack of "meat" in the criticism of the city manager. I believe it is totally reasonable to question his performance.

You actually pointed out some "meat" in your editorial. You stated that the city should press hard for an expanded investigation of the check-writing incident by the state police. Well, who is "the city?" The police chief, or his supervisor, the city manager? Could it be "the city" kind of hoped the whole business would fade away?

Here are two more examples of additional "meat."

The faked sewer plant reports: The supervisor of the treatment plant was directly responsible for the problem, but he reports to the city manager, does he not? This "hands-off" style of management invites trouble. A competent manager must be sure his employees are running their departments properly.

Legal fees: Some planning commissioners incurred substantial cost to taxpayers during a dispute with the (former) mayor. The city manager should not allow employees or board members to engage the city attorney without managerial oversight. Maintaining fiscal control over expenditures is clearly one of the functions of a city manager.

In summary, I think council members (Gabe) Campbell and (Shirley) Gibson were correct in questioning whether the city manager is fulfilling his function, and further debate on this question is certainly warranted.

Bill Briggs

Charlevoix

Vote 'no' on big box

Editor:

Protect private property rights, by voting no on Ordinance No. 1.73.

Ordinance No. 1.73 is extremely destructive to private property rights.

Put yourself in this position. You own commercial property and are approached by a developer offering to buy your property to develop a project that completely meets current township ordinances, only to have a vocal minority group, and your civic leaders, change the rules because they did not like the developer.

Our right to sell our property, and the developer's right to purchase and develop commercial property for commercial use, is being denied.

Think of it this way — what if someone told you, you could not build your house that completely meets current township ordinances, on your residential property, because they did not like the design of your house or they did not like you. You and your house are not welcome here.

Private property rights must be protected. Vote no on Ordinance 1.73.

Keith Bales

Charlevoix

Current bandshell should stay

Editor:

My name is Evelyn Wujcik and I am the current president of the Charlevoix City Band. This band has been part of the Charlevoix summer scene for over 100 years, and I have been a member for almost 50 of those years. Research indicates that the Charlevoix City Band is one of the oldest bands of its kind in the country, and is well known throughout this state, as well as many other states, as a superb band.

The band will maintain its superior status regardless of what end of the park it performs. However, the issue at hand is the present band pavilion.

The question of acoustics always comes up when speaking of the present band pavilion, the shape, the size, the fish pond and other so-called obstacles. One would think the people were talking about an indoor auditorium.

The acoustics of any performing area are very important in most cases, but in this age of technology, super sound equipment seems to dominate any stage. The groups I have heard on our band pavilion have all used sound equipment with the exception of the City Band. The reason for using such equipment was not because of the acoustics of our pavilion, but because the sound systems are part of their performance presentation.

I have seen and played on many different band shells and have experienced "good acoustics" many times, however these venues did not have a busy major highway 200 feet away. They were in quiet parks a ways out of town or in quiet areas of the city. Yes, acoustics are important if the groups are playing acoustically without super sound devices, and heavy traffic is not hindering the sound.

If people are so concerned about acoustic perfection, then maybe they need to look at locating the band pavilion in another park farther away from the downtown business area. There is a beautiful location on Michigan Beach, or another at Ferry Beach. As far as the present downtown location, our pavilion is in a perfect spot. It is centrally located to all businesses and parking lots, and provides glorious views of beautiful Round Lake.

The Clarence Odmark Band Pavilion is a landmark, it has sentimental value to many people who attended Charlevoix schools, and is a sound 12-year-old structure that should not be demolished.

Asking people to vote yes because the money won't be coming directly from people's pockets reminds me of someone buying something just because it's on sale. I'm certain the Downtown Development Authority could find a better way to utilize the funds from whatever the source.

I urge the voters of Charlevoix to vote no on the proposed park changes.

Evelyn Wujcik

Charlevoix

Vote 'no' on Ordinance 1.73

Editor:

Keep Charlevoix Township open to all retailers — vote no on Ordinance 1.73.

Ordinance No. 1.73 has a primary goal: To say no to "big box" stores. Nearly all of the proposed ordinance amendments are designed to obstruct or prevent national chain retailers from being interested in or willing to open a store in our township. The world's most successful retailer was, and likely still is, interested in building a store right here in Charlevoix Township — in an existing commercial district we might add, 100 percent compliant with existing zoning rules.

If this Ordinance passes, they will very likely build their store just two miles up the road in Marion Township.

By far the most vocal opponents to this project were local retailers who were afraid they might have to compete. They did not want to give up their sole supplier status. Retail choices are limited at best in Charlevoix, and some like it that way. We are forced to travel to Emmet, Otsego and Grand Traverse counties to have access to competitive prices. How much are you paying for gasoline these days to drive to Petoskey? Should we be forced to pay higher prices for goods simply because we live in Charlevoix?

Keep Charlevoix open to all retailers. Vote no on Ordinance 1.73.

Curtis and Kay Merrifield

Charlevoix

Vote 'no' on Ordinance 1.73

Editor:

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, your vote is needed to decide the fate of Charlevoix Township's Zoning Ordinance No. 1.73. Proposed Ordinance No. 1.73 will radically amend our township's current zoning ordinance. Ordinance No. 1.73 was initiated on a one-vote margin (3-2) by our township's planning commissioners and was challenged by our county's planners.

This ill-advised ordinance will not protect our township as intended, but it will deprive our community of numerous benefits.

Please vote no on Ordinance No. 1.73. Voting no will ensure free enterprise and cultivate competition; ensure our township continues development with its many benefits including a more diverse and secure tax base; keep our township open to job creation; keep our township

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open to all retailers, protect the rights of property owners, thwart stagnation which causes declining property values; and balance governmental control with free enterprise.

If this ordinance is not defeated, developers will simply invest in neighboring townships with less restrictive zoning.

We should reject radical amendments to our zoning ordinance. Ordinance No. 1.73 will fail the intended purpose, leaving us with detrimental consequences.

Your vote is crucial. A few should not decide for all. Vote no on Ordinance No. 1.73.

Al Wojan
Charlevoix

Vote 'yes' on East Park changes

Editor:

Nov. 8 is a very important election on the "yes" or "no" vote to complete the renovation of the downtown park. It seems that every time something positive comes along that isn't even going to cost the voters a dollar, there is a certain element who are always saying "no." I urge you to vote "yes," to improve our park downtown.

Everything we do in life has to do with timing. The time to do this is now, because the financing is there, as the Downtown Development Authority is paying their share, and the state is paying the rest. It won't cost the homeowners anything, or our grandchildren anything. It is a beautiful plan, and will only make Charlevoix more beautiful.

When I started the petunia project years ago, the same bunch were saying it couldn't be done, and wouldn't work. A council member even came down when we were first cleaning out the dirt from the curbs, and was yelling at me for ruining the curbs in town. Well, after 24 years, I think we've proven the nay sayers wrong. My grandfather on my mother's side, always stressed a famous quote by Benjamin Franklin, which was this, "The Lord helps those who help themselves." He lived by this, and I've lived long enough to see how true it is.

Mr. Odmark's sons, Dick and Bob, have stated that they are in support of the proposed new bandshell, and having it named after their father. By doing the complete project, instead of just half of it, we will all enjoy the benefits of a beautiful park for years to come. Let's not cut off our nose to spite our face, and shortchange our grandchildren. An opportunity like this doesn't happen every day. It's important to take advantage of it now.

I urge you to consider the above, and do your part to make Charlevoix more beautiful yet.

Dale Boss
Charlevoix

Vote 'no' on Ordinance 1.73

Editor:

Keep our township open to free enterprise and competition. Vote no on Ordinance No. 1.73.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments are highly restrictive and will greatly hinder free enterprise and prevent retail competition. The ordinance is designed to prevent specific types of businesses from entering our community. It will prevent the world's most successful retailers from bringing their well received businesses to our community.

Free enterprise allows people to shop where they wish. Competition keeps prices low. Large international retailers have reached their level of worldwide success because they offer what we want at the prices we can and will pay.

The proposed ordinance amendments assure Charlevoix Township will lose the benefit of free enterprise and retail competition.

Keep our Township open to free enterprise and competition. Vote no on Ordinance No. 1.73.

Chester and Marguirite Ulrich
Charlevoix

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Engagement

Swenor — Tripicchio

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Swenor of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Juli to Tino Tripicchio.

Tino is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claudio Tripicchio of Macomb.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Charlevoix High School. She graduated from Western Michigan University in 2005 with a degree in secondary education. Juli is currently employed by Lakeview Public Schools where she teaches high school Spanish.

Her fiancé will receive his Bachelor of Arts in education from Central Michigan University in December. He is currently doing his student teaching in physical education in Macomb County and is also the assistant varsity basketball coach.

Juli and Tino are planning a Saturday, July 8 wedding at Elm Point. The reception will immediately follow at the Garden Pavilion at Castle Farms.

Historical Society to host dinner fund-raiser

From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the Villager Pub located at 427 Bridge St. the Charlevoix Historical Society will present the eighth annual fund-raising dinner.

The menu includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti for $6.95; two pieces of whitefish, cole slaw and fries for $8.50; and burritos for $8.95.

Society members will serve as hosts and wait staff.

All tips will support the Historical Society. Door prizes will be awarded, the grand prize is a dinner for two at Terry's Place. This is a non-smoking event.

Call (231) 547-0373 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for more information.

Send us your **Letters to the Editor** via e-mail.

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Ragamuffin Theatre & Company to perform the Anastasis Nov. 2-4

The "Anastasis," a compelling dramatic experience will be presented next week by The Ragamuffin Theatre & Company.

The theater group, which includes talented actors and actresses from various communities in northern Michigan, will perform the "Anastasis" at 7 p.m., Nov. 2, 3 and 4 at Charlevoix Assembly of God.

The Anastasis is an allegorical drama production based on the true life events of Cassie Bernall, a student who died for her courageous stand during the Columbine High School massacre that took place in Littleton, Colo. on April 20, 1999.

Admission is free.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Parental discretion is advised for young children. Nursery and child care will be provided.

For more information call (231) 237-9686 or e-mail info@ragamuffintheatre.com.

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Obituary

Herbert Plocki: Died Oct. 18, 2005

Herbert Richard Plocki, 84, died Oct. 18, 2005.

Richard was the dear husband of the late Madeline (Danielski).

He was preceded in death hy his father Michael Plocki and mother Anna Jamrosy Plocki.

He is the beloved father of Ronald Richard (Rosemarie) Plocki and Linda (Max) Rushton. Grandfather of Michelle (Neil) Warren, Ronald Richard Plocki II, Angela (Tom) McLean, Marty (Stacey) Gerrity and Yvonne (Todd) Gamble. Great-grandfather of Matthew Jordan Plocki, Brendan McLean, Alison Plocki, Taylor Gerrity, Joshua Gamble, Nicholas Richard Warren, Mackenzie Lee Warren and Alyssa Gerrity. Brother of Norman (Margie) Plocki and Beverly (Frank) Rembacki.

He was a World War II veteran and a lifetime member of Fr. Patrick O'Kelly Knights of Columbus. He was also a former usher at St. Sebastian's Catholic Church in Dearborn.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Oct. 22, 2005 at St. Sebastian Catholic Church, in Dearborn Heights.

Brass band to perform at Sundays at Four Oct. 30

Courtesy photo

The Sundays at Four Concert Series will present the 31 piece Northern Michigan Brass Band at 4 p.m., Oct. 30 at the First Congregational Church.

At 4 p.m., Sunday Oct. 30 at the Charlevoix Congregational Church the Sundays at Four Concert Series will present the 31 piece Northern Michigan Brass Band conducted by Ralph Schweigert.

The volunteer Northern Michigan Brass Band has attracted adult brass players from across the northern Michigan area from Alpena in the east to Traverse City in the west.

A suggested $5 donation will be gratefully accepted and the audience is cordially invited to a reception in Ransom Fellowship Hall following the concert.

Local women attend an Early Childhood Education summit

Courtesy photo

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, northern Michigan residents Wendy Crick, Nicole Zawisza, and Lynne Zimmer joined other state educators in Lansing to testify before the sub-committee for Early Childhood Education.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, northern Michigan residents Wendy Crick, Nicole Zawisza, and Lynne Zimmer joined other state educators in Lansing to testify before the Sub-committee for Early Childhood Education.

Chaired by 105th District Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, the sub-committee heard testimony in support of a bill to promote effective strategies to teach all children literacy.

The focus of the testimony was to share with lawmakers their successes, and to promote Evidence Based Literacy Instruction and other phonemic based reading strategies, to teach children to reach their highest potential.

Phonemes are the smallest units of sound in our language. This approach teaches decoding of words, which leads to fluent reading and comprehension of text.

Many schools do not teach sound to symbol correspondence, that each letter or combination of letters spells a sound and how they work together to make a word.

Instead, many children are taught to memorize words and guess as to what an unfamiliar word might be.

Zawisza, a parent from Charlevoix, offered personal testimony about her search for a solution to her fifth grade daughter Mariah's reading problems. She said through Evidence Based Literacy Instruction Mariah was able to learn to read in a matter of weeks.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

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05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m
Worship 10:30 a.m
Evening Service 6:00 p.m
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m
Pastor: Michael Maurer..... 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School 9:15 a.m
Divine Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastnr: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m
Pastor:
Todd Thompson..... 547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care 10:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-6322

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205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday 2:30-6:30 p.m

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66
Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m
Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society 12:15 p.m
Wed. Young Men/Women 7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins..... 588-2112
or Missionaries..... 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m
Church Office 547-9482

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Sunday School 11:30 a.m
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace..... 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp..... 547-4221
Parsonage..... 547-3852

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M-66 (across from Post Office)
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Sunday's Teen Ministry Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis..... 547-4121

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Reverend Mary Willis..... 547-9122

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12705 US-31
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07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m
Pastnr: Rev. Cosie Allen..... 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North
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Ironton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m
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June, July & August 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith..... 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer..... 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street
Sabbath School 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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This unique program is one of four in Michigan offered by hospice programs and is funded solely with memorial contributions and grants. Funds from both foundations will he used to provide educational resources, books, and videos for families, memory boxes, monthly mailings, peer volunteer support, individual and family counseling and sibling support.

Gifts from the Charlevoix area are allowing Hospice of Little Traverse Bay to partner with Charlevoix Area Hospital staff to offer families specialized granite memorial markers.

The Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Program was started in 2003 to offer support to families suffering miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. Since it's inception two years ago, over 100 families have sought the support of this program.

For more information on this service, contact Jeanne Hice at (231) 487-4825 or visit the hospice Web site at www.hospiceltb.org.

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Maureen Radtke, of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Jeanne Hice, the hospice Pregnancy and Infant Loss Program Coordinator, Roger Lintz, the hospice board chair and David Jones, of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

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Local woman quilts blue star style to support troops

By BENJAMIN GOHS
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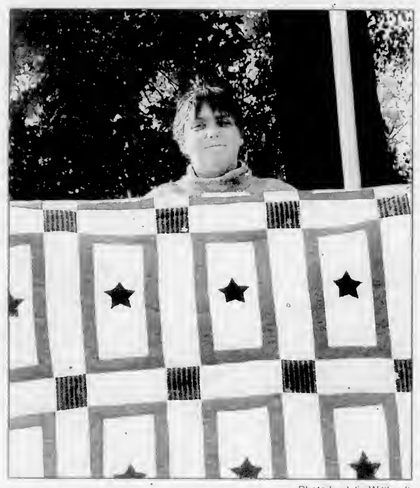

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Gail Seidel made this soldiers quilt to honor and recognize American soldiers fighting abroad.

Charlevoix resident and former soldier in the United States Army, Gail L. Seidel, made a quilt to honor and support the troops.

The quilt is similar to the blue star flag quilt she found on a Web site.

"I saw that on there and thought it would be something inspirational," she said. "The more I looked at it the more I felt compelled to make it."

She added, "I think that basically the blue star is designed to let people know that a family has a child in a combat situation. It's just to show my support for the families in that situation right now."

According to Seidel, in 1917 a captain in the army during World War I designed the Blue Star Service Banner because he had sons serving at the time.

Seidel's quilt reads, "Land of the free because of the brave thank you."

Seidel made the quilt because, she said, she wanted to show the people of this community that no matter how they look at the war in Iraq or what their feelings are about the military or government, the troops who serve to protect and defend deserve respect.

"These men and women do not walk out on their commitments when the going gets rough, they follow through," Seidel said. "I am sure they would much prefer to be home with their families, but they went when they were called."

She added, "But more then that, I made this quilt to show the families of the young people that I know who have served in this conflict my support, my respect and my gratitude for risking their all when called."

Seidel said she has been in similar positions wondering and waiting to find out where her husband was and whether he was all right.

"I know the kind of uncertainty, the waiting and stress it brings and the emotions that it carries," she added.

The quilt is currently being kept at her home but Seidel doesn't yet have plans for it.

She said, "Some people thought we should do a raffle for it, but we'll just have to wait and see."

For more information on blue star flag soldiers quilts, go to www.military.net/bsbquilt.html.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan to host 'Handling the Holidays'

Hospice of Northwest Michigan in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice will host a program called "Handling the Holidays."

The program will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 3 in the large classroom located on the lower level of Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Rev. Nancy Rhode, a hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator, will discuss "The Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights," and a plan for handling stresses associated with holidays.

This program is free of charge and open to anyone who feels a need for assistance to get through the holiday season.

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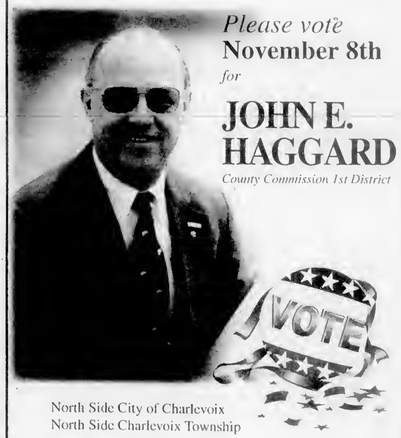

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BUSINESS

City council approves Ship's Watch development

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix City Council approved a development plan for a 16-unit condominium complex to be constructed between the Sleep Inn and Monte's Auto Wash on the City of Charlevoix's north side.

The project, called Ship's Watch, will include four buildings and will cost developer Jack Strickland between $2 and $3 million.

Strickland said in phase one of the project, which is expected to be complete in the spring of 2006, a four unit building consisting of two 1,500 square foot units downstairs and another two upstairs accessed by a common entrance and stairwell will be built. Four garages will be provided to service tenants.

Following completion of phase one, three more similar structures will be built.

Strickland explained that each of the condos will be privately owned and also available for rent, like a motel.

In paperwork provided to council he states that the site will not have typical motel signs.

"We feel the community has a need for an up-scale, short-term rental experience with convenient access to the downtown business district," Strickland told council.

Strickland is a licensed residential builder and general contractor from Plymouth. He is also a Charlevoix seasonal resident.

He said he plans to use local labor and material suppliers for the project.

The property, owned by Oscar Stroud has been on the market for eight years and is currently listed with ReMax sales agent Greg Bryan, Stroud's nephew.

Bryan spoke at the council meeting and said no neighboring property owners have come forward with complaints about the project.

He said during the lengthy listing period restaurants and car repair shop owners have expressed interest in locating there, all of who were turned down.

"We told the C & O Club neighbors we would do the best we can for them," Bryan said.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Left) Charlevoix City Council approved plans for a condominium development called Ship's Watch which will be used for rental opportunities similar to a motel. This is the proposed site off U.S. 31. (Above) Ship's Watch developer Jack Strickland fields questions about his project at the Oct. 17 Charlevoix City Council meeting.

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BUSINESS

City council gives Big Fish access to wastewater plant

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The City of Charlevoix recently approved the implementation of a new and environmentally friendly means of septage disposal.

According to John Campbell, owner of Site Planning Development and co-designer for Big Fish Environmental L.L.C., the new system will turn septic sludge into an effluent which can then be added directly to the municipal sewer system.

"The use will start immediately upon completion of documentation by the city," Campbell said. "It's soon to be completed. We're finishing up and awaiting final electrical inspection and growing the Pirana (bacteria). But there have been no discharges as of yet."

Campbell said his company is in the process of finalizing the procedures with City of Charlevoix with hookup being completed as early as Oct. 31.

"The city has been very, very cooperative and very helpful," he said.

There was discussion between the city and Big Fish on certain fees to hook up to the city's system. But, Campbell said, "All financial aspects were settled. It was a very positive meeting. The mayor did a great job and the (city) council did a great job sifting through all of the information."

According to Campbell, this has been a good relationship between private enterprise, the city and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"For me it's been a positive experience working for the same goal and objectives," he said. "Everyone has had good input helping to put the pilot program together to fit everybody's needs."

The contents of a septic tank are divided into two major groups, the effluent (liquid), which flows out of the septic tank and for the most part evaporates, and the solids, known as septage, which are a combination of waste from garbage disposals, bath and sink drains and toilets.

Traditionally, once the septage has

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Republican women's group to meet Nov. 1

The Charlevoix County Republican Women held its first meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Weathervane Restaurant.

The Charlevoix County Republican Women members and the general public were well represented at the meeting which featured Marv Rubingh, a Michigan district director for the national Fair Tax movement.

Rubingh discussed proposed legislation that would implement the Fair Tax.

Providing education and information on important contemporary issues is one of the goals of the Charlevoix County Republican Women.

The next meeting of the Charlevoix County Republican Women will take place at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 1 at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn. The Rev. Keith Butler, U.S. Senate candidate, will be the featured presenter.

Contact Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866 if you wish to attend.

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Diane Gustin, Charlevoix County Republican Women membership chair, Susan Flanders, Charlevoix County Republican Women co-chair, Fair Tax speaker Marv Rubingh and Charlevoix County Republican Women co-chair Margo Johnson, pose for a picture at the group's Oct. 19 meeting. The next meeting will take place Nov. 1.

Big Fish may hookup to city's treatment system by Oct. 31

BIG FISH

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been treated in an anaerobic (lack of oxygen) method it is then pumped out onto the ground in a designated area.

John Campbell

Campbell said, the Big Fish process is a biological way of treating septage without the use of chemicals. Instead of the anaerobic method, Big Fish uses both oxygen and safe, naturally occurring bacteria to treat the waste.

"Because of that, we do not generate Hydrogen-sulfide or methane," Campbell said.

When ready, Big Fish will serve southern Emmet, northern Antrim and Charlevoix counties.

Once hooked up to the city's system Big Fish will be able to complete the research and development stages of the pilot project.

He said, "We'll have a very specific set of parameters of effluents which will be discharged into the system."

Some benefits Campbell pointed to associated with implementation of Big Fish include; discharge of non-domestic wastewater; pretreated septage with no excess pollutant concentrations; aerobic bacteria influent to the city's sewer system; ability to control the quantity and period of pretreated effluent; and a reduced need for expansion of the city's sewer system.

Campbell said the Big Fish method of treating septic sludge is positive for the environment.

"As septage will no longer be field applied, there will be fewer land applications," he said.

According to Campbell, fewer land applications means less chances for contamination of groundwater. And, the aesthetics will improve as the odor from the land application of septage sludge will no longer be an issue.

"As our communities grow and wells get closer and closer to qualified disposal fields, contamination from septage becomes a greater and greater possibility," he said.

According to Campbell, the cost for disposal is going to be higher, but, "We will be developing that cost more and more as we go along."

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- Costumes should be nonflammable and should not restrict movement. Masks shouldn't block vision. Use makeup instead.
- Give your children a meal or snack before they go out, and emphasize that no treats should be eaten before they get home.
- Carry a flashlight so you can see & be seen easily.
- Discard commercially produced candy if the wrapper is loose or the seal has been broken.
- Drivers watch out! Children become careless from excitement and may run into the road.
- Choose a costume that is easy to walk in, easy to see out of and can be seen by drivers.
- Remind your children to look both ways and cross streets only at corners.
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Sheriff Lasater's trick-or-treating safety tips

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Recommended trick-or-treating hours provided by the Charlevoix City Police Department are from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31. Charlevoix Elementary School students will trick-or-treat at downtown businesses at 2 p.m. that day.

George Lasater

Next Monday, the streets of Charlevoix will be filled with little ghosts, goblins and witches filling their sacks with trick-or-treating booty.

Recommended trick-or-treating hours provided by the Charlevoix City Police Department are from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31.

To ensure Halloween is safe for your children, Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater offers the following safety tips.

• Costumes should be short enough to prevent tripping. Masks shouldn't be restrictive and should have adequate holes for proper respiration and peripheral vision. Consider using cosmetics instead of masks.

• Watch costumed children around pets. Pets may not recognize a costumed child and become frightened.

• Avoid hard plastic or wooden props, opting instead for items made of foam rubber which is soft and flexible.

• To help make children more visible after dark, they should carry bright bags, a flashlight, or a glow stick. Add reflective tape to the side, front and back of the child's costume.

• At all times, watch for traffic and avoid walking in the street whenever possible. Cross the street at crosswalks only.

• An adult should always accompany young children, staying within close range. Children should never be allowed to go down a street alone. Walk with children to each house and wait near the porch or front entrance until they return.

• Older children should travel in pairs or groups and never venture down a dark, empty street. Dark, unlit homes should be avoided.

• Parents should know the route their children are following. And children should walk together to the front door of each house.

• Children should save candy until they get home so it can be inspected. Discard unwrapped or suspicious looking goodies, save all wrappers. If your child does get sick call your family doctor or the hospital emergency room.

• Keep flammable items like jack-o-lanterns away from small children, pets and other flammable materials. Never leave a candle burning unattended.

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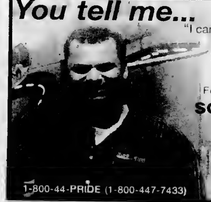

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Coast Guard plans spooktacular Ghost Ship finale

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The crew of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Acacia is preparing for a terrifying send-off to the age old Ghost Ship tradition.

For many years the Acacia crew has created one of the scariest Halloween traditions in northern Michigan, the Ghost Ship. Now, as the crew prepares for the ship to be decommissioned in the summer of 2006, they are prepping for the most frightening ship yet.

Aboard the over 200-foot long cutter, brave explorers will get a taste of the best Halloween costumes, scary tricks and yummy treats.

"This is our last year and we are going all out — more food, more money, more elaborate," said Brian Klinger, a coordinator of the Ghost Ship project and a boanis mate aboard the Acacia.

He explained that about 30 of the ship's 54 crewmen are participating this year — teaming up to tackle technical scare plans and build support machinery.

"There will be a little bit of everything in each compartment," he said.

It will take about eight to 10 minutes to traverse the bone chilling Coast Guard presentation.

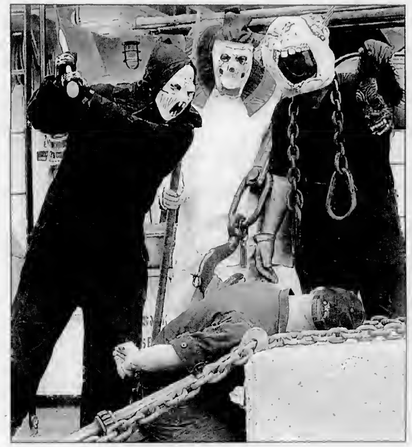
Due to the large number of ship thrill seekers that went through last year, which Klinger said totaled over 1,000 people, the crew has extended its hours this year.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 the crew will host a walk-through for children and the weak hearted. Then, from 8 to 11 p.m. that night brave souls are invited to test their courage with a tour.

Brave horror seekers are invited back from 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 29.

Admission is "free" but the donation of three non-perishable food items per entrant is requested. Those donations will be given to the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

"Our mission with this is to raise resources for the pantry and entertain the community," Klinger said.



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Pictured from left are Acacia crewman Don Lasanta, a fireman, Shaun Wilson a macinery technician, seaman Joshua Mosca and boanis mate Brian Klinger offering a taste of the final Ghost Ship gore as they prepare to execute machinery technician Zach Ward abord the deck of the Acacia.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 706 of 2005

AN ORDINANCE THAT RENUMBERS SECTIONS 1.321-1.345 OF CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE I OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE ENTITLED "SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS", BUT WHICH DOES NOT CHANGE THE TEXT OF THOSE SECTIONS AND WHICH ALSO CREATES A HISTORIC DISTRICT GOVERNING ORDINANCE BY ADDING SECTIONS 1.325-1.347 TO TITLE I OF THE CITY CODE.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1. Renumbering of Sections 1.321-1.345.

Sections 1.321-1.345 of Chapter 8 of Title I of the Charlevoix City Code entitled "SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS" shall be renumbered as Sections 1.361-1.385 of Chapter 8 of Title 1. The text shall be unchanged.

Section 2. Historic District Governing Ordinance.

Sections 1.325-1.345 be added to Title I of the City Code and shall read as follows:

1.325 ARTICLE V. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AND HISTORIC DISTRICT GOVERNING ORDINANCE

1.326 Section 1. SHORT TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Historic District Governing Ordinence of the City of Charlevoix".

1.327 Section 2. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Historic preservation is hereby declared to be a public purpose and the City Council of the City of Charlevoix may hereby regulate the construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation, and demolition of resources in historic districts within the City limits. The purpose of this Ordinance is to:

(1) Safeguard the heritage of the City of Charlevoix by preserving districts which reflect elements of its history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture.
(2) Stabilize and improve property values in each district and surrounding areas.
(3) Foster civic beauty.
(4) Strengthen the local economy.
(5) Promote the use of historic districts for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Charlevoix and of the State of Michigan.

The City of Charlevoix may by Ordinance establish one or more historic districts. The historic district(s) shall be administered by the Historic District Commission and pursuant to this Ordinance.

1.328 Section 3. DEFINITIONS

(1) "**Alteration**" means work that changes the detail of a resource but does not change its basic size or shape.
(2) "**Certificate of Appropriateness**" means the written approval of a permit application for work that is appropriate and does not adversely affect a resource.
(3) "**Commission**" means the Historic District Commission of the City of Charlevoix.
(4) "**Demolition**" means the razing or destruction, whether entirely or in part, of a resource and includes, but is not limited to, demolition by neglect.
(5) "**Demolition by Neglect**" means neglect in maintaining, repairing, or securing a resource that results in deterioration of an exterior feature of the resource or the loss of structural integrity of the resource.
(6) "**Denial**" means the written rejection of a permit application for work that is inappropriate and that adversely affects a resource.
(7) "**Historic District**" means an area, or group of areas, not necessarily having contiguous boundaries, that contains one resource or a group of resources that are related by history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture.
(8) "**Historic Preservation**" means the identification, evaluation, establishment, and protection of resources significant in history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture.
(9) "**Historic Resource**" means a publicly or privately owned building, structure, site, object, feature or open space that is significant in the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or culture of the City of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, or the United States.
(10) "**Notice to Proceed**"-means the written permission to issue a permit for work that is inappropriate and that adversely affects a resource, pursuant to a finding under Section 399.205(6) of Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended.
(11) "**Open Space**" means undeveloped land, a naturally landscaped area, or a formal or man-made landscaped area that provides a connective link or buffer between other resources.
(12) "**Ordinary Maintenance**" means keeping a resource unimpaired and in good condition through ongoing minor intervention, undertaken from time to time, in its exterior condition. Ordinary maintenance does not change the external appearance of the resource except through the elimination of the usual and expected effects of weathering. Ordinary maintenance does not constitute work for the purposes of this Ordinance.
(13) "**Proposed Historic District**" means an area, or group of areas not necessarily having contiguous boundaries, that has delineated boundaries and that is under review by a committee or a standing committee for the purpose of making a recommendation as to whether it should be established as a historic district or added to an established historic district.
(14) "**Repair**" means to restore a decayed or damaged resource to good or sound condition by any process. A repair that changes the external appearance of a resource constitutes work for the purposes of this Ordinance.
(15) "**Resource**" means one or more publicly or privately owned historic or non-historic buildings, structures, sites, objects, features, or open spaces located within a historic district.
(16) "**Work**" means construction, addition, alteration, repair, moving, excavation, or demolition.

1.329 Section 4. HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

Before establishing a historic district(s), the City Council shall appoint a Historic District Study Committee. A majority of the persons appointed to the Study Committee shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation. If a Historic District Study Committee has already been created prior to the enactment of this ordinance, then that committee shall be deemed to be in compliance with this ordinance. The Study Committee shall contain representation of at least one member appointed from one or more duly organized local historic preservation organizations. The Study Committee shall do all of the following:

(1) Conduct a photographic inventory of resources within each proposed historic district following procedures established by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Michigan Historical Center.
(2) Conduct basic research of each proposed historic district and historic resources located within that district.
(3) Determine the total number of historic and non-historic resources within a proposed historic district and the percentage of historic resources of that total. In evaluating the significance of historic resources, the Committee shall be guided by the selection criteria for evaluation issued by the United States Secretary of the Interior for inclusion of resources in the National Register of Historic Places, as set forth in 36 CFR part 60, and criteria established or approved by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Michigan Historical Center.
(4) Prepare a preliminary Historic District Study Committee report that addresses at a minimum all of the following:
  (A) The charge of the Committee.
  (B) The composition of Committee membership.
  (C) The historic district(s) studied.
  (D) The boundaries of each proposed historic district in writing and on maps.
  (E) The history of each proposed historic district.
  (F) The significance of each district as a whole, as well as a sufficient number of its individual resources to fully represent the variety of resources found within the district, relative to the evaluation criteria.
  (G) Transmit copies of the preliminary report for review and recommendations to the local planning body, the State Historic Preservation Office of the Michigan Historical Center, the Michigan Historical Commission, and the State Historic Preservation Review Board.
  (H) Make copies of the preliminary report available to the public pursuant to Section 399.203 (4) of Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended.
(5) Not less than sixty (60) calendar days after the transmittal of the preliminary report, the Historic District Study Committee shall hold a public hearing in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended. Public notice of the time, date and place of the hearing shall be given in the manner required by Public Act 267. Written notice shall be mailed by first class mail not less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the hearing to the owners of properties within the proposed historic district, as listed on the most current tax rolls. The report shall be made available to the public in compliance with Public Act 442 of 1976, as amended.
(6) After the date of the public hearing, the Committee and the City Council have not more than one year, unless otherwise authorized by the City Council, to take the following actions:
  (A) The Committee shall prepare and submit a final report with its recommendations and the recommendations, if any, of the local planning body to the City Council as to the establishment of a Historic District(s). If the recommendation is to establish a Historic District(s), the final report shall include a draft of the proposed ordinance(s).
  (B) After receiving a final report that recommends the establishment of a Historic District(s), the City Council, at its discretion, may introduce and pass or reject an ordinance(s). If the City Council passes an ordinance(s) establishing one or more Historic Districts, the City shall file a copy of the ordinance(s), including a legal description of the property or properties located within the Historic District(s) with the Register of Deeds.
(7) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a committee in the performance of an official function of the Historic District Commission should be made available to the public in compliance with Public Act 442 of 1976, as amended.

1.330 Section 5. ESTABLISHING, MODIFYING, OR ELIMINATING HISTORIC DISTRICTS

(1) The City Council may at any time establish by ordinance additional historic districts, including proposed districts previously considered and rejected, may modify boundaries of an existing historic district, or may eliminate an existing historic district. Before establishing, modifying, or eliminating a historic district, a historic district study committee appointed by the City Council shall follow the procedures as stated in Section 399.203 (1-3) of Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended. To conduct these activities, the City Council may retain the initial committee, establish a standing committee, or establish a committee to consider only specific proposed districts and then be dissolved. The committee shall consider any previously written committee reports pertinent to the proposed action.
(2) In considering elimination of a historic district, a committee shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 399.203 (1-3) of Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended for the issuance of a preliminary report, holding a public hearing, and issuing a final report but with the intent of showing one or more of the following:
  (A) The historic district has lost those physical characteristics that enabled the establishment of the district.
  (B) The historic district was not significant in the way previously defined.
  (C) The historic district was established pursuant to defective procedures.

1.331 Section 6. THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The City Council may establish by ordinance a commission to be called a Historic District Commission. The Commission may be established at any time, but not later than the time the first historic district is established. Each member of the Commission shall reside within the city limits. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. Members shall be appointed by the City Council. A majority of the members shall have a clearly demonstrated interest in or knowledge of historic preservation. Members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, except the initial appointments of three (3) members for a term of two (2) years and two (2) members for a term of one year. Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. In the event of a vacancy on the Commission, interim appointments shall be made by the City Council within sixty (60) calendar days to complete the unexpired term of such position. Two (2) members shall be appointed from a list submitted by duly organized local historic preservation organizations. If such a person is available for appointment, one member shall be an architect who has two years of architectural experience or who is duly registered in the State of Michigan.

The City Council may prescribe powers and duties of the Commission, in addition to those prescribed in this Ordinance, that foster historic preservation activities, projects, and programs in the local unit.

1.332 Section 7. HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETINGS, RECORDKEEPING & RULES OF PROCEDURE

(1) The Historic District Commission shall meet at least quarterly or more frequently at the call of the Commission.
(2) The business that the Commission may perform shall be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended. Public notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting shall be given in the manner required by Public Act 267. A meeting agenda shall be part of the notice and shall include a listing of each permit application to be reviewed or considered by the Commission.
(3) The Commission shall keep a record of its resolutions, proceedings and actions. A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the Commission in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information, Public Act 442 of 1976, as amended.
(4) The commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and shall adopt design review standards and guidelines to carry out its duties under this act.

1.333 Section 8. DELEGATION OF MINOR CLASSES OF WORK.

The commission may delegate the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for specified minor classes of work to its staff, or to another delegated authority. The Commission shall provide to its delegated authority specific written standards for issuing Certificates of Appropriateness under this subsection. The Commission shall review the Certificates of Appropriateness issued by the delegate on at least a quarterly basis to determine whether or not the delegated responsibilities should be continued.

1.334 Section 9. ORDINARY MAINTENANCE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of a resource within a historic district or to prevent work on any resource under a permit issued by the inspector of buildings or other duly delegated authority before the Ordinance was enacted.

1.335 Section 10. REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission shall review and act upon only exterior features of a resource and shall not review and act upon interior arrangements unless specifically authorized to do so by the City Council or unless interior work will cause visible change to the exterior of the resource. The Commission shall not disapprove an application due to considerations not prescribed in subsection 399.205 (5) of Public Act 169 of 1970, as amended.

1.336 Section 11. DESIGN REVIEW STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

(1) In reviewing plans, the Commission shall follow the U.S. Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and guidelines for rehabilitating historic buildings as set forth in 36 C.F.R. part 67. Design review standards and guidelines that address special design characteristics of historic districts administered by the Commission may be followed if they are equivalent in guidance to the Secretary of Interior's Standards and guidelines and are established or approved by the State Historic Preservation Office of the Michigan Historical Center.
(2) In reviewing plans, the Commission shall also consider all of the following:
  (A) The historic or architectural value and significance of the resource and its relationship to the historic value of the surrounding area.
  (B) The relationship of any architectural features of the resource to the rest of the resource and to the surrounding area.
  (C) The general compatibility of the design, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.
  (D) Other factors, such as aesthetic value, that the commission finds relevant.

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City Hall project wraps with Nov. 5 open house

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

After two years under construction Charlevoix's City Hall is done.

In honor of the renovation project's recent completion, city officials are hosting an open house to take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 5 at city hall, located at 210 State Street in downtown Charlevoix.

Kicking off the event will be the presentation of a plaque, commemorating the efforts of key individuals who brought the project to fruition. Refreshments and tours will then be offered to attendees.

The last piece in the $2.3 million renovation — the fire personnel and police department training rooms, support facilities and offices was complete in early October.

Fire and police personnel who in October of 2004 relocated to the city owned former post office off Mason Street, moved into their new digs Oct. 11.

According to outgoing city police chief Dennis Halverson, the new set-up, which includes state-of-the-art evidence and decontamination rooms, is more convenient and controlled.

The renovation project also revamped all clerical and administrative offices throughout all the departments and added a technologically equipped city council chambers. This part of the undertaking was finished in September of 2004.

According to city hall project liaison, Jim Shull, all that is left is the "punch list," which includes last minute fixes like marred paint and other finishes.

"These things won't prevent people from moving in but they need to be fixed before all is said and done," Shull said.

The project, which start in April of 2003 has been marked by a few snafus and a completion date that was missed by over a year.

The original $2.067 million renovation cost climbed to about $2.3 million by the time things wrapped up.

It included work by 26 subcontractors under the direction of general contractor, Petrie Construction, of East Jordan.

It was slated for completion in June of 2004.

Shull said the major setbacks were installing stairways, a change order in the corridor project at the city fire hall and scheduling with Petrie Construction.

"It was a challenging project met with a lot of unforeseen circumstances," he said.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

City of Charlevoix Chief of Police Dennis Halverson and city hall renovation project liaison Jim Shull sit in the recently opened new city police department offices. This part of the project will be open for tours at the Nov. 5 open house.

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1.337 Section 12. PERMIT APPLICATIONS

(1) A permit shall be obtained before any work affecting the exterior appearance of a resource is performed within a historic district. The person, individual, partnership, firm, corporation, organization, institution, or agency of government proposing to do that work shall file an application for a permit with the inspector of buildings. Upon receipt of a complete application, the inspector of buildings shall immediately refer the application, along with all required supporting materials that make the application complete to the commission. A permit shall not be issued and proposed work shall not proceed until the Commission has acted on the application by issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness or a Notice to Proceed as prescribed in this Ordinance.
(2) The Commission shall file Certificates of Appropriateness, Notices to Proceed, and Denials of applications for permits with the inspector of buildings. A permit shall not be issued until the Commission has acted as prescribed by this Ordinance.
(3) If an application is for work that will adversely affect the exterior of a resource the Commission considers valuable to the City of Charlevoix, the state of Michigan, or the nation, and the Commission determines that the alteration or loss of that resource will adversely affect the public purpose of the city, state, or nation, the Commission shall attempt to establish with the owner of the resource an economically feasible plan for the preservation of the resource.
(4) The failure of the Commission to act on an application within sixty (60) calendar days after the date a complete application is filed with the Commission, unless an extension is agreed upon in writing by the applicant and the Commission, shall be considered to constitute approval.
(5) The Commission may charge a reasonable fee to process a permit application.

1.338 Section 13. DENIALS

If a permit application is denied, the decision shall be binding on the inspector or other authority. A Denial shall be accompanied by a written explanation by the Commission of the reasons for denial and, if appropriate, a notice that an application may be re-submitted for Commission review when the suggested changes have been made. The Denial shall also include the notification of the applicant's right to appeal to the State Historic Preservation Review Board and to the circuit court.

1.339 Section 14. NOTICE TO PROCEEED

Work within a historic district shall be permitted through the issuance of a Notice to Proceed by the Commission if any of the following conditions prevail and if the proposed work can be demonstrated by a finding of the Commission to be necessary to substantially improve or correct any of the following conditions:

(1) The resource constitutes a hazard to the safety of the public or to the structure's occupants.
(2) The resource is a deterrent to a major improvement program that will be of substantial benefit to the community and the applicant proposing the work has obtained all necessary planning and zoning approvals, financing, and environmental clearances.
(3) Retaining the resource will cause undue financial hardship to the owner when a governmental action, an act of God, or other events beyond the owner's control created the hardship, and all feasible alternatives to eliminate the financial hardship, which may include offering the resource for sale at its fair market value or moving the resource to a vacant site within the historic district, have been attempted and exhausted by the owner.
(4) Retaining the resource is not in the interest of the majority of the community.

1.340 Section 15. APPEAL OF A COMMISSION DECISION

(1) An applicant aggrieved by a decision of the Commission concerning a permit application may file an appeal with the State Historic Preservation Review Board. The appeal shall be filed within sixty (60) calendar days after the decision is furnished to the applicant. The appellant may submit all or part of the appellant's evidence and arguments in written form. The State Historic Preservation Review Board shall consider an appeal at its first regularly scheduled meeting after receiving the appeal. A permit applicant aggrieved by the decision of the State Historic Preservation Review Board may appeal the decision to the circuit court having jurisdiction over the historic district commission whose decision was appealed to the State Historic Preservation Review Board.
(2) Any citizen or duly organized historic preservation organization in the City of Charlevoix, as well as resource property owners, jointly or severally aggrieved by a decision of the historic district commission may appeal the decision to the circuit court, except that a permit applicant aggrieved by a decision rendered under this Ordinance may not appeal to the court without first exhausting the right to appeal to the State Historic Preservation Review Board.

1.341 Section 16. WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT

When work has been done upon a resource without a permit, and the Commission finds that the work does not qualify for a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Commission may require an owner to restore the resource to the condition that the resource was in before the inappropriate work or to modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness. If the owner does not comply with the restoration or modification requirement within a reasonable time, the Commission may seek an order from the circuit court to require the owner to restore the resource to its former condition or to modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness. If the owner does not comply or cannot comply with the order of the court, the Commission or its agents may enter the property and conduct work necessary to restore the resource to its former condition or modify the work so that it qualifies for a Certificate of Appropriateness in accordance with the court's order. The costs of the work done shall be charged to the owner, and may be levied by the City of Charlevoix as a special assessment against the property. When acting pursuant to an order of the circuit court, the Commission or its agents may enter a property for purposes of this section.

1.342 Section 17. DEMOLITION BY NEGLECT

Upon a finding by the Commission that a historic resource within a historic district or a proposed historic district subject to its review and approval is threatened with Demolition by Neglect, the Commission may do either of the following:

(1) Require the owner of the resource to repair all conditions contributing to demolition by neglect.
(2) If the owner does not make repairs within a reasonable time, the Commission or its agents may enter the property and make such repairs as necessary to prevent Demolition by Neglect. The costs of the work shall be charged to the owner, and may be levied by the City of Charlevoix as a special assessment against the property. The Commission or its agents may enter the property for purposes of this section upon obtaining an order from the circuit court.

1.343 Section 18. REVIEW OF WORK IN PROPOSED DISTRICTS

Upon receipt of substantial evidence showing the presence of historic, architectural, archaeological, engineering, or cultural significance of a proposed historic district, the City Council may, at its discretion, adopt a resolution requiring that all applications for permits within the proposed historic district be referred to the Historic District Commission as prescribed in Section 12 of the Ordinance. The Historic District Commission shall review permit applications with the same powers that would apply if the proposed historic district was an established historic district. The review may continue in the proposed historic district for not more than one year, or until such time as the City Council approves or rejects the establishment of the historic district by ordinance, whichever occurs first.

1.344 Section 19. EMERGENCY MORATORIUM

If the City Council determines that pending work will cause irreparable harm to resources located within an established or proposed historic district, the City Council may by resolution declare an emergency moratorium on all such work for a period not to exceed six (6) months. The City Council may extend the emergency moratorium for an additional period not to exceed six (6) months, upon finding that the threat of irreparable harm to resources is still present. Any pending permit application concerning a resource subject to an emergency moratorium may be summarily denied.

1.345 Section 20. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

(1) A person, individual, partnership, firm, corporation, organization, institution, or agency of government that violates this act is responsible for a civil violation and may be fined not more than $5,000.00.
(2) A person, individual, partnership, firm, corporation, organization, institution, or agency of government that violates this act may be ordered by the court to pay the costs to restore or replicate a resource unlawfully constructed, added to, altered, repaired, moved, excavated or demolished.

1.346 Section 21. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS OR GRANTS

The City Council may accept state or federal grants for historic preservation purposes; may participate in state and federal programs that benefit historic preservation, and may accept public or private gifts for historic preservation purposes. The City Council may appoint the Historic District Commission to accept and administer grants, gifts, and program responsibilities.

1.347 Section 22. ACQUISITION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

If all efforts by the Commission to preserve a resource fail, or if it is determined by the City Council that public ownership is most suitable, the City Council, if considered to be the public interest, may acquire the resource using public funds, public or private gifts, grants or proceeds from the issuance of revenue bonds. The acquisition shall be based upon the recommendation of the Commission. The Commission is responsible for maintaining publicly owned resources using its own funds, if not specifically designated for other purposes, or public funds committed for that use by the City Council. Upon recommendation of the Commission, the City may sell resources acquired under this section with protective easements included in the property transfer documents, if appropriate.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 17th day of October, 2005.
Motion by: Gabe Campbell
Seconded by: Shirley Gibson

Ordinance No. 706-05 was adopted on 17th day of October, 2005 by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:
Yeas: Timms, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, Haggard
Nays: Bellows
Absent: None

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Norman Carlson, Mayor

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Alan Lovelace heads south to help with Katrina clean-up

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Like so many northern Michigan birds and residents, Charlevoix's Alan Lovelace, has flown south for the winter.

Alan Lovelace

Lovelace, executive director of Castle Farms, left for his hometown of Gulfport Miss. last week to help his family recover from the damage of this hurricane season.

"The elementary school that I went to was pretty much trashed," Lovelace said. "It's south of the railroad tracks which is also where my step-grandmother lives and it was flooded."

He added, "Two houses from my grandmother were leveled."

Lovelace traveled with a group of men and a trailer full of supplies to the decimated area the Friday after Katrina hit for a short time but has since been working in Charlevoix.

"The clean-up is going to take months. You could work everyday after work for a couple of hours and still not be able to mow your lawn due to debris," Lovelace said. "It isn't going to improve overnight."

Lovelace's stepfather is the vice-president of store services for RPM Pizza, which operates the largest franchise of Dominos Pizza in the United States. Aside from traveling to Mississippi to assist his family, Lovelace will work to help re-open many of the pizza stores damaged by the hurricane.

"Right now they have about 25 pizza stores damaged or gone, since some of them were on the beach," he said. "I have a master's in industrial engineering, so they've hired me as a project engineer."

Lovelace, who will be replaced at the Castle by its owners, Richard and Linda Mueller during his absence, will work to find construction crews and materials to help get the stores back online.

"(They) are going be here this winter to help while I'm gone, so we're sort of trading places," he said.

Lovelace will work throughout Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama to help make the stores operable.

"There are 470 people that don't have their typical store to work at, but they (Dominos) are short 400 people because they can't locate them," he said. "And, the government is paying $25 an hour for cleanup work and there are many businesses that are up and running and (utilizing) those people."

Lovelace said he couldn't remain idle while his father and stepfather work so hard to recover their homes and businesses. In addition to engineering work, Lovelace will also work to find homes for people who will potentially be employed by Dominos.

"They work 12-hour days and then go grocery shopping which now takes three hours a day," he said. "Dad works all day. RPM Pizza employs 3,000 people as a whole."

He added, "My dad and step-dad just sounded so tired when I called them so I decided I could help."

"When I went down right after the storm, I was able to help immediately but I didn't know how I could continue to help my family," he said. "But then I realized our season in Charlevoix ends about now and as long as I'm back by the beginning of April, the impact of me being gone should be minimal."

According to Lovelace, his family is excited about his arrival.

"In a way, as they say, I'm getting the best of both worlds. I get to help my family and stay with them," he said. "And, now I'm going to spend Thanksgiving, Christmas and my birthday and a whole lot of time with my family when they need me."

Lovelace, who moved 1,300 miles from home to work at Castle Farms 17 months ago, said he will return to Charlevoix.

"I love it. Charlevoix is the most beautiful place in the world aside from Bora Bora," he said. "If people wonder if I might not come back — I have no intentions of staying down there."

"I will be working in the same capacity when I return," he added.

Lovelace left Monday, Oct. 17 with plans to be back by the first week of April 2006.

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City council passes historic district ordinance

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Establishment of a historic district ordinance in the City of Charlevoix has some questioning the balance between historic preservation and private property rights.

At Charlevoix City Council's Oct. 17 meeting the majority of council passed an ordinance that will allow them to establish historic districts in the city.

Now, a Historic District Commission will be formed to make potential district recommendations to council.

According to city planner Gerry Harsch, these districts will be relatively small areas including single buildings or areas with a significant number of historic resources tied together architecturally or through a common background.

Through the ordinance, the city can regulate the construction, addition, alteration, repair, exeavation and demolition of exterior features of properties included in a designated district.

At the recent meeting, the Depot property located near Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, was discussed as the first possible historic district.

Other discussion included establishing districts in resort areas like the Belvedere and Chicago eluhs.

"What we are trying to do is save Charlevoix's heritage," third ward council member Shirley Gibson said.

While the majority of council voted in favor of the regulation, second ward councilman Bill Bellows voted against it claiming it infringes on personal property rights.

"I don't think we should be telling people what to do with their property. If a project meets building codes, the type of construction shouldn't be dictated by someone else," he said. "Adding bureaucracy

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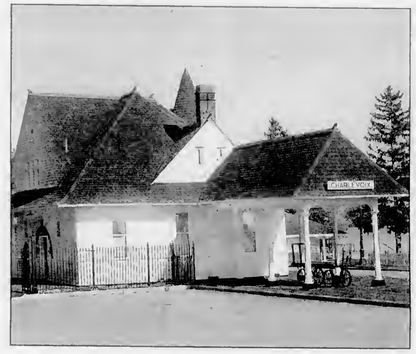

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

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Digging in daffodils

Photos by Julie Wittnoeft

(Above) Charlevoix Area Garden Club member Roger Knutson plants daffodils along the Little Traverse Wheelway Oct. 19. The club has received permission from the Michigan Department of Transportation to do this annually. (Left) Club member Anne Marie Barnes searches for loose dirt to cover bulbs.

The Depot is first target for historic district designation

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doesn't help anyone."

He added that the ordinance could be a detriment to property owners as increasing regulations may decrease their value.

Harsch responded that the ordinance standards are generous and public hearings will take place prior to council adopting any proposed district.

Gibson said, "We'll work with property owners, not against them."

Harsch added that benefits to property owners within a district include possible renovation tax credits.

The ordinance came into being following the recent demolition of the Appletree building located at 224 Bridge Street. This was the former real estate office of renowned architect Earl Young, known for the "mushroom" homes found throughout the Charlevoix area.

In September of 2003, just after the building was set for demolition, the city formed a Historic Preservation Committee to brainstorm ways to make sure other structures with historic value are protected in the future.

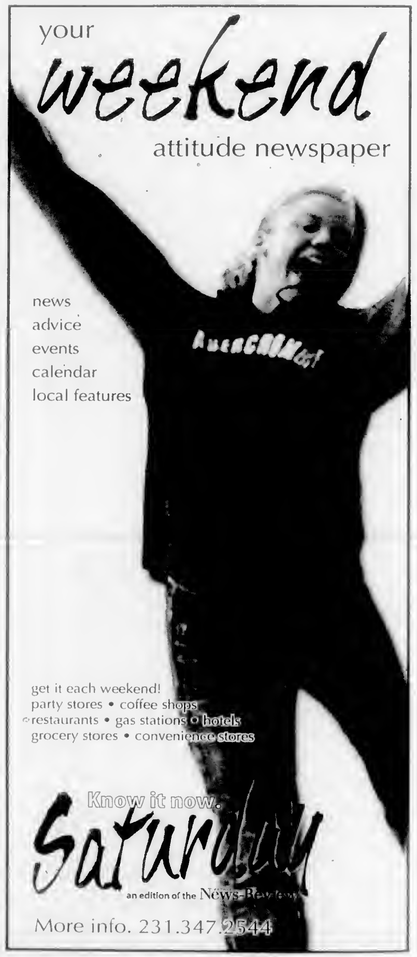
"What we are trying to do is save Charlevoix's heritage."

Shirley Gibson,
Third ward, Charlevoix City Council

The committee recommended this ordinance be established.

At council's recent meeting, Bob Heath, vice chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, said, "When the Appletree was torn down, people came to council and asked what they could do to stop it. Your hands were tied."

He added that this ordinance will give council and the community the power to protect these resources.



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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, October 17, 2005 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Mayor called a special meeting for Monday, October 24, 2005 to discuss the police chief hiring procedures.
- Motion approving the development plan review for Ship's Watch Inn, 820 Petoskey Ave.
- Motion approved to award $24,000 to the Charlevoix Skatepark, contingent on CCS, Inc.'s receipt of grants from the Charlevoix Community and Frey Foundations.
- Motion to set a public hearing for Monday, November 7, 2005 on the proposed amendment to Chapter 24-City Utility Rates of Title II of the City Code regarding rates for sewer pretreatment facilities.
- Motion approved to accept the bid from Cleaner On Mama T's for cleaning City Hall and the Electric & Water Department in the amount of $32,000.
- Motion approved to the purchase of a snow gun for $11,500.
- Resolution 2005-10-01 adopted, approving liability and property insurance pool renewal.
- Ordinance 706 of 2005 adopted, Historic District Ordinance.
- Council discussed tree trimming on City Property.

Council adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, County Clerk Norman L. Carson, Jr., Mayor

SPORTS

Rayder football suffer 48-8 pre-playoff loss

Charlevoix to face Boyne City in district play at 7 p.m. Oct. 28

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Rayders ended a season big on wins with a big 48-8 loss.

According to coach Don Jess, Traverse City put forth an unstoppable effort.

"We lost pretty bad," Jess said. "We just couldn't stop them. Our defense couldn't stop their offense."

He added, "They're a good team — a very good team."

Charlevoix didn't manage to score a touchdown until the beginning of the fourth quarter when quarterback Matt Kautz managed a 50-yard touchdown run followed by a two-point conversion thrown to Matt Kanine.

But it wasn't enough to beat back the 40 point Saint Francis lead.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game," Jess said.

But, he added, "It's a big accomplishment. This is only the third time in history Charlevoix has gone to the playoffs, so regardless, this has been a good season."

Defense was led by Jeff Golovich with 10 tackles. He was followed by Drew Klooster with nine tackles and Evan Keller with eight tackles.

Nate Tripplehorn recovered one fumble.

As the Rayders enter the playoffs Jess said they will reflect on a great season as well as the possibility of a championship.

"I'm glad we drew Boyne City. It's a team that we're very familiar with," Jess said. "We're just going to work on everything."

"They have a balanced offense. They can run and throw so we just have to be ready for them on defense, he added.

The Charlevoix Rayders will play at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 in Boyne City.

If Charlevoix beats the Ramblers they will have to face either Suttons Bay or Kingsley.

Girls basketball head into districts on winning streak

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders rolled on with two more wins last week, defeating East Jordan, 68-46 and Harbor Springs, 63-38.

The girls basketball squad has now won 11 straight games for a 12-2 overall mark, 9-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Rayders will face a tough test this Thursday as they host Traverse City St. Francis. The Gladiators are 8-1 in the league with their only conference blemish coming at the hands of the Rayders.

Stevie Murray

"If we take care of business against Grayling (at home Oct. 25), (the game against St. Francis) should be for the conference championship," coach Keith Haske said.

Laura Nitchman

Charlevoix turned the East Jordan game into a laugher early, cruising to a 27-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Rayders led 41-20 at the half and coasted for the win.

"We played real well early," Haske commented. "We forced a lot of turnovers and made our shots. t was very pleased with our effort. We set the tone early for the whole game."

Bethany Pearson had a big night, scoring 14 points and pulling down eight rebounds to lead Charlevoix in both categories. Laura Nitchman scored 11 points while Stevie Murray had 10.

At Harbor Springs the Rayders used a similar formula en route to the win, pulling out to a big lead early. Charlevoix led 16-9 after the first period and 37-22 at the half. The lead extended to 57-36 after three quarters.

"We jumped out again and had a comfortable lead early," Haske observed. "Laura Nitchman and Bethany Pearson pretty much carried us through the first half."

Nitchman scored 16 points before the half, finishing with 20 in the game.

Pearson scored 11 in the first quarter alone. She finished with 15 points and eight rebounds.

The district draw was held last week and according to Haske, "for the first time since I've been here, we had a favorable draw."

Charlevoix opens district play at 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 14 against host Mancelona.

The winner of that game plays at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 against Inland Lakes.

The district finals will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18.

"It's the first year that Inland Lakes has been in our district," Haske said. "We have all of the league schools (Boyne City, East Jordan, Harbor Springs) on the other side of the bracket for the first time."

Official Notice

PUBLIC HEARING
November 7th, 2005 - 7pm

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 7th, 2005 at 7pm in Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, to receive public input on a proposed amendment to Chapter 24 - City Utility Rates of Title II of the City Code.

The Proposed amendment would provide for the following:

A septage pretreatment facility may only connect to the City's sewer system pursuant to a written agreement between the City and the owner of the proposed septage pretreatment facility. This contract must be approved by the City Council. The contract shall specify the amount of connection fees, the terms of payment of those connection fees, the applicable sewer rate, the conditions under which the connection fees or sewer rate may change and the method of payment of the connection fees. The amount of connection fees and the method of payment of those connection fees may vary from provisions that would apply to a sewer user that is not a septage pretreatment facility.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, P.O. Box 550, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, County Clerk

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League - Oct. 17, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	17	7
J Arnold Painting "A"	15	9
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	14	10
B Yankoi & Sons	13	11
J Arnold Painting "2"	12	12
Selph Trucking	10	14
Kerr's Racing	9	15
The Flight Deck	6	18

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Greg Stachler		243
John Fiedorek	615	
Gordie Selph	611	236
Scott Dixon	608	226

Tuesday Night Ladies - Oct. 18, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	19.5	8.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	17	11
Paul Bunyan Lanes	15	13
Olesen's Food Store	14	14
Great Lakes Concrete	14	14
DM Construction	13	15
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	10	18
Central Drug Store	9.5	18.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Debbie Odlum		202
Cindy Mansen	523	192
Cathy Sullivan		201
Mary O'Brien		192
Diana Speigl	510	
Carol Burry	508	192

Church League - Oct. 19, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	229	121
Ferguson & Chamberlain	182	168
State Farm Insurance	180	170
Lakeshore Tire	179	171
Lutherans	173	177
Mark White Paint & Stain	164	186
R & C Roofing	162	188
St. Mary's	131	219

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ron Grulke	569	228
John Fiedorek	569	
Bob Rozema	564	223
Tom Browe		222
Casey Crain	564	

Young at Hearts League - Oct. 20, 2005

	W	L
Alley Cats	22	6
Irish Rollers	21	7
Sparetime	14	14
Half & Half	14	14
Misfits	13	15
Past Timers	10	18
Twilighters	9	19
Nas Beens	9	19

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	464	181
Eldon Potter	476	179
Art Ruis		177
Al Bergmann	464	
Zettle Kilson	488	168
Audrey Trimble	396	160
Shirley Flower	397	147

Gutter Gals - Oct. 20, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	85	55
Paul Bunyan Lanes	69	71
Burger King of Charlevoix	66	74
Express Yourself	60	80

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	574	203
Diana Speigl	499	202
Jane Holm	537	196

Double Deckers Mixed League - October 16, 2005

	W	L
Sladek	10	2
Spencer	9	3
Russell A & J	9	3
Webb	8	4
Koffman	8	4
Stein	7	5
Russell C & R	6	6
Fitzpatrick-Bindi	6	6
Blanchard-Crain	5	7
Thomas	5	7
Bradley	5	7
Browe	5	7
Ferguson	4	8
Nordman	4	8
Wells	4	8
Patton	1	11

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

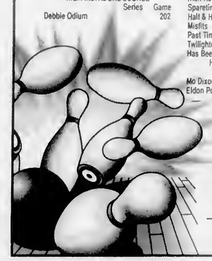
	Series	Game
Gary Spencer	559	205
Jerry Russell	532	192
Bruce Patton		186
John Ferguson	506	
Jackie Stein	448	168
Laural Sladek	480	182
Carla Spencer		159
Lynette Webb		159
Carrie Blanchard	447	

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles - October 9, 2005

	W	L
Novotny	10	2
Hill-Martinchek	10	2
Golovich	6.5	5.5
Cunningham-Mikulski	6.5	5.5
Hart	6	6
O'Leary	6	6
Stebe-Rodriguez	6	6
Herboldsheimer	4	8
Bradley	3	9
Team #10	2	10

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	496	185
Dave Martinchek		176
Dutch Hart	470	
Dave Golovich	469	167
Kathy Hill	434	194
Kathy Bradley	400	153
Martha Herboldsheimer		146
Cindy Novotny	387	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

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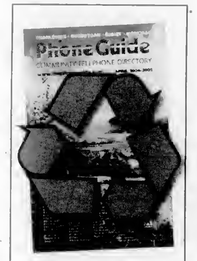
Community pledge sales event Nov. 5 at select stores

The Retail Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "A Community Pledge," a program for area retailers to garner additional holiday sales while supporting local charities and non-profit organizations.

The community pledge event will take place all day, Saturday, Nov. 5. On that day, participating restaurants and merchants will donate 10 percent of designated sales to a charity or non-profit organization of your choice.

Participating merchants include: American Spoon Foods, Bridge Street Book Shop, Brittany's, C2 Gallery, Central Drug Store, Charlevoix Harbor Wear, The Clothing Company, Elements, Halfway to the Top, Kilwin's, Marvin's Gardens, Rocking Horse Toy Company and Shop of the Gulls. And be sure to stop in for coffee or a bite to eat at the Acorn Café, Giuseppe's Italian Grille, Whitney's Oyster Bar or Woolly Bugger.



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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John S. Marsh, A Single Man, to Franklin Mortgage Funding, mortgagee, dated February 21, 2002 and recorded February 26, 2002 in Liber 460, Page 2, Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee by assignment dated February 21, 2002 and recorded on December 20, 2002 in Liber 506, Page 557, Charlevoix County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Nineteen and 22/100 Dollars ($240,119.22) including interest at the rate of 10.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on November 4, 2005. The premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel "A": In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, beginning at a 2 1/2 inch pipe at the North quarter corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, and along the centerline of Stephens Road, 335.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds West 1308.55 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence North 0 degrees 30 minutes 34 seconds West along said eighth line. 334.89 feet to the North line of said section; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East along said section line, 1304.27 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast Fractional Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, and containing 10.042 acres, more or less, within the perimeter of the courses herein described. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. Parcel "B" In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, commencing at a 2 1/2 inch pipe at the North quarter corner of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West; thence South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South quarter line of said section, as monumented, 335.00 feet to a point in the centerline of Stephens Road, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 1 degree 14 minutes 24 seconds East along said quarter line, and along the centerline of said road, 334.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 25 minutes 44 seconds West 1312.81 feet to the West eighth line of said section; thence North 0 degree 30 minutes 34 seconds West along said eighth line 333.89 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 44 seconds East 1308.55 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northeast fractional quarter of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 1, Town 33 North, Range 7 West, and containing 10.045 acres, more or less, within the perimeter of the courses herein described. Subject to the rights of the public and of any governmental unit in any part thereof taken, used or deeded for street, road or highway purposes. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accor-dance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale. Dated: Oc-tober 5, 2005 ORLANS ASSOCI-ATES PC Attorneys for JPMorgan Chase Bank As Trustee , As Assignee P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 457-1000 File No. 322.0040 ASAP725321

(10/5,10/12,10/19,10/26)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by **ROY KITSON** and **SHARON MOUNT**, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to **COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE**, Mortgagee, dated January 9, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, on January 14, 1998, in Liber 330, beginning on Page 1, and assigned by said Mortgagee to **THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.** by an assignment dated January 9, 1998, and recorded on June 30, 1998, in Liber 340, beginning on Page 933, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Four Thousand four Hundred Eighty Five and 32/100 ($64,485.32) Dollars, including interest at 11.870% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Friday, December 9, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.**, inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the circuit court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 11.870%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the city of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:

LOT 251, BLOCK 7, NICHOLL'S AND MORGAN'S SECOND ADDITION TO SOUTH BOYNE, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 811 DOUGLAS STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712-1414. TAX PARCEL NO. 051-467-251-00.

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Dated: October 24, 2005

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Assignee of Mortgagee

By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Bright Northern Lights

Photos by Julie Withoeft

Hundreds attended the 10th Annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner, Dance, Auction which took place Oct. 22 to raise funds to support St. Mary School. (Above) Volunteers Sandy Allard and Cornelia Dhaseleer take a break from the fun at an Italian Bistro style rest stop. (Below) St. Mary School principal Janet Troppman checks her silent auction bids while dinner catered by Grey Gables is served.

Area events

Farewell to Halverson

In recognition of Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson's dedicated service, the city is hosting a Farewell Open House for him to take place from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26 in the firefighters' training room at city hall located at 210 State Street in downtown Charlevoix.

Great Start

The Sixth Annual Great Start New and Expectant Parent Expo will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Sportsman's Dinner

The Fr. Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will hold their 3rd Annual Sportsman's Dinner starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Knights of Columbus hall located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. There will be a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. followed by Bill Steven's world famous Swiss steak dinner. Syndicated sports columnist George Rowe will be the guest speaker and will present the latest trends in deer hunting and the great outdoors. Tickets are $15 per person. There will also be raffle tickets available to win a $1,000 shopping spree at Jays Sporting Goods in Gaylord. You do not have to be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Charlevoix Food Pantry. For more information call (231) 547-5397 or (231) 547-4208.

Singles for Christ

Singles for Christ, a group for singles age 40 and over, will meet at 7 p.m. Oct. 29 at The Jungle by Big Boy Restaurant in Petoskey to play golf and games. For more information, call Frieda at (231) 347-5747.

Fall luncheon and sale

The Women of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host their Annual Fall Luncheon/Bazaar/Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 29. Cost is $7.

Harvest Festival

Safe Harbor Baptist Church of Charlevoix will hold its annual Harvest Festival from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday Oct. 31 at the church located at 06046 Old 31, South near the intersection of U.S. 31. The light dinner will be at 6 p.m. with games to follow. Costume contest, door prizes, ever famous candy scramble at 7:50 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome. Each child will come home with plenty of candy. For more information call, (231) 547-6283.

Park forum

The public is invited to attend a East Park renovation discussion forum to take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 in the second floor council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall. Peter Pollack, principal designer with the park design firm Pollack Design Associates of Ann Arbor, as well as city mayor Norman Carlson and representatives of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will be on hand to field questions from those in attendance.

Fall fun at Friske's

Friske Orchards is showcasing Fall Fun from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday in October. Fall Fun features u-pick apples and pumpkins, wagon rides, feeding the barnyard animals, sampling and food demonstrations, special "harvest" cafe menu items, and family entertainment. Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 at Atwood. For details or questions, call (231)599-2604.

Story Hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library. Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Lapsit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

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DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

Local churches seek support for New Orleans refugees

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

According to one lifelong Louisiana resident, southern hospitality has nothing over northern compassion.

Amanda Powell and her 2-year-old daughter, Riley, evacuated to Texas two days before Hurricane Katrina hit. On Oct. 6 Powell came to East Jordan to visit a hospitalized friend, and was so impressed with the community, she decided to stay.

"The people that I have met so far have been absolutely incredible," she said. "Even the ones that are not able to help are very supportive and very welcoming — you find the welcome in New Orleans, but you don't find the help."

Powell said she was safe from the winds and flooding in Texas, but the place in which she took refuge was not meant to accommodate more than a couple people.

"I had evacuated with my daughter and 4-year-old little brother to Houston, Texas to stay with my grandmother," Powell said. "And, at one point during the hurricane, we had 13 people and two dogs in a two-bedroom apartment."

Thanks to the fact that the parents of her hospitalized friend decided to move to East Jordan shortly after the hurricanes hit, Powell has a temporary residence with them.

"I came up to help with the house while (their) son was in the hospital," she said. "I just fell in love with it up here. And, it helps that NCMC (North Central Michigan College) gave me a full scholarship so I can continue with my nursing degree."

Powell said the part of Louisiana in which she lived was devastated by the storm. And, barring two suitcases full of clothes, she lost everything.

"My car got pretty much creamed when two trees fell on it," she said. "And, I'm going to have to completely furnish an entire apartment."

Powell said she doesn't want to have to pick up and move again due to a natural disaster, especially if it's in an area where there is obvious danger.

"I would if I had to, but if the levies broke this time, I'm sure that they'll break again," she said. "Eventually I'd like to go back to New Orleans, but I think it would be more of a visit than to live."

She added, "My parents are still down there and of course I'd like to see them, but I don't think there's anything in New Orleans that's worth moving back for."

Powell said she is grateful for the scholarship to North Central Michigan College to continue pursuing her degree. As a result she hopes to find permanent housing as close to the college as possible.

"Next January I start full-time at North Central Michigan College," she said. "I'm looking at Maple Village in Petoskey and hopefully that will all work out and maybe I can be in by Nov. 1."

Powell is also in need of a vehicle to get to work, daycare and school as well as a computer to help with her school work. She currently uses the computer at the local library. But, she said, so many pages are blocked she is unable to access the online syllabus for her microbiology class.

In spite of losing everything and moving thousands of miles away from a home she's known all her life, Powell keeps an upbeat attitude.

"It's very strange, it's completely interesting and a little scary," she said. "But I'm hopeful that everything will work out and I'm sure it will."

Powell added, "It should be interesting this winter. I've never been in the snow before. That's going to be a new adventure — in New Orleans when we got an inch of slush all the kids would have to scrape the ground and the tops of cars to make a football snowman."

Members of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix are assisting Powell with home furnishings of all kinds and have asked for additional help to get Powell on her feet.

John Campbell, who heads the planning of the church's disaster relocation program said anyone wishing to help Powell should send donations to: Charlevoix County Community Foundation memo: Katrina/Rita relocation assistance, P.O. Box 718 East Jordan, MI 49727.

No administrative fees will be assessed to donations for hurricane relief.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Amanda Powell and her 2-year-old daughter Riley lost everything to Hurricane Katrina. And, after a brief stay in Texas, Amanda decided to make her new home in northern Michigan.

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County could face litigation in tardy election claim

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Josh Barnes

Jarema also said, Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon and not the commissioners, made the decision to delay the election until November.

"I asked for clarification on why the election was held until November and she (Brannon) said it was to save money," Jarema said.

Jane Brannon

In a response letter from Brannon to Jarema dated Oct. 20, Brannon states, "The decision to wait until November for a primary was mine. I relied on the state area election representative who agreed with the cost saving measure of holding the election in November since there was no August election scheduled."

In response, Jarema said when state law calls for a special election in a reasonable amount of time, it should be done.

John Jarema

"I think there is no real reason to wait that long. This opens the county up to potential litigation. The board relied on an opinion from Jane — she should have known better," Jarema said. "Saying this was done to save money when it is contrary to the law? We'll have to pay more if we get sued. While it is noble to wait for a longer time to save the county money, such waiting is contrary to the law in my opinion."

He added, "In speaking to the elections bureau in Lansing, I was told that there doesn't appear to be any reason to have waited so long for this election."

In Jarema's letter to Taylor, Jarema said the case law cited by Taylor refused to define what is a "reasonable time" in which to call an election.

"But it held that the range of a couple of months to one year is too long and removed the commissioners (in Wayne County)," Jarema said.

But, according to Brannon, there are no longer special elections.

"You have four times a year (February, May, August and November) you can hold elections. November was the next available time to hold an election," she said. "At the time there wasn't going to be anything in August. It was in an effort to save money for the taxpayers and at that time nobody said there was any problem with it."

Brannon said, by holding the election until November, she saved the taxpayers thousands of dollars and, by the time it was discovered that the City of Charlevoix had to hold an August primary election, it was too late to file.

Taylor said he will continue exploring avenues to rectify what he feels is a violation of state law, including possible litigation against the county.

According to Barnes, this controversy comes as a surprise to him.

"If they want to throw me out, then throw me out, but I think that's rather chicken," Barnes said. "I've been in the office and working my tail off and I don't understand how this can come up at this stage."

Barnes said he doesn't recall when discussions among the commissioners took place concerning when an election would be held, but, he said, "I don't think the subject was a matter of great discussion."

Right now, Barnes is focusing on the Nov. 8 primary in which he faces John Haggard.

"I hope I win, but I'm not going to do a lot of fierce fighting for it," Barnes said. "It's not worth this kind of stuff."

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Township, county and city elections will take place Nov. 8. For information on polling times and locations reference the following pages.

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Money order scam at local B & B

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

An intricate counterfeit scheme has made its way across international borders all the way to Charlevoix.

When Charlevoix resident and business owner, Vera McKown, took reservations for two at her bed and breakfast, Bridge Street Inn last month, she had no idea she would soon be contacting the FBI.

"We received an e-mail we assumed was from overseas from somewhere in Great Britain," McKown said. "Two gentlemen made reservations for two weeks and we went through the rest of the process."

McKown said, she informed the gentlemen of the cost to stay and asked them the purpose of their trip.

"They said they were attending a container convention and that kind of put an alert to my brain," she said.

McKown asked for the men's addresses, names and other information, but she said, "Their names were obviously bogus."

According to McKown, she received an e-mail telling her that she was asking too many questions.

"Never mind," they wrote and told McKown they would pay her in advance.

"A couple of weeks later in the mail came five U.S. Postal money orders for $995 each for a total of almost $5,000 in all," she said. "Being suspicious I sat on it for a little bit and then there were e-mails canceling the reservation and asking us to wire the money back to these people via Western Union."

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Postal Clerk, Julia Magee, shows where the watermark is located on a United States Postal money order. In light of some recent scams, it is recommended that people be more aware of the authenticity of the postal script.

Treats trump tricks

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix Elementary School students dressed in costume packed Bridge Street Oct. 31 as business owners passed out Halloween candy. (Above) Sheila Johnstone with Halfway to the Top packs Adina Huckle's treat bag with candy.

Health care providers prepare for flu season

No vaccine shortage reported

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

As we head into battle with flu season health care providers are armed with vaccinations.

"It's early in the season but there are a few strains of flu circulating in the country," said Josh Meyerson, MD, medical director at the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

"They have cultured out some of those and there seems to be a good match between those flu viruses circulating and the strain in the vaccines."

Meyerson added, that he can't say for certain that the strains moving through northern Michigan will match the vaccines which have been provided so far.

"You should take the vaccine to prevent getting the flu or at the very least modify the effects, but it's usually pretty good at preventing the illness," he said.

"Those with lung disease, heart disease, asthma, diabetes and even healthy children can be at risk for the flu."

According to Meyerson, people over 50, pregnant women and those with the aforementioned chronic health issues are advised to get the shots.

Last year's flu season began with a scare that there would not be sufficient vaccine available, and ended up with a a surplus.

"When it's all said and done people should get the vaccine who need and want it," Meyerson said.

"Some area providers don't have their flu vaccine yet, but there is still time since typically we don't see much flu circulating in northern Michigan this time of year."

Meyerson said some perfectly healthy people contract influenza each year but your best bet is to take care of yourself.

People are better off if they are, "Washing their hands, especially before eating. When kids are out

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Mark Stephen Lereel, 34, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Neal Thomas Petrucci, 33, Clarkston. Operator with no license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Robert Gordon Dennis, 20, East Jordan. Possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 29 days, to serve 16 days, 320 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Joseph Vance Sirmons, 21, Boyne City. Disorderly person. Serve 20 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Chad Michael Servello, 31, Leroy. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days on electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Jame Lee Wilde, 21, Boyne City. Allowing drugs and alcohol to be consumed by minors on premises. Serve 12 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Ryan Samuel Leitner, 23, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; no alcohol in home; not to enter any establishment which serves alcohol; $600 in fines and costs.

Joshua Jay Spears, 27, Canton. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, five days community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Clifton John-Paul Melancon, 27, Boyne City. Impaired driving; and operating while license suspended. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Deanna Margaret Kelly, 33, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail, with credit for one day, serve 45 days on electronic monitoring device, 82 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; no alcohol in home; not to enter any establishment which serves alcohol; $600 in fines and costs.

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Michael Norman Lacroix, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession. Serve 40 days of community service work; attend either Impact weekend or BASES; $300 in fines and costs.

Todd Evan Bryant, 22, Petoskey. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Nicholas Scott Hanson, 19, East Jordan. Larceny in an abandoned building. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 38 days, 317 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; to write a letter of apology; $2,850 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Steve's Maintenance and Caretaking, 3834 Griffin Road, Apt. 2, East Jordan, by Steve Sloop

Charlevoix Outrigging Company, 107 Petoskey Ave., Charlevoix, by Grant Elowsky

Charlevoix County W.W.II Veterans Fund, 05275 McCraney Road, Boyne City, by George Thomas Lasater

Bradley's Home Improvement and Property Management, 05441 Fraley Road, Boyne Falls, by Bradley James Dratnul

Births

Alley Jean Whiteford weighing 5 pounds 8 ounces was born to Mathew Whiteford and Jessica Vallance of East Jordan at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Oct. 20, 2005. Grandparents are Mike and Cheri Valance and John and Sandi Whiteford all of East Jordan.

Trevor Lyle Chrysler weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces was born to Gary and Kimberly Chrysler of Boyne City at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Oct. 20, 2005. Grandparents are Gary and Jody Potter of Charlevoix and Gary and Sue Chrysler of Boyne City. Great-grandparents are Eleanor Coblentz of East Jordan, Garrett and Bertha Potter of Charlevoix and Chuck and Norma Johnson of Royal Oak.

Madelynn Roseann Moore weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces was born to Edward and Jessica Moore of Central Lake at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Oct. 20, 2005. Siblings are Karlee Ann and Lydia Rose. Grandparents are Ray and Linda Hart of East Jordan and Frank Moore and the late Arlene Moore of Ellsworth. Great-grandparents are Lois and Theron Crego of Boyne Falls.

Gretchen Rose Veldkamp weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces was born to Mark and Deanna Veldkamp of Central Lake at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Oct. 23, 2005. Grandparents are Nancy Hext of Port Huron and Harold and June Veldkamp of Ellsworth.

Man arrested for sex offender registry violations

A joint investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the Boyne City Police Department has led to the arrest of a 19-year-old Boyne City man on multiple Sex Offender Registry violations.

John C. Pankow was arrested in Charlevoix on Thursday morning, Oct. 27, after it was determined that he had moved from his Boyne City residence to Saginaw and then to Charlevoix between July and October without changing his address as required by law.

Pankow has been charged with failure to change his Sex Offender Registry address, failure to obtain a digitized driver's license or identification and failure to verify his Sex Offender Registry address during the October registry reporting period.

The failure to change his Sex Offender Registry address charge is a four-year felony.

Pankow is additionally being charged as a habitual felon by the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office, which would increase the maximum penalty to six years in prison.

He has been arraigned in 90th District Court and bond has been set at $5,000 cash or surety.

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Bridge Street Inn targeted in recent money order scam

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wire the money back to these people via Western Union."

McKown added, "I did not cash them in. I called the FBI and they told us to contact the postmaster. Do not answer any e-mails, or reply or answer any phone calls (in relation to the scam)."

McKown said Charlevoix Postmaster, Blaise Rivers, informed her the money orders were fraudulent and that he would pass them on to the Postmaster General's office.

Since the events first took place a few weeks ago, McKown has received a few threatening phone calls and e-mails which ended as of Monday, Oct. 24.

As a result of this experience, McKown has taken it upon herself to inform as many people as possible to beware.

"I blasted an e-mail to all the lodging in Charlevoix since I'm president of Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau," she said.

"This can affect local merchants really badly because these money orders really looked real — there was nothing to tell me they were fake," she said.

According to McKown, the envelope had a British postmark and no return address.

"It just made us very aware of the fact that when something overseas comes, you check with the post office or bank to see if these are legitimate and not just take it at face value."

"How careful can you get? You get paranoid almost," McKown said. "I would say to the merchants, when you get a money order call the post office or even go to the post office to see if it's legitimate."

According to Rivers, this scam involves someone sending counterfeit money orders to a business and then asking that the money be wired back. By the time you realize you have fake money orders it is too late.

But, Rivers said, there are ways to protect yourself.

"Money orders are basically like dollar bills and are encoded with images. If you hold up one of our money orders on the left side there is a watermark in the image of Benjamin Franklin," Rivers said.

And, Rivers said, counterfeiters can't reproduce the watermark.

He added, "You can't miss it. The other thing to look for are our limits. They are $1,000 and counterfeiters usually push the limit by making them out for $950 to $975."

If you're not sure, Rivers said, take the money order to the post office, "We'll give them the final determination on whether they are (fraudulent). And at that point the postal inspection service will handle it from there."

According to Rivers, while these scams can be inconvenient, those perpetrating the scam are seldom dangerous.

"They're just trying to get their money," he said. "There has been absolutely no one that I know of who has had harm come to them."

Rivers said this scam is newer and he began to see it in the last six to eight months.

The Charlevoix branch of the United States Postal Service is located at 6700 M-66 North in Charlevoix.

Veterans Day events planned for Nov. 11

At 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 in Veteran's Park in Charlevoix there will be services to honor armed service members both serving, retired and deceased. From 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 there will be the annual holiday dinner at VFW Post 1153 in Charlevoix for veterans of all wars and their families.

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playing in the playground or other places it's a good idea to wash their hands before having snacks. If people are sick, they should stay home from school or work to help prevent the spread of the flu."

And, he added, "Eat a well balanced nutritious diet and get plenty of sleep."

Meyerson said he could not emphasize enough how important and effective hand washing is in preventing and/or reducing the spread of disease.

According to Meyerson, about 30,000 people die each year from complications due to the flu.

According to Jane Sundmacher, spokesperson for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department recommends for developing the flu visit the department's Web site at www.nwhealth.org or call (800) 432-4121 to find the time, date and place of the vaccine clinic nearest them.

Flu shots are available through the health department for $25 each.

"The health department definitely recommends a flu shot for those at high risk for developing the flu," Sundmacher said. "We have several clinics planned in the area."

She added, "We accept Medicaid and Medicare."

Sundmacher said, others at risk are children between 6 and 23 months, health care personnel who provide direct patient care and house contacts and out of home caregivers.

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It's time to stop talking and vote Tuesday, Nov. 8

EDITORIAL

On Nov. 8 you will have just 13 hours to get to your polling location and make your voice heard. Due to constraints on space we're going to skip the stereotypical, "Sentimental hogwash," as Capra's Mr. Potter would say, and go straight to the steak.

There are some issues and candidates for which, and whom, you will be asked to vote next Tuesday. Make no mistake, the votes you cast or fail to cast, will impact you, your family and possibly your children's children. And, for that reason, it is imperative you get out and vote.

Nobody wants to stand outside in line on a dreary autumn day like a sheep waiting to be sheared. And, packing up the baby, leaving work, finding a ride or figuring out where your polling station is located can be a bit of a pain — OK, voting isn't glamorous, profitable or sexy, but much like jury duty and taxes, it is an integral piece of democracy pie. (So much for omitting the hogwash.)

Minor inconvenience aside, consider the alternative: A society where Admiral fat-chance and the anti-freedom brigade offer you no say in the operation of your government or the politicians who run it.

The result of low voter turnout is a pool of politicians who know their constituents are far too apathetic to make their collective will known. And then not only are the patients running the asylum, they're holding an all day bake sale.

Hey, if you want to give your public servants a free ride, then by all means don't vote.

But, if you want to hold them accountable, if you want to look your government in its beady little eyes and say, "I'm more than a renewable source of tax dollars with lips and feet," we suggest you find the relatively short amount of time required to get out there.

If necessity is the mother of invention, then inaction is necessities' dimwitted cousin.

Throughout history people have fought and died for the ability to have a say in their government. Knowing this seems to negate just about any old excuse for not voting one can devise, especially when all you have to do is hoof it down to the township or city hall.

If you still decide not to vote, remember this: As an American you still have every right to complain about the state of the union, but to do so would be like a butcher marching for animal rights—contradictory at best.

Now go, have your say in the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations which are passed right here at home. We can't guarantee you'll be enthralled with the outcome, but civic participation makes us all better people.

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Listen, engage and learn at coming teacher conferences

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

I can still remember my first parent teacher conference as a child in elementary school.

I felt like a criminal ready for sentencing. My teacher and parents looked so tall. I was fearful of what would come out of my teachers' mouths, let alone what extra homework would lie ahead as it was difficult for me to complete my work.

I always felt a step behind my classmates, and was occasionally compared to my sister by one of my teachers. Those were tough years for me. I was younger than my peers, tall and lanky, freckle faced, with braces. I felt like the target for teasing. This combination did not help my self confidence and actually hampered my learning.

Through all of this, one teacher when I was in fourth grade, recognized that my talents were in the arts. This woman, a Catholic nun I might add, encouraged me to focus on my creative ability. Through this woman and with the support of my parents, my confidence improved as well as my grades. That year, I designed the school bulletin boards, did the choreography for the school musical and wrote a short screen play. To this day I credit my elementary school years for my choice in adulthood to become an elementary school counselor.

Now, as Parent Teacher Conference time approaches in many of our area schools, I'd like to remind parents that this is a significant and important meeting to attend. Remember that your child may also feel behind and worry about your impressions at this meeting.

From my own experience working in schools, conference time was difficult for parents, too. What parents need to know is that it's a difficult time for the teachers as well. They worry about saying the right thing and they want to do the best for your child. They work hard to create an inviting atmosphere, assemble samples of your child's work and try their best to accommodate to your schedule. They also feel stressed if there is any behavior or academic issues to bring up that might not be as positive as you had hoped. Keep in mind this meeting can be successful and smooth and that both you and the teacher can reach positive outcomes. Remember that you are a team working to benefit your child.

Some things to consider when attending a conference are: What projects and assignments are planned so you may help your child at home? Ask how your child was evaluated and are they ready to move on academically and emotionally. Ask what you can do at home to complement what is happening in the classroom. If you feel your child is behind, ask what programming is available to help in this area. If you're the parent of a high school aged child, ask how he or she is encouraged to think about the wide variety of careers. Check with your child to see that they are working on a portfolio that will assist them in a future job and college placement.

A Parent Teacher Conference is a great way to make connections with other parents and to see what takes place in the school. You should feel comfortable to follow-up with notes or a phone call, especially if a particular problem had been identified. Remember that when you attend a conference there are other parents waiting as well so if you need more time, schedule an appointment.

If you've read this article up to this point, I am hopeful that you'll take away this old sage's words of wisdom. Time spent where more than one person is talking about your child can only lead to good things. I wish the teachers, parents and children of our schools a positive conference.

Now that I look back, my parents and teachers really weren't that tall. They were only large in how they influenced my life.

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Letters to the editor

Support East Park changes

Editor:

My name is Zita Anderson and I am a Charlevoix resident. I have been following the disputes over the bandshell and East Park and have yet to hear a logical argument against the proposal.

Although I acknowledge the fact that some people have sentimental attachments to the bandshell, change is inevitable. Why delay the plan when the funds are available right now?

By voting "no" on the park, we are only putting off something that is bound to happen and leaving the tab to be picked up by future generations. Safety is another concern with the current facilities. New sidewalks and stairs are included in the plan to make the park as safe and handicap accessible as possible.

The fact that the children of Mr. Odmark, the man to whom the current bandshell is dedicated, have expressed their support of this project is yet another reason to move forward with the plans. If the only reason you do not support the park is because you have emotional ties with it, please reconsider and at least listen to the facts before it before it's too late and this once in a lifetime opportunity has passed us by.

On Nov. 8, please vote "yes" to the proposal to improve East Park and the bandshell.

Zita Anderson
Charlevoix

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Article response

Editor:

Those who read last week's headline which included the statement "...the legality of Commissioner Barnes could be called into question" may have received the impression that my seat on the county commission could be challenged and that I then would not retain my position even should I be the voters' choice in the Nov. 8 primary election. This is not correct.

The reference to me did not reflect any error, act or omission of mine. In fact, both (Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney) Mr. (John) Jarema and Mr. (Bob) Taylor commended me for my performance as commissioner.

The voters of the first district may be assured that, if I am their choice, I will both be legally seated and will serve to the best of my ability.

Josh Barnes
First District County Commissioner
Charlevoix

Editor's note: The headline in question appeared on page one of the Oct. 26, 2005 edition of the Charlevoix Courier and read, "Charlevoix County may face lawsuit. Legality of appointed commission seat under fire."

Vote 'yes' on Ordinance 1.73

Editor:

My wife and I were part of a study done by Charlevoix County over 3 years ago in which surveys were sent out to a variety of county residents. One of the main questions was how we would like to see the county in the next five to 20 years. We gave our opinions to all the questions and sent it back. Based on the results of that survey, the majority consensus was to keep small town charm and responsible controlled growth.

Zoning laws are part of all good cities, townships and counties. They help protect the majority of the residents' beliefs of what is right in given areas. Without proper zoning you could end up with a garbage dump next to your home. Farfetched? Maybe not.

This is why we have zoning in the first place. Professional planers were hired — they said "yes" to the ideas of the amendment. The Charlevoix Township Board, whose members were elected by the residents said "yes" to the ideas of the amendment. The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission appointed by the township said "yes." The Charlevoix County Planning Commission said "yes." Show the township boards you care — vote "yes" on Nov. 8 for the best future for our community.

Mark Greyerbiehl
Charlevoix

Vote 'yes' on Ordinance 1.73

Editor:

The upcoming election on Nov. 8 in Charlevoix Township requires a "yes" vote on the big box issue contained in Section 1.73 of the planning ordinance. A lot of misinformation has been spread about what a "yes" vote means. The truth is if you want to maintain the small town character of Charlevoix and limit the size of big box stores to 90,000 square feet then you need to vote "yes" on the ballot. 90,000 square feet is bigger than K-Mart and almost twice the size of Glen's. It will help small businesses not hurt them. The ordinance only concerns commercially zoned property, not industrial or residential.

Help protect the small town character of Charlevoix and vote "yes" on Section 173.

Robert B. Hoffman
Charlevoix

DDA Chairman supports park change

Editor:

As a member of the City of Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority since its inception in 1982 and chairman since the early 1990s, I have witnessed the authority's hands off approach to East Park. However, when the bandshell committee ran short of funds to construct the existing bandshell, the Downtown Development Authority stepped in with $175,000 in financial assistance.

Over the years, the Downtown Development Authority has made many improvements to the downtown area of Charlevoix. These include the under bridge walkways on both sides of the bridge, and the purchasing and improvements of Hoffmann, Bridge, Veterans' and Water Tower parks. In addition, we made or improved parking lots between Clinton and Mason streets, Mason and Antrim streets, and East Clinton Street and the Coast Guard Cutter areas. The Bridge Street lighting project was also done by the authority.

With the Round Lake Marina and East Park projects, there will have been a total of over $25 million spent on improvements to the downtown district by the Downtown Development Authority over the past 20 years.

With the extensive marina project, it is the authority's opinion that there exists an excellent opportunity to improve our neglected pride and joy, East Park. It has long been in need of much more than just a fix-up.

Vote on Nov. 8 and let your voice be heard.

Hugh E. Mason
Chairman Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority
Charlevoix

'Yes' to East Park proposal

Editor:

I have followed with great interest the Nov. 8 ballot proposal for the renovation of East Park. After attending all the informational meetings and studying the final plan I am disturbed with the false information that has been circulated through the city in attempt to discredit the project.

The current proposal is very thorough and will result in long overdue improvements to East Park which will benefit current residents and many future generations. The current proposal also provides an excellent opportunity to preserve and enhance our motto "Charlevoix the Beautiful." The current proposal also provides a well-trimmed opportunity to maintain and enhance the downtown business community which in turn will benefit the entire community.

I wholeheartedly support, as former mayor, the unanimous vote by the Downtown Development Authority to fund the proposed renovation if the ballot proposal passes. By doing so, city-wide taxpayers will not pay for the renovations through general revenue taxes, as the renovation will instead be paid by the Downtown Development Authority through downtown taxes. Citywide taxpayers will not be burdened with monthly expenses (as stated in a letter to the editor published on page 5 of the Oct. 19 edition of the Charlevoix Courier) of cleaning, electrical, gas, garbage collection and general maintenance. These expenses, related to the marina, come out of the marina fund which showed a profit of $75,000 last year and will most certainly increase with the new marina. The expenses for the park will continue to be funded as before with the probability of less maintenance because of updated facilities.

I am, at the same time, alarmed by the patchwork approach towards park repairs which has been proposed by a few individuals. The repair of East Park has been neglected for way too many years and is now a cost which can no longer be delayed. It is questionable whether the patchwork approach would bring the park back into satisfactory shape or enhance our downtown business environment. As a result, Downtown Development Authority members may question the merits of patchwork repairs and the willingness of the Downtown Development Authority to pay for the same.

Charlevoix city voters are left with two alternatives. A "yes" vote on the East Park proposal on Nov. 8 will ensure thorough and long lasting improvements to East Park which will not be paid by general revenue taxes, but will instead be paid by Downtown Development Authority funding. A "no" vote on Nov. 8 would leave Charlevoix with a questionable, patchwork approach to East Park repairs which may end up being paid by citywide taxpayers.

The choice is clear. Keep Charlevoix strong and beautiful and limit citywide taxes by voting "yes" on the East Park proposal on Nov. 8.

Dave Novotny
Charlevoix

Vote 'no' on park plan

Editor:

To you many registered voters in Charlevoix I have heard from, that are against tearing down the bandshell — please remember to vote.

If there is anyone of you that need a ride to the polls, please feel free to call me, Jill Picha at (231) 547-4169.

I have gone down to the area in the park where they want to put the new bandshell. I see where we would be losing the beautiful view of Round Lake looking down into Lake Charlevoix. We would instead see a small area of Round Lake and mostly the condos and homes on the south shore of Round Lake.

Now they are trying to convince you that tearing down the bandshell and building the new one with concrete tier seating is going to cost $1.5 million, and I am here to tell you that it will be much more than that. My guess is it will be closer to $2.5 million. There seems to be a trend in Charlevoix that public works projects hardly ever are completed within budget and never under budget.

Now to address the acoustics — I find the "local complaints" interesting, as the Saturday night of Venetian the lead singer of the rock band War (which is nationally known among the young people) commented that in all the outdoor theaters in which they had played, Charlevoix had the best acoustics. Therefore I am inclined to go with the well-traveled and more famous professional group than I am with the local complaints.

In closing, I want to respond to a couple of letters to the editor in the Oct. 26 Courier.

First of all, I am sorry that someone who wants the bandshell removed, contacted Bobby Odmark and sold him a bill of goods.

When it first came out the bandshell was going to be torn down, those that planned it didn't know who Clarence Odmark was, didn't care and had no intention of even naming the new one after him, until some of us long standing locals got quite vocal about it. This saddens me. My husband refers to these people as "self serving."

Next letter I have a problem with was written by Dale Boss. First of all Mr. Boss has nothing to lose. He doesn't live in the city limits, so therefore it doesn't affect his billfold.

Mr. Boss is wrong about the state paying any part of the bandshell. The only thing the state will pay part of in the park is the harbormaster building.

The Downtown Development Authority is taking millions out of the general fund so don't let Mr. Boss fool you, and when the general fund runs low, which is pretty close to now — what's left but to raise our property tax.

I have done what I can. I forced this issue on the ballot — now the rest is up to the voters of Charlevoix.

Please remember to vote Nov. 8.

Jill Picha
Charlevoix

Not us vs. them

Editor:

Your editorial of October 12, 2005 inspired these thoughts.

During the 30 years we lived in Decorah, Iowa, I was often able to bring a friend with me to visit my extended family in Charlevoix. As was the habit then, aunties, clerks and friends alike would ask my guest, "Is this your first time up here?" Living on top of this Michigan mitten, we naturally assume we are "up." The question also implied you'd be back if it was indeed your first time up.

Friends and strangers have come back by the score — and stayed. Picture them at work — wait staff and health staff, keepers and church charity workers, builders and benefactors, and busiest by far, our young future citizens and their teachers.

When you are recognized as a non-native resident, I expect someone to ask "How long have you lived here?" Edith Gilbert is right that an inviting question such as "What brought you to Charlevoix?" will trigger a personal story of how you first met the lake shores and maple-lined streets of "Charlevoix the Beautiful." Everybody likes to hear about the way a newcomer was charmed into making their home in this little city.

We are not an us and them community. We residents, new and old, are all busy perpetuating Charlevoix's uniqueness, a flavor that most happy visitors get only a taste of.

Sharon Knutson
Charlevoix

Support East Park project

Editor:

"Heavens to mergatroid," my aunt Dodo would say. "They're against fixing up the park. How can anyone be against a park?"

Here in Charlevoix a group has announced their opposition to making improvements to East Park, where the bandshell is. A look back will explain their position. These are the same people that were against fixing up the docks in the harbor last year. If you go through Couriers from months and years back you will discover that this same group opposed the Bridge Park project in 1994. It's beautiful there now, isn't it?

These people were against the new high school which is now a state-of-the-art beautiful facility. They were against putting the elementary school on the north side, they opposed moving the post office out-of-town. It's dandy out there, isn't it? They lobbied against the beautiful trees that line Bridge Street, and they opposed the improvements made at Charlevoix's beautiful beaches. I'm surprised the group didn't come out against the new skateboard park that the community is rallying behind. And Dale Boss pointed out last week that some of the same people said the petunia planting project would never work. Some of them railed against the modernization of our airport and objected to the city plans to improve things at Mt. McSauba Ski Hill and Recreation Area. Back in the late 1980's they even objected to the building of the bandshell as it exists today.

Yes, it's been going on for years. Actually, for decades. For verification read the late Bob Clock's column in the Nov. 1, 1989 edition of the Courier. They should have it at the Courier office.

The bottom line is, improving the park has been a working project for more than 70 years. There was no park in the 1920s. Only when the buildings started burning down or falling down did the far-sighted city fathers start buying up the land for us, the citizens of Charlevoix. That's continued right up 'till now with the Downtown

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Development Authority purchasing the old Neff Bros Grocery and the Parkside building, tearing them down and making room for the next major improvements in East Park. Downtown Development Authority money paid only by members of the Downtown Development Authority, the people in the downtown area.

You've been in the park for the Memorial Day programs. It'll be great with a new facility. We'll be able to hear the speakers and singers. Same for July 4, Venetian week and all of the Tuesday and Thursday concerts.

Charlevoix wouldn't have much if that other group had their way. I hope you'll consider supporting the park project and vote "yes" on Nov. 8. Anything I can help out with stop by the theater and we can talk. I won't lie to you. This is a pretty good deal for the whole town. And I'll have the Bob Clock column with me.

Bill Supernaw
Charlevoix

Continue the park vision

Editor:

Just a reminder to all Charlevoix voters to be sure to exercise your rights in the upcoming Nov. 8 election. Charlevoix city voters have an added incentive to cast their ballots with the issue of the East Park improvements up for voter approval. The proposal calls for relocating the bandshell to the south side of the park to provide a continuous open park setting from Antrim to Clinton streets with no streets or buildings above sidewalk level in between. The bandshell will be appropriately rededicated to Clarence Odmark.

Our forefathers envisioned a beautiful user-friendly continuous park along the downtown waterfront, and now we can make a good part of that vision reality, and with no additional tax dollars or millage increases. Funding is provided by the Downtown Development Authority, with taxes generated from buildings in the downtown district, specifically earmarked for downtown improvements. And, those building owners have voiced broad support for this project. In all the debate in the newspapers, there are two big benefits to these improvements nobody has talked about. With the new marina and park renovation, all facilities become completely handicap accessible, right to the end of the new viewing pier on Round Lake. And, viewing concerts will not only be easier for all of us, but concerts can be held in one part of the park while the remainder remains open and undisturbed for all to use. To me, that means getting double the bang for our park dollars. It's a win, win situation. I urge you all to vote "yes" for the East Park improvements Nov. 8.

John Yaroch
Downtown Development Authority
Charlevoix

Park plan doesn't make sense

Editor:

It seems to me that the current debate regarding the fate of the bandshell overlooks the much broader issue of the proposed entertainment venue aimed at replacing it.

We aren't just relocating the bandshell, as many people seem to think. What is planned is a complete reshaping of the character and landscape of the south end of the park. The present plan does away with the natural setting and atmosphere of the current park by replacing it with an artificial looking structure that is packed into a limited amount of space. The scope and scale of the entertainment venue is way overdone, in view of the fact that entertainment and concerts are only conducted three to four months out of the year.

The intersection at Antrim and Bridge streets is one of the busiest and most congested in town. You only have to observe the vehicular and pedestrian traffic at this end of downtown in the summer to realize that relocating entertainment activities to the south end of the park would only make an already bad situation worse. Furthermore, it goes against basic common sense to move the location where people now view entertainment, from the larger center part of the park, to a much smaller area at the south end of the park.

The center part of the park is much more suitable to handle the larger concentrations of people that congregate during entertainment activities. A lot of effort went into opening up the center of the park. Why not use it?

As for the present bandshell, it's not that old. It's understandable why those people who worked hard to have it built, do not want to see it scrapped so soon. It's not ideal, but many people like the bandshell the way it is and enjoy sitting on the lawn and listening to music. Why do we need to build terraced seating and destroy the natural setting we currently possess?

When I hear remarks about the acoustics, I just laugh. The present acoustics are just fine for a small downtown park like ours. Most of the musical entertainment is amplified anyway. The sound doesn't need to carry all the way up to the north side of town like it does now. Sure, there are improvements that might be desirable, but how much is too much?

Making improvements to the marina are much needed. Making the proposed changes to the park are not improvements, nor are they needed. For an issue as important as this, it's unfortunate that the people do not have more than one design plan or option to consider, but we don't. There are numerous alternatives that are logical and could be considered. Instead we have just one plan being presented and it's all or nothing.

What's wrong with turning over the current Chamber of Commerce building to the harbormaster? Make the necessary upgrades to offices, restrooms, showers, storage, etc. to accommodate the boaters and entertainers, and do away with the excessively overdone plan that is now on the table. Doing this would undoubtedly save money, preserve the natural beauty of the park, and keep two perfectly good buildings intact.

The one positive in this whole debate is that the people of Charlevoix will ultimately decide this issue by a vote. This is as it should be.

Tom Bennett
Charlevoix

Letter response

Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter written by Roberta Whitley published Oct. 18. I feel that I owe it to the citizens to share some facts on the park issues. First of all, the harbormaster building is not even part of the park issue. It was passed by your council unanimously. The concept drawings do include laundry and cooking facilities, shower rooms, lounge, harbormaster office space as well as public restrooms. I do not believe it is outlandish especially since it is a "harbormaster" building for the marina. The marina is being 75 percent funded by the Michigan Waterways Commission whose funding comes directly from boaters.

The Downtown Development Authority does not capture $200,000 a year that would otherwise go to the city. It has, however, funded over $24 million in projects for the downtown area during their existence.

The monthly burden of maintenance, electricity, cleaning, gas, garbage collection, etc. is not a burden at all for the taxpayers of Charlevoix. In fact, the marina had a profit of over $75,000 after paying for all those burdens from fees collected from boaters. I do agree that the park is a God given gift to our community. Any decisions regarding this gift should be made with a lot of thought and consideration.

I am not trying to tell you how to vote. That is your right as a registered voter. I would ask, however, for you to become familiar with the facts to make an educated decision. There is a public question and answer session at city hall at 7 p.m. on Nov. 2. I ask you all to attend and please ask questions you have to help clear up any misconceptions you may have concerning the park plans.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you on Nov. 2.

Norman L. Carlson Jr.
Charlevoix

Park project would hurt business

Editor:

In a very short time the City of Charlevoix will be going to the polls to vote on an important issue that could change our community forever. The people will be able to decide whether or not we want to change our East Park land and water use to meet the needs of its year-round residents or to meet the needs of the three month boat traffic.

As natives of Charlevoix with a keen interest in East Park and the band pavilion, we would like to express our views on the aforementioned proposed changes.

We think Round Lake has as much traffic as it can handle now with the present harbor and the crowded docking facilities. With the proposed changes to the docks, we can see more crowding and more confusion in our little lake. The lake isn't going to grow, but it will get swallowed up by docks and boats. We think it would be reasonable to change the present dock master office to utilize the entire chamber building, and move the chamber to another existing building that the city owns.

The present band pavilion is certainly adequate for performances of almost any kind. A few minor changes would help the pavilion, and could be completed in the near future.

This past summer as we were playing in concerts on the band pavilion, we thought about all of the people that were in the park listening and enjoying our concerts. We were right in the center of town, people could walk across the street or just a half block for ice cream or whatever they wished to purchase. The pavilion is the center of activity for the whole park, and for that matter, the whole town. That's where the action is and that is where it needs to stay. We can't imagine what the Venetian Festival would be like with people all crowded around the band pavilion in the proposed south park area.

We think the merchants would actually lose business with the south park location being the center of attraction. Parking would be inconvenient as well, since the big parking areas for the city are right across the street to the west and to the north of the present location of East Park.

We would like to see some necessary changes made for the dock master and shower facilities, but leave the rest of the park as is.

We urge the people to vote no on East Park changes.

Betty Martin and Gail Baldridge
Charlevoix

Save money leave bandshell alone

Editor:

I have been following with interest the proposed demolition of the Clarence Odmark Pavilion that my father worked so hard to make happen for over 40 years. Upon his death he knew that his dream for Charlevoix was going to happen. Many, many people spent time and especially money, to see that this dream became a reality.

When I heard of it's pending demise, I was truly heartbroken, not only for my father's memory but for the people that supported his dream. Now, after just a few years, to have it torn down and another venue built is just a waste of money.

I was told by my brother that if and when the pavilion is torn down, the new venue would be rededicated in my father's name. I was supposed to have received a copy of the plans but they have never materialized. But knowing the park there in Charlevoix and the location they are talking about, I doubt if the city is going to condemn a street that serves one of the cities' larger marinas. How would you like to listen to a concert with a street, with parking, between you and the venue?

I agreed with my brother that as a last resort, I would support the rededicating of a new facility should the present pavilion be demolished. However, the Clarence Odmark Pavilion was the one my father envisioned, saw and knew was to be there for future generations. I would hope the beautiful city of Charlevoix would take heed and spend money in other places rather than demolish a vision of Charlevoix's "Mr. Music."

Dick Odmark
San Antonio, Texas

Vote 'yes' on East Park

Editor:

For decades our forefathers have had a plan for a park free of commercial buildings between Clinton and Antrim streets. This goal has been accomplished and now the bandshell and the Mason Street extension isolate the southern half of the park.

The two main arguments against the remodeling of East Park are the costs to taxpayers and the Odmark name.

General tax revenue will not be used as this is a Downtown Development Authority project. This means it will only be paid for by the downtown business owners, and they voted unanimously to tax themselves. Maintenance on a brand new park also has to be less than on the present one.

Regarding the name, the Odmark family is in full support of the new band shell, as it will bear their father's name, taking his legacy another generation forward. It has also been mentioned that the present one was built with donated funds. If this is important why don't we place their names on the new one?

As we all know, the present structure has portable restrooms, no changing rooms, a lack of storage space, of course terrible acoustics and a fish pond in front of it.

Should the voters decide not to do this project the chamber (of commerce) building is to be torn down anyway, thus eliminating our restrooms on the south side of the park. The chamber is going into the old post office and the harbormaster by Clinton Street.

This proposal is about much more than the bandshell. It is an opportunity to re-do the entire park for future generations with a clean piece of paper. It is about re-contouring the topography, new sidewalks, lighting, sprinkling system, restrooms, with all of it being placed where it makes the most sense, between Clinton and Antrim streets.

Some people cannot accept any change. However, this change is a positive one. Our town is looking tired and the park is our signature. Other than our schools, there is nothing more important than the vitality of our downtown. This is a one shot opportunity. Let's do it right. Please vote yes Nov. 8.

Pete Pace
Charlevoix

Big box ordinance would hurt economy

Editor:

On Nov. 8, Charlevoix Township voters will make a highly important decision. Our choice will have a profound effect on the future prosperity of our township and employment opportunities for those who live in and around it. Liberal elitists and their union allies across America have declared

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COMMUNITY

Chamber promotion to benefit local non-profits

The Retail Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring "A Community Pledge," a program for area retailers to garner additional holiday sales while supporting local charities and non-profit organizations.

The community pledge event will take place all day, Saturday, Nov. 5. That day, participating restaurants and merchants will donate 10 percent of designated sales to a charity or non-profit organization of your choice.

Participating merchants include: American Spoon Foods, Bridge Street Book Shop, Brittany's, C2 Gallery, Central Drug Store, Charlevoix Harbor Wear, The Clothing Company, Elements, Halfway to the Top, Kilwin's, Marvin's Gardens, Rocking Horse Toy Company and Shop of the Gulls. And be sure to stop in for coffee or a bite to eat at the Acorn Café, Giuseppe's Italian Grille, Whitney's Oyster Bar or Woolly Bugger.

VFW donation

Courtesy photo

(Above) Mike Webb presents Ed Holm, from the Charlevoix's VFW Post 1153, with a check for $780 raised from the Fall Down Classic Benefit Golf Outing which took place Sept. 16 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

Area hospice groups offer holiday support seminars

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and Hospice of Northwest Michigan will host "Handling the Holidays" seminars this month.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency Hospice will host its program at 7 p.m. Nov. 3 in the large classroom located on the lower level of Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Rev. Nancy Rhode, a hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator, will discuss "The Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights," and a plan for handling stresses associated with holidays.

This program is free of charge and open to anyone who feels a need for assistance to get through the holiday season. Participants will be given a booklet containing a holiday planner and other tools.

Refreshments will follow the presentation. For more information call (231) 536-2842.

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay's "Handling the Holidays" seminar is a one night support and education class designed to help participants and their families through the holiday season after the death of a loved one.

The seminar will address the concerns of those attending and help generate ideas about ways to enhance the holiday season.

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay will host its seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at First Congregational Church located at 101 State Street in Charlevoix.

The session will be facilitated by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Family Counselors. Anyone over the age of 5 is welcome to attend. Children's counselors will be available to provide special activities for children and teens.

For more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

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Obituaries

Charles Hosper: July 26, 1929 - Oct. 21, 2005

Charles F. Hosper, 76, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Oct. 21, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Charles was born July 26, 1929, in Bloomington, Ind., to Charles F. and Louisa (Moore) Hosper. The family moved to East Detroit. Chuck learned to play the coronet as a youngster and developed an appreciation and passion for jazz music as he played along with the record player.

He joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served from 1946-48. On his return from the service, he went to work for Chrysler as a parts inspector. He went on to become a clay modeler and then to management. After 42 years, he retired in 1989 from American Motor and Chrysler Corporation. He married Roberta Tunison on June 6, 1952, in Royal Oak. They moved to Charlevoix in 1994. He was an active member of the Marine Corps League, and the American Legion Shapton Post #226, and he marched with these groups in many parades.

Charles is survived by his wife Roberta; sons Daniel (Theresa Miller) of West Bloomfield and Timothy of Torch Lake Village; daughter Nancy Hosper of Charlevoix; grandchildren Chelsea, Aaron, and Isaac Hosper and Ian and Jessica Miller; sister June (Donald) Helton of Florence, Ala.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Charles Hosper. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Theresa 'Terri' Jasierski: April 18, 1926 - Oct. 23, 2005

Theresa S. "Terri" Jaskierski, 79, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Oct. 23, at Penfold Adult Foster Care Home in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian Burial took place at noon, Thursday, Oct. 27, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Fr. Jerry Hunko officiated and internment took place in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Terri was born April 18, 1926, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Thomas and Antonia (Stasa) Kovar. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1944, and during the Korean War served as a Remington Raider in the U.S. Marine Corps. In August 1967, she married Frank J. Jaskierski, Jr. who preceded her death on Sept. 1, 2004.

Terri was a bookkeeper and secretary and worked for DME through the late 1960s. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and volunteered at the Rainbow Shoppe and other local charities. She held several offices in Norwood Township, and was a member of the American Legion, Leslie T. Shapton, Post #226.

Terri is survived by her son John (Kathleen) Jaskierski and grandson Jakob of Charlevoix; sisters, Bette McConnaughey of Traverse City and Agnes Simmerman and Ann Schwarz both of Holland; sister-in-law, Josephine Bindi of Charlevoix and Mary Jones of Chicago, Ill.

She was preceded in death by a son, Thomas.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1040 Walnut Street, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Virgina Woods: Aug. 14, 1927 - Oct. 24, 2005

Virginia Woods

Virginia Ruth Woods 78, of Zephyrhills, Fla. passed away Monday, Oct. 24.

Ginny was born Aug. 14, 1927 in Traverse City to John Joseph and Gertrude (Heimforth) Stanek. She grew up on a cherry farm in Leelanau County and was very proud of her farming heritage. After marrying Wayne J. Woods, she lived most of her life in Charlevoix. She was a secretary for Charlevoix Public Schools and enjoyed seeing all of her students in the community. She was active in her church, where singing in the choir was her love. Ginny took great pleasure in growing things and working in her yard. After spending winters in Florida, she moved permanently to Zephyrhills in 2005.

Ginny was very proud of her family. She is survived by two daughters, Linda S. Mort of Columbus, Ga. and Vickie L. Moats (David) of Charlevoix; a son, Randy S. Woods (Joanie) of Leland; eight grandchildren, Michelle, Michael, Amanda, Amee, Alison, Andrew, Stephanie and Elizabeth; 15 great-grandchildren, Caroline, Taylor, Cortney, Hannah, Joseph, Nicholas, Aurora, Casey, Nicole, Tora, Ty, James, Crosley, Katy and Madeline; a brother Gerald Stanek; sister-in-law, Mariam Woods; nephews, John (Pam) and Jerry (Pegy) Stanek, Joel and Ken (Jackie) Woods; and many beloved cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne J. Woods and a grandson, Ryan Sandow.

Services will be held at the Congregational Church in Charlevoix at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 7. A luncheon will follow.

Burial will be in Traverse City at Oakwood Cemetery at 3:30 p.m. Nov. 7. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Leelanau County Farmland Preservation Board.

Elsie Lemond: Dec. 5, 1938 - Oct. 29, 2005

Elsie M. Lemond, 66, of Ellsworth, died peacefully Saturday, Oct. 29, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born Dec. 5, 1938 in Lansing, the daughter of Clarence and Mildred (Rutan) Starnaman.

On March 2, 1956, she married Donald Lemond in Detroit where they made their home. They moved to Banks Township in 1972.

Elsie was a server at The Rowe Inn in Ellsworth for a number of years. She enjoyed cooking, knitting, crocheting, spending time with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed watching birds and making snowmen.

Surviving are her husband Don; children Brian (Priscilla) Lemond of Charlevoix, Timothy (Janel) Lemond of Ripon, Wis., Dawn (Terry) Wilhelm of Charlevoix, and Patti (Howard) Barraw of Ellsworth; 14 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Doris Pyrtle.

There will be a private family memorial service, and burial will be in Ellsworth Cemetery.

Friends gathered at a luncheon and celebration of life at the Banks Township Community Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Arrangements were made by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

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Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Wallon

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Pastor:
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Sunday School & Child Care 10:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-6322

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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut
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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221
Parsonage 547-3852

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M-66 (across from Post Office)
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Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:10 a.m.
Pastor: Geri Litchfield 582-9262

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Ironton
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

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Norwood
Sunday School 10:40 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services 6:30 p.m.
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Charlevoix County primary election

Josh Barnes vs. John Haggard

ELECTION 2005

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

City of Charlevoix voters living north of the bridge, along with those in Hayes, Bay and Charlevoix townships will vote Nov. 8 in a primary election to decide who will be named the Republican candidate for the first district Charlevoix County Commission seat.

Josh Barnes

Primary candidates include interim commissioner Josh Barnes and Charlevoix Township resident John Haggard, the 64-year-old chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican party.

Barnes, 77, was appointed by the members of the commission to fill a vacancy left by his daughter, Valerie Snyder, who resigned on March 10, 2005 because she was moving to a location just outside Las Vegas, Nev.

He said he wants to be elected to finish the term which ends Dec. 31, 2006.

But Haggard, a former commissioner of four years has stepped in to challenge him and in a previous interview Barnes said Haggard has "no business" running. Barnes explained his opinion is based on Haggard's position as chairman of the Charlevoix County Republican party in which he is in charge of assigning campaign funding.

John Haggard

Haggard, who has held the party chairman's position for about 15 years said the Republican party does not allocate funds for a primary election.

He added that he has no beef with Barnes but is interested in taking a seat on the commission once again. He was a commissioner from 1978-1982.

Both candidates have extensive political and business experience.

Barnes was mayor of the City of Charlevoix for four years. He is currently director of Summa Industries, owner of several operating companies including local manufacturer Spectrus-LexaLite, which he founded. Barnes is also a consultant to several businesses.

Haggard, a Charlevoix native, is co-owner of Haggard's Plumbing and Heating. Aside from running this local business he has also had his hands in local and national politics since he was a teen.

This first district commission seat will be the only matter on the county primary ballot.

Election questions for voters north of the bridge in the City of Charlevoix and those in Hayes, Bay and Charlevoix townships will be on the ballot along with the commission seat.

Ballots can be cast between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at residents' respective government halls.

Voters who live north of the bridge in the City of Charlevoix will vote at Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State Street in downtown Charlevoix. For more information call (231) 547-3250.

Voters who live in Charlevoix Township will vote at the Charlevoix Township Hall located on 12491 Waller Road. For more information call (231) 547-4611.

Those who live in Bay Township will vote at Bay Hall located at 05045 Boyne City Road. For more information call (231) 582-3594 .

Residents of Hayes Township will vote at the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old U.S. 31 North. For more information call (231) 547-6961.

The general election will take place Feb. 28, 2006 for a term to last through Dec. 2006.

No other party candidates filed nominating petitions to run. That means at the Feb. 28 general election the primary winner will run unopposed unless a write-in campaign is launched.

Connie Saltonstall, who will run as an independent, launched a petition drive so she may be included on the Feb. 28 general election ballot as a candidate for the first ward county commissioner seat.

Connie Saltonstall

The Green Party will hold a caucus to choose their first ward county commission candidate at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Horton Bay General Store located at 5115 Charlevoix-Boyne City Road in Horton Bay. The caucus is open to the public, but only Green Party members living in the district will be permitted to propose and vote on candidates.

For more information call Ellis Boal at (231) 547-2626.

Sheriff reports rollover crash in Eveline Township

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle rollover crash in Eveline Township at approximately 10:55 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Michelle Pringle, 41, of East Jordan was northbound on North Advance Road and lost control of her 2003 Nissan Pathfinder on a curve at the intersection with Cummins Road. The vehicle ran off the roadway and rolled once coming to rest back on its wheels.

Pringle was transported by East Jordan EMS to Charlevoix Area Hospital for evaluation.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the East Jordan Fire Department and the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

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Charlevoix City Hall celebration Nov. 5

The City of Charlevoix is hosting a grand opening celebration in recognition of the recently completed city hall restoration and renovation project.

The celebration will take place at 210 State Street in Charlevoix City Hall.

It will begin with the unveiling of the project plaque at 10 a.m. Nov. 5 in the State Street lobby.

Tours of the facility will begin after the plaque presentation and will continue until 1 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

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The unwritten question on the city ballot

Candidates discuss their positions on firing city manager Mike Wiesner

ELECTION 2005

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

An issue that doesn't appear on the City of Charlevoix's election ballot but will likely be decided on Nov. 8 is whether or not city manager Mike Wiesner will retain his position.

Shirley Gibson

In mid-September, second ward councilman Gabe Campbell and third ward council member Shirley Gibson came forward and said the CCMS check debacle that cost the city over $220,000 was grounds for Wiesner's dismissal.

Campbell is not currently running for reelection and is one of four council votes needed to fire Wiesner.

Gene Beer

One of the other three will come from Gibson if she is reelected. She is currently running unopposed to retain her third ward seat.

She said other recent mishaps, including the falsification of reports to the state by Charlevoix's Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, Sam Cresswell, add to the merit of her push for Wiesner's dismissal.

Bill Bellows

"Mike Wiesner needs to be held accountable for his actions. He's made bad decisions, he lacks leadership and has too much power and not enough accountability," Gibson said. "I would fire him in a minute if we have the votes."

Robert Timms

A third vote to fire Wiesner will likely come from Gene Beer if he beats incumbent Bill Bellows for the second ward seat.

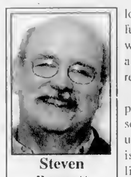
"I won't say anything against Mike (Wiesner) directly. But the mistakes that continue to plague city hall are incredulous. Council should not have to continually investigate and cover for errors made by city officials," Beer said.

He added that his vote would be based on all the evidence presented.

Bellows said the incidents cited by his fellow candidates show a lack of communication throughout city departments. He added that Wiesner is ultimately responsible for all departments.

However, he said Wiesner has had a long, successful track record with the city and should be retained.

"Firing people doesn't solve anything unless there is a compelling reason," Bellows said.



Steven Bennett

The final, fourth vote, sealing the dismissal of Wiesner will come from first ward councilman Robert Timms if he successfully defeats Steven Bennett.

"I would vote to fire him," Timms said. "There are a lot of reasons for that but the check was the glaring foul up."

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City to use land use survey results in master plan

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Gerry Harsch

Enclosed in this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier is a City of Charlevoix land use survey, the results of which will be used to overhaul the city's master plan.

"Our (master) plan is so old that we're not really updating it. We're actually creating a brand new plan," said John Hess, chairman of the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission.

He explained that a master plan is a guide which details residents' goals and objectives for growth in the city. These goals and objectives are then implemented using the city's zoning ordinance.

About 3,200 surveys are being distributed through the newspaper. The surveys were created during city planning commission brainstorming sessions.

"We truly want people to tell us what they think," Hess said.

City planner Gerry Harsch said residents in and out of the city limits are asked to fill the survey out and return it to city hall. He added that in evaluating data, responses of city and township residents will be separated.

Hess said, "The planning commission wants to hear from everyone. The city and townships are so close to one another. When it comes to economic and housing development, we've got to work together."

The survey is a 12-page form with specific community development questions that participants can respond to by agreeing or disagreeing.

Issues tackled in the survey include where commercial, residential and industrial development should be directed and how it should look, as well as where park land should be located.

Survey responses will be tallied to develop trends that will be incorporated in the master plan. There will be a planning commission meeting scheduled to publicly discuss the survey findings.

"The master plan will be a guide for development over the next five to 10 years," Hess said. "I've lived here all my life and truly want the City of Charlevoix to have an active say in how the city develops over the next 10 years."

Once the master plan has been adopted Hess said the commission will work with Charlevoix City Council to support the plan's goals through zoning and a capital improvement plan.

Master plan revamping has been going on for about a year. Other work that has been completed includes, infrastructure mapping and aerial photography. Hess said the recommended master plan should be ready for city council to review in about a year.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

This "Planning for the future," survey inserted in this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier was created by the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission to assist in revamping the city's master plan. City and township residents are asked to complete it and return it to city hall.

Crooked Tree exhibit highlights Otis Pottery

Crooked Tree Arts Center is highlighting the work of David, June and Andrew Otis of East Jordon in an exhibition entitled The Potter's House: Works in Clay.

The exhibit runs from Oct. 22 through Nov. 26.

A variety of styles of work will be on display in this exhibition. David's work represents a marriage of function and design. June's work is delicate and sculptural as seen in her kimono people. And Andrew grows from the roots of these two masters to create vessels of form and strength.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell Street in Petoskey. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Farewell chief Halverson

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

Family, friends and fellow officials gathered at Charlevoix City Hall Oct. 26 to say goodbye to Charlevoix City Police Chief Dennis Halverson who after 20 years of service left his post to accept a position at the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. (Above) Halverson poses with his wife Joy and daughter Jessica. (Below) Halverson talks shop one last time with Charlevoix County District Court Judge Richard May and undersheriff Don Schneider

Week-long Community Reformed Church centennial celebration

Area residents are invited to participate in a week-long centennial celebration for Charlevoix's Community Reformed Church.

Charlevoix's Community Reformed Church was established in the countryside of South Barnard in November of 1905 by 15 Dutch immigrants.

In recognition of the church's roots, the celebration will kick off at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5 with the Founders' Memory Walk/Run. Participants will meet at the Barnard Grange on Klooster Road, five miles south of Charlevoix, and walk or run to the church's present site on the corner of Meech and Oak streets on Charlevoix's north side.

The centennial celebration will continue throughout the week.

Sunday, Nov. 6 has been designated as Founders' Sunday. Former Pastor Larry Grooters will speak at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. on the theme, "Rejoicing in God's Goodness." Organist Terry VanderSlik will play Dutch Psalms.

At 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 the church will hold a potluck Harvest Dinner featuring Dutch desserts at Castle Farms off M-66. Community Reformed's Pious Prestettes will provide tongue-in-cheek Dutch entertainment with music by the Horton Creek Blue Grass Band.

Finally, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13, Community Reformed's congregation will gather in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School for its Centennial Celebration Service. Pastor Chip Sauer will deliver a sermon on "Responding to God's Goodness."

A mass choir, composed of present and former choir members, will perform under the direction of Cindy Mansen. A community band with Evelyn Wujcik conducting will provide music for the service. Honored guests will include many of Community Reformed's former pastors and summer interns. Fellowship and a light brunch will follow the service in the high school cafeteria.

The public is invited to celebrate with the church at any or all of the events. Choir rehearsals will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Community Reformed Church and Nov. 13 at Charlevoix High School prior to the service. Band rehearsals will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 and Nov. 8 in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School.

There is a revised history of the Community Reformed Church compiled by Jessie Potter Cunningham daughter of one of the original founders, available at the church free-of charge. There are also commemorative plates, Otis Pottery tiles and T-shirts for sale.

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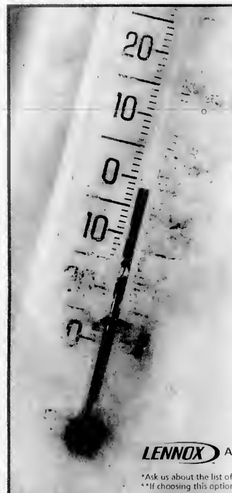

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Convention and Visitors Bureau names new officers

The Charlevoix Area Convention and Visitors Bureau has elected the following members to its 2006 board of directors: Tracy Sell, The Lodge Hotel, president; Shelley McCullough, AmericInn Lodge & Suites, vice president; John McKown, Sleep Inn secretary/treasurer; Chris Kowal, Edgewater Inn, director; Irene Hitzelberger, Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites, director.

The board of directors agreed that Vera McKown will act as executive director for the Charlevoix Area Convention and Visitors Bureau until further notice.

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Community health agency offers free radon test kits

In observance of National Radon Action Week, radon test kits are available free at local offices of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency in Bellaire, Charlevoix, Petoskey and Gaylord.

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Radon can be a problem in all types of homes.

"Testing your home for radon is the only way for you and your family to know if radon levels are dangerously high," said Scott Kendzierski, director of environmental health for the health department.

Radon has been found in many northern Michigan homes. About 12 percent of homes across the state have high radon levels.

"We've identified some homes in our area with indoor concentrations five times the Environmental Protection Agency's action level of 4 piC/l. Last year, several area homes were found to contain unsafe levels of radon, ranging from 4 piC/l to 22 piC/l," Kendzierski said.

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Tipp of the Mitt offers guide to water quality

As part of a larger project funded by the Joyce Foundation, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is proud to introduce a guidebook designed to help citizens participate more fully in water quality permitting.

The book, "A Citizen's Guide to Water Quality Permitting, Understanding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program and Its Role in Michigan," was written by environmental attorney, Ellen J. Kohler.

"It is exciting to see this type of tool that will help Michigan citizens become better informed as to how our permitting process works," said Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Steven E. Chester. "Understanding the process is the first step in becoming involved and participating in the decisions that result from it."

The guidebook specifically focuses on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program established under the federal Clean Water Act and as administered in Michigan by the Department of Environmental Quality.

"This manual is a great resource, not only for private citizens, but for any person working in water quality circles in Michigan," said Cortland Overmyer of the Environmental Protection Services Department in the City of Grand Rapids. "It is the first time that I have seen the 'nuts and bolts' of federal Clean Water Act application in Michigan all in one spot. This guidebook is a wonderful explanation and compendium of information that will serve to guide and encourage input."

Kohler, is an attorney who has practiced environmental and natural resources law in Traverse City for 8 years, and has participated in several projects with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

The guidebook is available in two formats, print and electronic. A Web based version is available on the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's Web site at www.watershedcouncil.org.

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City ballot focused on East Park and council candidates

ELECTION 2005

By JULIE WITTHOEFT, Editor

Voters in the City of Charlevoix will head to the polls Nov. 8 to decide the fate of East Park and three city council seats.

Election polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nov. 8 in the second floor council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix.

At the election, voters will have to decide whether the current performance facility will be removed and a new venue with amphitheater seating should be built in the fall of 2006 at the south end of the park.

This project would cost the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority just under $1.5 million.

This issue will be discussed at a public forum to take place at 7 p.m. tonight, Nov. 2 in council chambers at city hall.

Voters will also decide who will fill three council seats.

In the first ward, voters will choose between incumbent councilman Robert Timms and former city planning commissioner Steven Bennett.

There are about 853 registered voters living in the first ward who will be eligible to vote in the election.

Timms, a 71-year-old father of three and husband of Alice Timms, has held a council seat on and off for about 20 years. His most recent stint in office started in November of 2003 when he beat out his competitor, interim first ward councilman Dave Novotny, by 36 votes. In 1999 he lost to current mayor Norman Carlson by 21 votes.

Timms' time in office has been centered around his focus on city spending. His most recent mission is to earmark infrastructure millage money for infrastructure projects only.

In recent interviews Timms came out against tearing down the existing bandshell and in favor of firing city manager Mike Wiesner.

Bennett, a 53-year-old father of two and husband of Sandra Bennett is a former long-time City of Charlevoix planning commissioner and past president of the Charlevoix Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Bennett said he decided to run for council this year, for the first time, after attending council meetings and feeling as though constituents are not being well represented.

In recent interviews, Bennett said he is not in favor of tearing down the existing bandshell or firing Wiesner.

The second ward's Bill Bellows is up for reelection as well. He will be facing Eugene Beer.

There are 741 registered voters living in the second ward who will be eligible to vote in the election.

Bellows, 72, has been a council member for a total of 12 years since the late 1970s. Currently, he has held the seat for seven years running.

He is retired from his previous work as an electrical contractor and said he has no opinion on the fate of the bandshell but that most of his constituents do not want it to be removed.

He added that he feels recent talk of firing Wiesner is inappropriate and should be brought up at a public meeting.

Beer, 59, is a father of three and husband of Ginnie Beer, who has lived in the city for 27 years. His past political experience is limited to having run for Charlevoix County register of deeds, a position to which he was not elected.

However, Beer said his 17 years of experience as manager of Charlevoix County Transit afford him useful skills as a councilman.

"I'm an independent voice with my own mind that won't easily be swayed," he said.

Beer is against removing the existing bandshell and has said if evidence is shown to convince him Wiener should be removed, he would cast a vote to oust him.

Finally, Shirley Gibson's third ward seat is also up for reelection. Gibson, 58, has been a council member for four years and is vying for her third term.

There are 829 registered voters living in the third ward who will be eligible to vote in the election. However, no candidates have filed to run against her.

In previous interviews Gibson has voiced her opposition to removal of the bandshell and support for firing Wiesner.

City clerk Carol Ochs is also running unopposed.

Write-in candidates interested in running in this election must declare their write-in status by 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 4 at the city clerk's office located at 210 State Street inside Charlevoix's City Hall.

Absentee ballots are available at city hall. Those looking to mail ballots must pick them up at the clerk's office before 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5. Residents who want to vote an absentee ballot in person must do so by 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 in the city clerk's office at city hall.

Voters who are prevented from voting at the polls due to circumstances such as a sudden illness or a family death may request an emergency absentee ballot until 4 p.m. on election day.

For more information, about filing as a write-in or to vote using an absentee ballot, contact Ochs at (231) 547-3250.

Keeping an eye on your town. the Charlevoix Courier

Historical Society hosts 528 students at exhibit

The end of September saw the final days of the Charlevoix Historical Society's exhibit, "Ancient Charlevoix Life Before the Written Word," displayed at the Charlevoix Depot.

This exhibit used artifacts on loan from the Michigan State University Museum, uncovered during the summer of 1972 to show how scientists discovered what life was like for the first inhabitants of Charlevoix.

During the last two weeks of the month, 528 students from local schools were given a guided tour of the exhibit and elementary and middle school students participated in a simulated archaeological dig activity designed to demonstrate the scientific principles of archaeology.

This opportunity was made possible by the many volunteer docents who donated their time to guide visitors through the exhibit and work with the students on their activity, as well as the following organizations: The Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Street Legends Car Club, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and the Michigan Council for Arts and the Cultural Affairs-Cheboygan Area Arts Council.

City of Charlevoix responds to fire in Eveline Township carport

At 12:29 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 the City of Charlevoix Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire at 11280 Evergreen Lake in Eveline Township.

When firefighters arrived, they found a fire that started in an attached carport that had extended into the house. Damage to the house was extensive. No one was home when the fire occurred. The fire was discovered by a neighbor.

The fire started in a John Deer Gator that was parked under the carport. Fire quickly spread to the carport, then to the house. Firefighters brought the fire under control quickly.

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PARENTING

Pointers for getting tight lipped kids talking

Kristen Beach

'Kids Corner'

"What did you do at school today," I asked my daughter. "Nothing," she replied. I then asked her if all they did at school was sit around and look at each other. She responded with the typical pre-teen eye roll.

Many parents, myself included, struggle with the task of getting information out of their children about their school day. We know learning is going on because we see homework. I also know that socializing goes on, as I have not spent seven hours in silence with any child, unless they were asleep.

So why is it so difficult to get information from our children? Is there a fear that if we actually know about their day we may criticize? Get too involved? Or God forbid show up at school to ask questions?

From conversations I have had with parents and from my readings, I believe it is because we do not know the right kind of questions to ask. Often our questions are just not specific enough or too open ended. Questions like "how was your day" and "what did you do at school today" can be quite overwhelming for some kids. Both leave the opportunity open for a one word answer. The child may also feel that you really won't sit and listen to them.

Asking more specific questions will get children talking and will help open the lines of communication. Children may resist this at first, but will often look forward to the sharing time that occurs if they are truly listened to. Ask the following types of questions and be prepared for the dumbfounded looks on your child's face, especially the older kids.

Who did you sit with at lunch? This will also let you know if they have someone to sit with at lunch.

What was the hardest assignment you had today? Why was it difficult? This gives you insight into what they may be struggling with.

What did you do in (art, music, gym, computers, library or other electives) class?

Are you doing any research in any class? If so, what, and can I help?

Name one thing today that made you feel (happy, sad, frustrated, proud or excited)? This will help you know how your child is feeling and will help them identify how they respond to different things. An important thing to remember if you use this question is not to brush aside that feeling or what caused it.

Make your child your teacher. Have them teach you something that they learned at school that day. A great area to let them shine is on the computer. I am positive my daughter can navigate it better than me.

My father started a tradition two years ago with my daughter. Whenever we eat a meal together during the school year she has to tell him one new thing she learned that day. When this first started there were groans and moans, and now whenever we go to grandma and grandpa's house for dinner, she begins to prepare in advance how she will answer the question. There has been a time or two that he has forgotten to ask the question and she reminded him before the meal ended.

This brings me to another important point. The family meal is often a thing of the past. Families are eating on the run, different people eating at different times, or are eating in front of the television. Research is showing that families that eat meals together, not in front of the television, have children with a better understanding of their heritage and history. The findings also reported increased self-esteem, sense of belonging, and resiliency in those children. Even if you cannot eat every dinner together, try to eat a meal together four times a week with no excuses.

In my youth we were allowed to play and make social plans as long as we were home at dinnertime. Back then I may have dished out the typical eye roll, some things never change, but looking back on that I have fond memories and feel like I was valued and listened to.

Children want to be heard, we sometimes just have to help them find their voice and reinforce that it is indeed important to us.

Kristen Beach is student counselor at Charlevoix Elementary School. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-3241 or by e-mail at kbeach@rayder.net.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for November reading.

Peggy Archer, "Turkey Surprise."

Ages 2-6

"We're two mighty pilgrims, coming your way. Looking for a turkey, for Thanksgiving Day," goes the refrain in this delightful rhyming book. Two pilgrims go off on a hunt for the turkey, but come back with a big pumpkin instead. A great story for vegetarians and children who love a silly tale.

Louisa May Alcott, "An Old-fashioned Thanksgiving."

Ages 5-8

A picture-book adaptation of a story first told in St. Nicholas Magazine in 1881. On a farm in New Hampshire in the 1800s, the Bassett children attempt to make Thanksgiving dinner when their parents are suddenly called away because their grandmother is ill. The children give it their best, but the seasonings are all mixed up in the stuffing, the turkey is awful and the pie inedible. The mixed up feast ends when the grandmother, who was not really ill, comes in, followed by the parents. This is a warm-hearted story, which emphasizes the true meaning of the holiday — family and togetherness.

Elizabeth Spurr, "The Peterkins' Thanksgiving."

Ages 7-10

This is a delightfully fun book of the Peterkins' dinner fiasco. The Peterkins' go through trial and tribulations trying to figure a way to save their holiday tradition — from trying to get the dumbwaiter back down to calling a carpenter. All in all, this is a great book to start a family holiday reading tradition.

Ann M. Martin, "Dog's life: The autobiography of a stray."

Ages 9-12

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from birth to old age. She encounters many different events and learns some tough life lessons as she makes her way in the world. She faces busy highways, cold temperatures, and humans both gentle and mean. But, luckily this heartwarming story has a happy ending when Squirrel finds a human who needs her as much as she needs an owner.

Megan and Jill Carle, "Teens Cook: How to cook what you want to eat."

Ages 12 and up

Megan and Jill Carle started having fun in the kitchen at a very young age. The sisters have learned to put away the junk food to create tasty and fun treats for their family and friends.

This fun cookbook includes blurbs on "kitchen disasters" that add amusement and reality to this fun book. Megan and Jill have very different tastes in food, but together, they have combined their energies into creating a fun book to entice young people into the kitchen.

Monthly featured event: *Community tree lighting*

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix residents and visitors will usher in the holiday season with the traditional Community Christmas Tree Lighting.

The event will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Nov. 25 in downtown Charlevoix.

At 4 p.m. kids will flock to the North Pole, located inside the Color Wear store at 222 Bridge Street. There, Santa Claus will greet them with candy canes as Marell Staffel of Charlevoix Camera stands by to take complimentary photos.

If children did not get the opportunity to make a sturdy ornament for the huge pine at the corner of Clinton and Bridge streets that serves as the community tree, Charlevoix Children's House representatives will supply ornament crafting materials inside the North Pole.

With Santa photos taken and ornaments in hand, families will head to the huge, colorful tree, dripping with crafty creations for the grandiose lighting.

While onlookers wait for the breaker to be switched at 6 p.m. on the nose, they can sip hot chocolate and munch doughnuts all the while enjoying tunes from the petunia trick.

This event is sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Charlevoix Public Schools offer parents software

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Parents of students attending Charlevoix Public Schools now have information about their student at their fingertips.

Charlevoix elementary, middle and high schools recently implemented Pearson Centerpoint, a new software which allows parents to check on the grades, assignments, attendance and other aspects of their student's careers.

This new program works instantaneously as the teachers upload all types of student information to it. Centerpoint serves as a means for parents and students to track grades, assignment reports, attendance with a time in and time out section to know exactly where your child spent the day in particular classes, disciplinary records and a pictorial seating chart if the teacher chooses to use it.

The software is secure and, because it is on the Internet, Centerpoint can be accessed from anywhere Internet service is available.

"The biggest thing for me is the communications aspect," said Charlevoix Middle School Principal, Keith Haske. "It's just an easy way to communicate between parents and schools."

According to Haske, often the school believes it is doing an adequate job of communicating, but parents may not.

"I think both sides get frustrated," he said. "I think with the instantaneous communication of the Internet, the parents will know more about what their kids are doing and more about what their kid needs to do."

"The students also have a password and the students can see exactly what their parents see," he said. "It's not just for the parents, it's for the kids too."

According to Charlevoix Public Schools Technology Director, Scott Mays, Centerpoint also allows the school system to fulfill required reports to the state. And, so far, there are 11 school districts in Michigan involved with the software, making Charlevoix one of the first.

The old days of dogs eating homework and teachers miraculously failing to send home homework during the entire school year are over.

"From the student point of view, there's some more accountability instead of having the kid come home and saying, 'I don't have any homework — I turned everything in,'" Haske said. "Some kids need a little extra push to get their work done. I can see that as one of those avenues for parents to make sure their kids are getting everything done."

For those of you cursing the name of technology and its inevitable electronic gremlins, Haske said this software is as user-friendly as they come.

"The directions we sent out are simple. If you've been on the Internet at all, it's pretty easy," he said. "And, we're also doing some training at our parent teacher conferences, so if there are those people out there who can't seem to grasp it, we will reach out there and try to help them."

The only downside to this project, according to Haske, is for those who are without a computer.

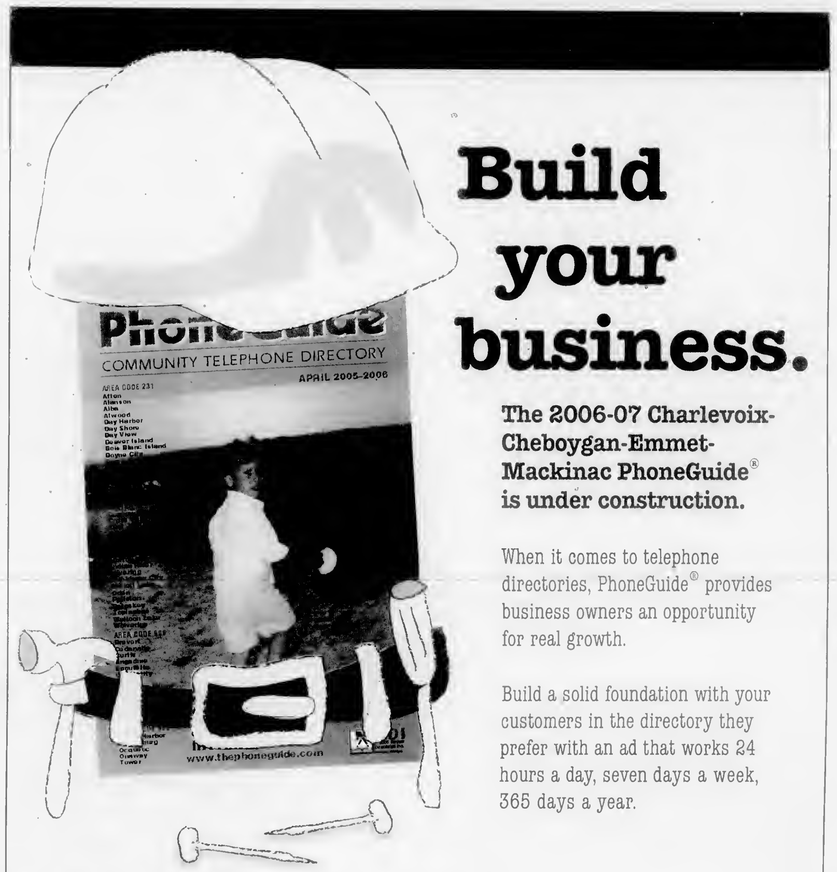
"I guess the one concern I have is for those households that don't have computers. I urge them to use the library where they have free access to the Internet," he said. "I know that's not as convenient as those with PC (personal computers) in their homes, but we hope they would use that avenue to keep track of their kids."

He added, "I know we've had very positive feedback from the parents that are using it."

Haske said to visit www.rayder.net, click the Centerpoint link in the upper left-hand corner of the screen, enter your user name and password, "And you're in — It's pretty simple and pretty self explanatory."

According to Haske, filling out progress reports, report cards and other filing duties take manpower and materials which quickly add up to high costs which could be saved if everything was done electronically.

"Our hope with implementing this is that hopefully we don't have to do anymore paperwork in the future," he said.



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Great Start

Photos by Mareff Staffel

The Sixth Annual Great Start New and Expectant Parent Expo will took place Thursday, Oct. 27, in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital was a big hit. Many children who attended came in costume including (above) Elyse and Julia Ivester and (left) Haley Gray, all of Charlevoix.

Health agency tackles mercury exposure with new analyzer

Karla Horne

As part of its campaign to reduce mercury exposure, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency has obtained a mercury vapor analyzer through an agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health.

This device gives the health department the ability to conduct mercury response activities and mercury detection follow-up investigations at no charge to citizens within its health district and surrounding counties.

"This is a needed piece of equipment in northern Michigan" said Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. "Until recently, we had to borrow equipment from the state health department in Lansing. It could take up to two weeks from the time we were alerted of a mercury spill until we could respond and investigate."

Karla Horne, an Environmental Health Sanitarian in Charlevoix County, leads the mercury program for the four-county health district. Before joining the health department, she was an air quality analyst for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She was recently trained by the Michigan Department of Community Health to respond to mercury accidents, conduct removal activities, and perform follow-up monitoring.

"Now we'll be able to respond very quickly to mercury spills, usually within 24 hours of a reported release," Horne said. "This specialized equipment allows us to find mercury, even at very low detection limits."

The health department has responded to mercury spills in homes, schools, and businesses, collecting an assortment of mercury-containing devices including thermometers, manometers, thermostat switches and elemental mercury stored in a variety of containers.

"Last year we removed over 30 pounds of mercury through our mercury thermometer exchange program," said Kendzierski.

Exposure to mercury and mercury vapors can cause permanent brain, kidney, and liver system damage as well as developmental problems in young children.

"Although there's been a significant decrease in the amount of mercury in household items, many people still have mercury thermometers, switches and batteries in their homes", said Horne. "When there's a mercury release, it's critical that all of it is detected and removed. Even small amounts of mercury can continue to produce harmful vapors."

Detection and clean-up are usually simple for small spills. Many spills can be resolved quickly with little disruption. "Most of the time, it is relatively easy to identify mercury vapor, remove the mercury, and conduct cleanup" reported Horne.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information about mercury exposure, call Horne at (231) 547-6523 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

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Voters to determine direction of big box development

Charlevoix Township voters to decide ordinance's fate

ELECTION 2005

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

While it may not put the big box store battle to rest, voting on Charlevoix Township zoning ordinance amendment 1.73 will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Charlevoix Township Hall on 12491 Waller Road.

A "yes" vote on amendment 1.73 means you are in favor of limiting the size of commercial buildings in the township. A "no" vote means that you do not want the amendment adopted.

According to Charlevoix Township trustee, Nancy Rajewski, the ordinance amendment limits the size of single buildings in the commercial district to 90,000 square feet.

"Which is larger than K-mart. It's over two acres for the building alone," Rajewski said. "We are not keeping any big box out, we're just asking them to build a building more in line with the Charlevoix community."

Charlevoix Township resident, Keith Bales does not agree with the ordinance's proponents.

"This ill-advised ordinance amendment has set our township up for a long list of detrimental consequences," Bales said. "Wal-Mart remains interested in Charlevoix but will not work to meet Charlevoix Township's new radical expectations."

However, according to Charlevoix Township resident Bob Hoffman, amendment 1.73 is integral in maintaining the small-town character of Charlevoix.

"This ordinance is another tool to ensure that Charlevoix stays the way that the residents of Charlevoix want it to be," he said. "It also enables the township to gather information through an economic impact study and a traffic study to make sure that (proposed businesses) don't have a negative impact on the community."

According to local resident, Al Wojan, he isn't about to debate a community's right to maintain its small-town character, but he said, this ordinance will take away many people's rights and create numerous problems.

"We must reject it. If we do not, I pray the community is prepared for its detrimental consequences," he said.

Wojan said after Wal-Mart left town, the township planners decided to change zoning ordinances.

"I have been told the K-mart building complex is about 140,000 square feet and Harbor Industries' building is just less than 300,000 square feet," Wojan said. "Using the planners' premise, these buildings do not fit our small-town's character, yet they are very much a part of our town. I hope they always remain that way."

According to Wojan, one of the major flaws of the ordinance amendment is that it fails to describe what is meant by small-town character.

"Is it a town with less than say, 2,000 people? A town with no more than two gas stations? Or is it a town that passes zoning laws to keep out Wal-Mart by limiting the size of retail buildings," Wojan said.

According to Hoffman, the 90,000 square foot cap on commercial buildings is twice the size of Glen's Market.

According to Bales, some people would discount his opinion on the matter of amendment 1.73 because he was one of the seven property owners who were contracted to sell to Wal-Mart.

"On many occasions over the past 18 months, at least two Charlevoix Township officials were heard to say at regular township meetings, Wal-Mart was not welcome here. Indicating the intention of the amendment is to keep character at best fails its purpose and at worse is a misrepresentation of the intention," Bales said.

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Charlevoix Township voters to decide big box ordinance

BIG BOX

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According to Bales, through Wal-Mart's broker, he learned the corporation still has a strong interest in Charlevoix as recent as last June but only if this amendment is defeated.

He added, "If the ordinance were to be defeated then Wal-Mart would be interested. The broker has told me pointblank that the ordinance was too strict."

But, according to Hoffman, the vast majority of people in the Charlevoix area don't welcome the invasion of big box stores.

"We gathered over 5,000 signatures on a petition (against Wal-Mart) two years ago," he said. "If this ordinance fails, I'm afraid Charlevoix risks the chance of becoming just another exit off the freeway that's crowded by big box stores."

Hoffman said those who believe passing 1.73 is an infringement on their property rights don't have the right to merge their properties in the first place.

"There is no single property owner who really is affected by this," Hoffman said. "The only thing that is prohibited is that a group of property owners get together and combine properties to sell to one buyer."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix Township voters will cast ballots at the Charlevoix Township Hall from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 8. The hall, pictured above, is located at 12491 Waller Road. The ballot will include a zoning ordinance amendment that if approved limits commercial buildings to 90,000 square feet.

He added, "There's nothing in that ordinance or the current ordinance that says they have the right to combine their properties."

But, Bales said, there are seven property owners who are directly affected by this change, "So for anybody to say that this doesn't affect single property owners is ridiculous."

Hoffman said, regardless of how you feel about the issue, everyone should make their voice heard at the polls.

"I just urge people to get out and vote," he said.

Biennial Convention

Courtesy photo

The Biennial Convention of the Republican Women's Federation took place Oct. 28 and 29 at the Hilton Airport Hotel in Grand Rapids. Charlevoix resident Diane Gustin of Republican Women of Charlevoix County attended. Pictured left to right are Gloria Vear, President of Hillsdale Republican Women, Diane Gustin of Charlevoix the Charlevoix Republican women's group, Mary Able, President of the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan, and Nola Batch, President-elect of the Republican Women's Federation of Michigan.

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Portable labyrinth available for community use

The Labyrinth Project of Northern Michigan announces that its portable canvas labyrinth housed at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey is now available for use by those interested in gaining more experience with the tool.

The portable labyrinth is a circular seven-circuit Santa Rosa design, painted on an octagonal canvas which measures 20-feet in diameter and is for indoor use only.

A deposit of $100 is requested and will be refunded when the labyrinth is returned undamaged. There is no rental fee provided there is no charge to participants. Those interested in renting the labyrinth for workshops or other events that have a cost will be charged a fee of $25 per day. The canvas may be borrowed for up to two weeks.

Proceeds will go to Crooked Tree Arts Center. A list of trained facilitators will be available at the arts center. These individuals work independently of the labyrinth project and may charge a fee for their services.

In addition, the Sisters of Mercy, Grayling announce that its canvas labyrinth is also available to travel. The 11-circuit Chartres labyrinth canvas is 36-feet in diameter, and is also for indoor use only. The terms are the same as for the Crooked Tree labyrinth. Proceeds will go to Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund.

The labyrinth is a meandering path of twists and turns that lead to a center. Usually circular in design, the labyrinth can be seen as a metaphor for unity and community as walkers follow a common path.

Unlike a maze where it's possible to make a wrong turn and run into a dead-end or get lost, there is only one path through the labyrinth. Recently there has been renewed interested in these ancient blueprints as tools for reducing stress and promoting well-being, as well as tapping into creativity and intuition, problem-solving and team building.

Labyrinths are being installed across the country in parks, schools, hospitals, retreat centers, faith-based organizations and prisons. Portable or outdoor labyrinths can be found at a public park in Ellsworth, Oakland and Henry Ford Community Colleges, Sparrow Hospital and Munson Medical Center, and The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

To reserve the portable labyrinth, call Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337. The arts center is located at 461 E. Mitchell Street in Petoskey. To reserve the Mercy Labyrinth, contact Jean Umlor at (989) 348-6716 or by e-mail at jmlor@mercydetroit.org.

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Girls lead ghouls

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Planned Parenthood offers talk on new birth control

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will hold an informational talk on "New Birth Control Methods" from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at its health center located at 1003 Spring St. in Petoskey.

Participants are welcome to bring a lunch. Beverages will be provided. The program is free, but registration is required.

"New Birth Control Methods" is a part of Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan's Real Life/Real Talk series of lunch time talks on a variety of issues.

"We have a wide variety of new birth control methods that have come on the market in the last couple of years," says Shelley Paulsen, nurse practitioner. "From Intrauterine Devices (IUDs), to a patch worn on the skin, a vaginal ring and pills, there should be something out there for anyone interested in contraception."

The Real Life/Real Talk program will include information about many of the new birth control methods available, and allow women to ask questions. Both hormonal and non-hormonal birth control methods will be discussed.

The "New Birth Control Methods" program is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For questions, or to register, call Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan at (231) 347-9692.

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SPORTS

Lady Rayder basketball continues winning streak

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders can't seem to get any respect out of the pollsters this year but they continue to get it on the court.

The Rayders rolled to two more girls' basketball victories last week, defeating Grayling, 79-42 and Traverse City St. Francis, 61-52.

Charlevoix has now won 13 straight games, has a perfect 11-0 Lake Michigan Conference record and is 14-2 overall.

The Rayders, after being ranked in the top five nearly all of last season and at the start of this season by the Associated Press, are unranked in Class C, not even receiving an honorable mention.

Surprisingly, St. Francis, who has now lost to Charlevoix twice this season, continues to receive honorable mention.

In the battle for Lake Michigan Conference supremacy, the Rayders jumped out to an 8-0 lead in the first minute and a half of play, including a spectacular set play off the opening tip that culminated in a three-point play by Madison Ramsey.

Shannon Dibble's three-pointer at the 6:33 mark of the quarter led to an early St. Francis time-out to regroup.

The Gladiators refused to fold, however, and they fought back to a 12-12 tie at the end of the first quarter. Haske dipped deep into the bench, playing 11 players in the first stanza.

The game's physical play picked up in the second period. Charlevoix opened the quarter with a 9-3 run to open a 21-15 advantage. Laura Nitchman scored five of the Rayders' five points in that spurt.

Again St. Francis refused to yield, battling back and eventually taking their first lead of the game, 23-22, on a three-point shot with 2:48 to play in the half. A free throw upped the lead to two points before Sasha Spencley then converted four straight free throws to help Charlevoix regain the lead.

St. Francis responded with a basket to end the half with the score tied at 26-26. The Glads led early in the third quarter, by as many as three, but Spencley hit a three with 4:23 left in the quarter to give the Rayders the lead, at 31-30, for good.

Ramsey had a steal and sank two jumpers to key an 8-0 that gave the Rayders a 39-31 lead. St. Francis could get no closer than four points the rest of the way. Spencley scored seven points in the pivotal third quarter, which ended with Charlevoix leading, 41-35.

"It was a big league game with them being only one game back," coach Keith Haske said of the win. "It's fun to be in those kinds of games. It was a good crowd, St. Francis brought a lot of people and it made for just a great atmosphere."

Madison Ramsey

Nitchman led the Rayders with 14 points. Ramsey scored 13 and had five steals. Spencley finished with 13 points while Bradley had eight.

Robin Petzak pulled down nine rebounds. Stevie Murray grabbed seven.

Earlier in the week the Rayders ran out to a 25-6 first quarter lead and coasted past Grayling.

Bethany Pearson had 15 points. Ashlie Bradley and Stevie Murray each had 10. Dibble and Sally Haselschwardt each scored nine.

Ramsey and Nitchman each had five assists.

The Rayders have a chance to clinch the Lake Michigan Conference championship this week. They traveled to Kalkaska on Tuesday, Nov. 1. Results were unavailable at press time. Charlevoix hosts Boyne City on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Soccer champs

Courtesy photo

Eye Health of Charlevoix's maroon teem took the under 14 championship for the 4-H soccer league this fall. They are (back row from left) coach Jill Way, Kaytlin Neihardt, Bobbie Molter, Madison Way, Taylor Storm and coach Diana Speigl. (Front row) Elisabeth Drost, Nikki Speigl, Jesse Drost and Noah Matchett. Not pictured: Michael Knapp.

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SPORTS

Cross country teams post strong scores at regionals

Charlevoix runners fall short of state meet mark

The Charlevoix Rayders boys' cross country team finished sixth at regionals and the girls took fourth, qualifying individual runners for the state meet Saturday, Nov. 5 in Brooklyn.

The boys' regional results are as follows: Brandon Stevens was All-Regional with 15th place. Stevens will be going to state. He is followed by: Nick Wimmer in 27th with 17:24; Scott Plude in 28th with 17:28; Alex Buday in 30th with 17:34; Dustin Arp in 42nd with 17:57; Isaac Matchett in 43rd with 18:04 and Jacob Wimmer in 68th with 19:10.

The boys' team took 6th place out of 16 teams.

The girls' regional results are as follows: Lindi Edger was in 5th with 19:19; Alina Dhaseleer was in 11th with 20:04; Brittney Lamb was in 13th with 20:12; KC McCary took 31st with 21:23; Lauren Bradley took 38th with 21:42; Emily Westenbroek took 42nd with 22 and Chantel Novotny took 43rd with 22:02.

The girls finished 4th with 97 points.

Leading up to the recent regional competition the Rayders raced on Oct. 25 at the Gaylord Rotary Invitational.

Top finishers for the boys' junior varsity race were: Rob Shutler with 20:41; Dan Myers with 21:09; Ted Dilworth with 22:44 and Logan Smith with 20:15.

Top finishers for the girls' junior varsity race were: Samantha Shull with 26:17; Jennifer Rich with 27:58 and Michelle Lemond with 28:55.

Top finishers for the boys' varsity race were: Jacob Hunt with 18:50; Joe Graham with 19:14; Chuck Mason with 19:17; Nate Sotuyo with 19:43; Sam Balasz with 19:45; Nate Gilmore with 20:28 and Logan Stachler with 20:29.

Top finishers for the girls' varsity race were: Mia Matchett with 23:09; Caitlin Taylor with 23:12; Lisa Kuebler with 23:28; Shelby Goss with 23:51; Christine Bradley with 24:48; Rachael Nuttall with 25:21 and Lauren Dupuis with 26:41.

Prior to the Oct. 25 meet, the Rayders performed much better than they usually do in Elk Rapids on Oct. 22.

"Normally we have a bad race at Elk Rapids, but not this year. The front end actually ran better than they did at conference and the middle stayed the same," boys head coach Ken Plude said.

Top finishers for the varsity were Stevens in 18th with 17:14; Jacob Wimmer in 23rd with 17:25; Nick Wimmer in 36th with 17:44; Buday in 38th with 17:46; Matchett in 39th with 17:49; Arp in 58th with 18:09 and Scott Plude in 59th with 18:09.

The top junior varsity runners were Scharenbrach in 2nd with 18:04; Graham in 3rd with 18:08; Hunt in 12th with 18:43; Sotuyo in 13th with 18:45; Mason in 19th with 18:58; Balasz in 20th with 18:59; Stachler in 31st with 19:46; Myers in 34th with 20:07; Shutler in 44th with 21:03; Dilworth in 46th with 21:06; McDonough in 65th with 24:40 and Smith in 67th with 29:32.

The overall team results for varsity competition were: Petoskey in 1st with 55 points; Traverse City West in 2nd with 102 points; Benzie in 3rd with 109 points; Harbor Springs in 4th with 139 points and Charlevoix in 5th with 151 points out of 27 teams.

Junior varsity results were Traverse City West in 1st with 27 points and

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SPORTS

Individual cross country runners to compete at states

Charlevoix in 2nd with 49 points.

The girls' team had a good showing at the Conference Championships on Oct. 18.

Top finishers for the girls' varsity team were: Edger (All-Conference) in 6th with 20:15; Dhasceleer (honorable mention All-Conference) in 12th with 21:09; Lamb in 16th with 21:25; McCary in 27th with 22:31; Westenbrock in 28th with 22:51; Taylor in 32nd with 23:02 and Matchett in 34th with 23:13.

Team standings show Elk Rapids with 29; East Jordan with 53; Harbor Springs with 75; Charlevoix with 80 and Boyne City with 120.

According to girls' coach, Mary Plude, the Elk Rapids Invitational was a great chance for her team to shine.

"This was a terrific showing by both varsity and junior varsity," she said. "All the top teams in the regional and the northern were there. The junior varsity was only beat by Traverse City Central junior varsity 31 to 49 points."

She added, "On both teams the girls ran personal bests or close to it for the season. Lindi has now run the fastest time in Charlevoix High School history for a girl in the regular season — excluding a meet."

Top finishers were: Edger in 11th with 19:39; Dhaseleer in 22nd with 20:22; Lamb in 28th with 20:44; McCary in 40th with 21:13; Westenbroek in 62nd with 22:17; Taylor in 71st with 22:36 and Matchett in 73rd with 22:38.

Charlevoix finished 6th overall out of 16 complete teams.

Junior varsity was led by Bradley in 5th with 22:02. She was followed by: Kristina Alden in 7th with 22:08; Novotny in 8th with 22:13; Kuebler in 13th with 22:43; Goss in 18th with 22:58; Bradley in 31st with 24:07; Nuttall in 37th with 24:39; Dupuis in 43rd with 25:30; Shull in 45th with 25:39; Rich in 50th with 26:38 and Lemond in 57th with 28:13.

The Charlevoix junior varsity team took 2nd in the junior varsity race and 11th in the varsity race.

According to coach Ken Plude, leading up to competition on Oct. 22, his boys ran excellent against some incredible teams during the LMC Championship Oct. 18.

"I'm very proud of their effort in this race," he said. "They worked together and pushed each other all the way to the finish as was evident in their 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 finish."

Ken said the gap between 1 and 5 was the smallest he can remember. "In all my years of coaching."

He added, "Anything under 40 seconds is excellent and this group had an 18 second gap."

Jacob Wimmer was All-Conference. He took 7th place with a time of 17 minutes and 37 seconds. Wimmer was followed by honorable mentions: Alex Buday in 8th with 17:42, Brandon Stevens in 9th with 17:45; Scott Plude in 10th with 17:47. Nick Wimmer finished in 11th with 17:55; Isaac Matchett finished in 23rd with 18:29 and Dustin Arp finished in 26th with 18:46.

Results of the Junior Varsity time trial are as follow: Hunt, 19:14; Sotuyo, 19:20; Graham, 19:22; Scharenbrach, 19:31; Mason, 19:33; Balasz, 20:18; Gilmore, 20:56; Myers, 21:08; Stachler, 21:09; Dilworth, 21:26; Shutler, 21:46; McDonough, 27:16 and Smith, 31:08.

Rec league openings for volleyball and basketball

There are openings available on the City of Charlevoix's Recreation League mens and co-ed volleyball teams as well as mens basketball.

A $100 team fee is due by Friday, Nov. 11 at the Recreation Department in Charlevoix City Hall off State Street in Charlevoix.

Games will begin after Thanksgiving.

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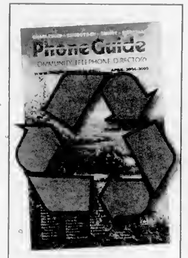

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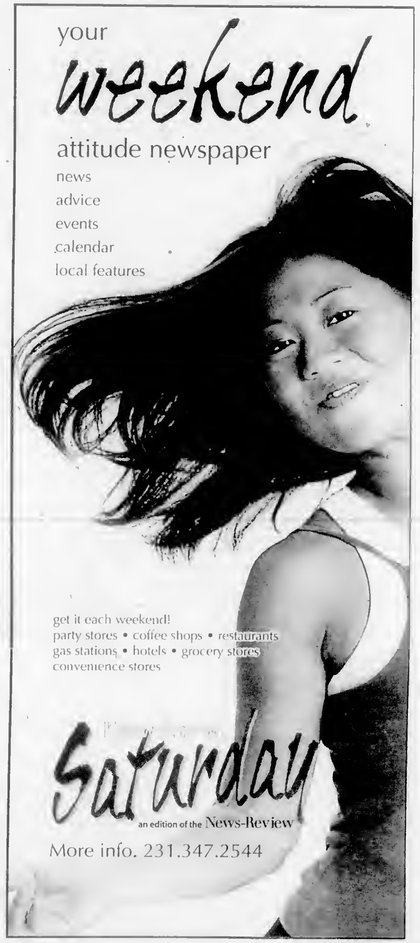

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Beaver Island soccer claim third Northern Lights title

The 2005 Beaver Island Islander soccer team claimed their third consecutive Northern Lights League title with a 12-0 record.

This title marks their second consecutive undefeated regular season They went 10-0 in 2004.

This year, they also defeated Northwest Academy and Class C Boyne City in a pre-season tournament which improves their overall mark to 14-0.

The team, pictured at left includes (front row, from left): Maeve Green, Kristy Bousquet, Alex Kuligoski, coach Mike Myers, Briana Maudrie, Jenna Butler, Rita Palmer and Bailey McDonough.

(Back row) David Sewartzfisher, John Runberg, Bret Maudrie, Eric Albin, Brenden Martin, Jared Wojan, John Albin, Kevin Gillespie, Jimmy Gillespie, David Bousquet, Dereck McDonough, Cameron LaVasseur, and Ryan McDonald.

Middle school football take Elk Rapids 28-12, Oct. 25

On Tuesday, Oct. 25 the Charlevoix Middle School Rayder football team defeated the Elk Rapids Elks 28-12.

J.T. Lawrence led the offense with 20 rushes for 165 yards and 4 touchdowns.

Clayton Mitchell threw for 76 yards on two completions.

Hunter Johnstone and Ian Gauthier led the defense with eight tackles each.

Gauthier and Alex Foster each had a fumble recovery for the Rayders. Charlevoix finished the season with a 3-2 record.

Football falls to Boyne City in playoff opener

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team lost to the Boyne City Ramblers 11-38 in what would be Charlevoix's first and last playoff game of this season.

According to coach Don Jess, Boyne City had an unbeatable arsenal.

"Boyne has a really good team and they just had too many weapons," he said. "Our defense played pretty well against the run, but their passing game got us — we didn't really defend the pass very well."

Charlevoix held a 3-0 lead until the second quarter when the Ramblers scored two touchdowns for a score of 14-3.

Quarterback Matt Kautz was 8 of 13 passes for 79 yards.

"At the half we came out and recovered an onside kick and threw an intereception and then we didn't play so well after that," he said.

The previous two times Charlevoix made it to the playoffs were in 1992 and 2000. Which, according to Jess, makes this a pretty good season overall.

"The kids really worked hard. It was nice to make the playoffs even though we didn't win a game in the playoffs," he said.

According to Jess, his team is steadily improving over the years.

"The first year we were 1-8 last year we were 5-4 and this year we were 6-4 including playoffs," he said.

Jess will lose nine seniors going into next year, but despite the loss of some tough veterans, he will have some fresh blood to work with.

"It was nice for those younger kids to play with those seniors," he said. "We'll have 14 or 15 kids coming back next year."

The Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team will take a few weeks off and then hit the weights to prepare for the 2006 season.

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CHS varisty boys soccer lose district finals to Rams

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Shannon Gillespie

Saturday, Oct. 29 in Harbor Springs the Charlevoix Rayders varsity soccer team lost 0-5 to the Rams of Harbor Springs during the district champi-onship.

The Rams held onto a lead of 1-0 for the first 55 minutes of the game. It wasn't until the last 25 minutes that Harbor Springs landed four goals.

"Harbor is the better team. They have been more consistent this year than we have. They have more experience but we were hoping to pull it off," said coach Josh Block. "They're (the team) disappointed, but the kids worked hard this year and they know they worked hard."

Leading up to the championships the Rayders won their first game on Oct. 24 against East Jordan 5-2 in East Jordan.

"At the beginning of the season we were a very new team without much experience. We saw improvement in individual skills, improvement in team unity and knowing what to expect (from each other)," Block said.

Josh Godfrey, Michael DiMartino, Trevor Mays, Travis Klooster and Matt Teuscher each scored in the game against East Jordan.

Following the Red Devil defeat, the Rayders beat Boyne City 4-1.

Godfrey had two goals, Weston Bryan and Teuscher each had one goal.

Teucher scored the first goal of the game in the first three minutes.

"It was one of those goals that wasn't pretty, it was shear determination — scrapping to get the ball in the net," Block said. "He really hustled and found a way to get the ball in."

The Rayders scored two more goals in the first half putting the score at 3-0. Then, Boyne City scored their one and only point of the game just before Charlevoix put one more on the board.

"All our goals were very well earned and well played. It was good soccer," Block said.

Local martial artists take top slots at recent tourney

Several students from Northern Martial Arts of Charlevoix recently participated in a martial arts tournament in the Flint area.

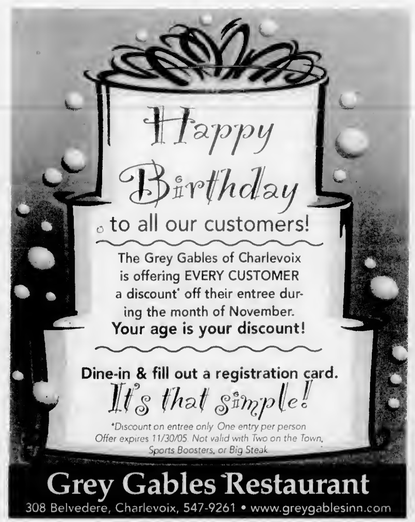
Students competed against about 100 other participants in forms competition, breaking competition and sparring.

Results were: Zach Smith, second place in sparring, second place in forms and second place in breaking; Spencer Bruce, first place in sparring and fourth in breaking; Jay Fowler, third place in sparring and first in breaking; Jake Waterman fourth place in sparring, first in forms and third in breaking; Dave Young third place in breaking; Jon Boyko third place in sparring and fourth in breaking; Joel Curiel second place in sparring and fourth in breaking; Krista Bruce third place in sparring, first in forms and second in breaking.

Prior to the tournament there was a special black belt testing for advanced students. After several years of training the following students received there black belts: Zach Smith, first degree; Michele Hinkle, first degree; Instructor Mike Hinkle, second degree.

Courtesy photo

Local martial arts experts competed at a recent tournament and won big. They are (front row, from left) Jake Waterman, Dave Young, Spencer Bruce, Master Dave Weatherly, Krista Bruce and Michele Hinkle. (Back row) Instructor Tim Bruce, Zach Smith, Jon Boyko, Joel Curiel, Jay Fowler and instructor Mike Hinkle.



Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League - Oct. 24, 2005

	W	L
J Arnold Painting "A"	18	10
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	18	10
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	10
B Vanloo & Sons	17	11
J Arnold Painting "2"	12	16
Kerr's Racing	12	16
Selph Trucking	10	18
The Flight Deck	7	21

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	671	244
Jon Kieman	663	243
Shawn Putman		229
Eric Williams	592	

Church League - Oct. 26, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	299	141
State Farm Insurance	218	182
Lutherans	215	185
Ferguson & Chamberlain	202	198
Lakeshore Tire	191	209
R & C Roofing	179	221
Mark White Paint & Stain	172	228
St. Mary's	164	236

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ron Grulke	626	232
Mick Luchtenbill	575	221
Scott Kehrer	591	219

Young at Hearts League - Oct. 27, 2005

	W	L
Alley Cats	26	6
Irish Rollers	21	11
Spareitme	18	14
Half & Half	17	15
Misfits	14	18
Past Timers	13	19
Has Beens	10	22
Twilighters	9	23

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ralph Kitson	502	212
Al Bergmann	507	
Mo Dixon	494	190
Don Wells		183
Shirley Flower	442	162
Audrey Trimble	403	154
Irene Cellner		135
Roseann Pott	386	

Tuesday Night Ladies - Oct. 25, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	21.5	10.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	19	13
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	14
Great Lakes Concrete	18	14
Oleson's Food Store	15	17
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	14	18
DM Construction	13	19
Central Drug Store	9.5	22.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	544	203
Cathy Sullivan		189
Leanna Mosoryak	519	186
Marlene Evans	517	

Gutter Gals - Oct. 27, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	91	69
Paul Bunyan Lanes	79	81
Burger King of Charlevoix	76	84
Express Yourself	74	86

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

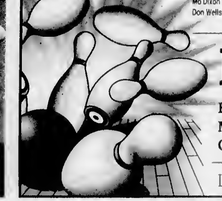
	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	431	178
Mary O'Brien	480	167
Jane Holm	424	158

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles - October 23, 2005

	W	L
Hill Martinchek	14	2
Novotny	13	3
Cunningham/Mikulski	9.5	6.5
Golovich	8.5	7.5
Hart	7	9
Herboldsheimer	6	10
O'Leary	6	10
Bradley	4	12

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chris Mikulski	505	220
Jeff Novotny	540	192
Dave Golovich	429	167
Margie Golovich	363	161
Kathy Hill	446	156
Cindy Novotny	394	144



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Brian Dixon of the Monday Men's Senior League, with a high game of 259. Congratulations!

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Letters to the editor

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war on Wal-Mart. A local manifestation of that war has come to us in the form of an ordinance that would zone Wal-Mart out of our township by restricting the size of allowable buildings.

Most unfortunately, Wal-Mart would not be the only business we would exclude by approving such a limit. Plants that manufacture solar panels typically utilize extended production lines and require large area buildings. There are numerous other clean, non-polluting, light industry or wholesale businesses that require extremely large buildings. Do we really want to discriminate and limit our potential tax base while restricting employment opportunities just to spite Wal-Mart?

Too many of our young people are forced to leave their relatives, friends and the hometown they love because they can't find decent jobs. Many others, young and old, need part-time jobs to supplement their income. Shall we burn their bridges and their hopes with our vote? I say "no."

Let's vote for opportunity and prosperity. Let's think of our young people, seniors and all of our neighbors who struggle with the cost of living in this tourist oriented area. Let's defeat this proposed elitist restriction on who can come in to benefit our township. It would seem that if some people can't live in a gated community, they want to build a gate around the community they live in.

John R. Pidek Sr.
Charlevoix

Vote 'no' on Ordinance 1.73

Editor:

As usual I'm finding myself listening to people on both sides of a controversial issue and compelled to write. The issue being big box stores, such as Wal-Mart and if they belong in Charlevoix. I'm hearing so many reasons why and why not and some so far out that I at times just listen and roll my eyes.

Certainly there are pros and cons to the issue but that's the way with anything in Charlevoix no matter how big or how small. Certain people and groups think that it will make our town self-destruct if we let the big box store in. Others feel that it's necessary to let them in to drive down over inflated prices that we live with here in Charlevoix. Both certainly have merit and depending on who you are and your source of income it has a different importance to you personally. It always amazes me though how many turn the issues around to fit their situation then say they're doing the fighting for everyone else. I would like to hear just one time someone come out and say "I don't want the big box store here because it will cut into my pocket book by driving my prices down." Or, "I do want it here because I'm a property investor and it will increase the investment value of my property."

No one can ever just say what it is. I have heard we don't need the ugliness of the big box store to be the first thing you see as we come into "Charlevoix the Beautiful." But I guess in the eyes of those people the smorgasbord or pole buildings and storage buildings that now line every entrance of Charlevoix are the way to promote beauty in our town. I have heard the excuse that it will kill the downtown businesses as well and I truly believe that is possible depending on how you run your business but very unlikely if you treat your customers with a good product for a good price. I personally do shop at Wal-Mart in Petoskey at times but if one were to move here I would not change my loyalty to the businesses I already use. These businesses employ people that have become my friends and deserve to keep my business and with that being said will not lose it.

If we truly want to make changes that protect the Charlevoix image it most certainly could be done by keeping the box store out or it could be we need to have building restrictions not necessarily on size but for all of us to follow that make it mandatory to give the building we build have a character that is in line with the once Charlevoix charm. Maybe we need to consider having industrial areas of town to house all the pole building style buildings that seem to be popping up all over or have mandatory landscaping to camouflage their look. To me growth is inevitable and with the way the economy is we need to consider inviting it into our town. What we don't need to do is let it wreck it or take it over. Make necessary restrictions for looks and image of the buildings not size or who it may be.

Jobs are few and far in between for many and if we want to lose those people to other cities or states for that matter cut out these businesses that want to move in. I can honestly tell you with my business that I compete against the big box store lumber yards often and find they create more business for me then take it away. My customers like the personal service and the fact that my wife and I are always here to help. I feel our town and its townships do need to have their ordinances looked at but for the reasons of bringing businesses in and most of all Charlevoix charm back in to our community. Vote how you will but in doing so consider what you're voting for.

Dean Spencley
Charlevoix

Vote 'yes' on park project

Editor:

My name is Gary Stutzman, co-administrator and band director at Northwest Academy and director of the Charlevoix Community Band. I too have been a part of the community band for nearly 50 years. I was born and raised in this beautiful community and I have witnessed many changes during my lifetime. The only constant in my life has been change and the issue that we are dealing with regarding the performance venue in our park needs to be addressed.

I just sailed my boat out of our unique harbor for the last time this year and as I looked back at the docking facilities and the park layout from the water, I said to myself, "The proposed changes for the docks and the Odmark Pavilion will really be a beautiful sight as people enter our harbor."

I agree with Bob Odmark that the performance area should be moved to the south end of the park and the name "Odmark Pavilion" should move with it. I headed up the fund-raising effort for the current performance venue and people insisted that we have a fish pond in front of it. Obviously it was a huge mistake to allow that to happen but that is what people had to have.

The community band is over 100 years old and the performance area has been positioned in several different locations in the park during that time. The current positioning of the Odmark Pavilion is due to the fact that there were two buildings that helped to form the center of the park on each side of Mason Street that extends down to the lake. However, things change and those buildings have been removed. Good acoustics in East Park will never be achieved unless we could close down the main street on the nights that we have events in the pavilion and restrict all air traffic over our area. When I perform on stage in East Park, I know that part of the performance will be the natural sounds that occur in the area and I deal with it.

There are all kinds of possibilities but the fact still remains that we have to make a decision on the current East Park and I vote, "yes" and strongly encourage others to do so.

Gary Stutzman
Charlevoix

Support the park and Ordinance 1.73

Editor:

On Nov. 8, Charlevoix area voters will have an opportunity to decide two issues that are certain to impact our community for many years to come. A lot is at stake — the character, economic vibrancy, size and success of our small town.

City voters will be asked to approve a plan to renovate East Park. The heart of our town, this park is the venue for our fairs, festivals, and concerts, a favorite gathering spot for residents, vacationers, and boaters and a prized asset that lends charm to Charlevoix. But it's in sorry need of fixing up.

After years of discussion and public input, we now have a plan that will make the park safer, more accessible, more useful, and more attractive. It includes new walkways, lighting, fishpond, public restrooms, gentle terracing, and a site-appropriate bandshell with better acoustics and seating. The park will not cost residential taxpayers anything. It enjoys the full support of the Odmark descendants, whose father, the new bandshell will honor. Best of all, a renovated East Park will add immensely to our town's appeal. It's a wonderful investment in our future, and I urge city residents to vote "yes" for the park.

Meanwhile, Charlevoix Township voters are being asked to adopt a zoning amendment, Ordinance No. 1.73, that will cap new commercial development in the township at 90,000 square feet. That's twice as big as Glen's. This amendment is supported by our township planners and commissioners, the consultants we hired to study and prepare a plan, and hundreds of thoughtful citizens who turned out for public meetings. The few who now lobby for a "no" vote would have us believe the issue will quash free enterprise or individual property rights — but some of them stand to gain financially if the amendment is defeated and they sell to big box developers.

The proposed zoning amendment was carefully designed to promote the common good, provide local control over future growth, and protect the unique character of our small town. We've seen what unbridled development has done to many Michigan communities — destroying the center city, closing locally owned businesses, and ruining the landscape forever. Is this what we want for Charlevoix? A "yes" vote will adopt this reasonable zoning amendment and help ensure that we don't become a cookie-cutter, strip-mall-surrounded community with a hole where our downtown used to be.

Voters, you have a chance to say what kind of a town you want on Nov. 8. Please vote "yes" for the park, and "yes" for the township ordinance.

Gretchen W. Tambellini
Charlevoix

Save Charlevoix's charm, vote 'no' on park project

Editor:

I think that sometimes we lose sight of what Charlevoix is all about — the year-round residents who live and work here 12 months of the year. Granted, the summer people, the boaters who visit, are extremely important to our economy and we need to take care of them, but aren't the plans somewhat grandiose? Nice laundry and bath facilities are necessary — the size of the planned facilities is overboard.

One of the reasons that people find Charlevoix so charming (and I know this because I have been here only 10 years and well remember the "I'm home" feeling when I first saw our little town) is the nostalgia factor — it's charming, old fashioned in many ways and is a comfortable place to be.

However, if we keep building and modernizing we will surely lose all of that. Therefore — even though the current bandshell needs some work, it apparently can be made better acoustically, and the storage facilities could be enlarged and improved for far less money that taking it down and building a state-of-the-art shell at the end of the park.

I even agree that that might be a better location but are we being good stewards of our money? Our schools are hurting and many people may go without heat this winter. The money to be used for the park improvements could certainly be better more efficiently used than with a fancy new park. The current bandshell is not very old and a lot of people put a lot of time and money into it's construction. Someday, it will be necessary to replace the existing shell, but until then let's leave it where it is.

Bottom line — I say vote "no" on the current park plans.

Judy Willey
Charlevoix

Vote 'yes' on Ordinance 1.73

Editor:

Over the past several years, thousands of communities have decided to take control of their growth by making those decisions locally rather than big outside developers doing so for them. In 2003 Charlevoix County, along with all townships and cities, held a joint initiative to decide the type and size of growth we want over the next 20 years. All county residents were invited to participate. Gosling Czubak, a professional planning firm was hired to facilitate the four work sessions. The 90,000-square-foot limit on big box stores came from this initiative.

This decision, made by the planning commission was not made by a bunch of uninformed, unqualified people, as was stated by one of the opponents in a recent Courier letter to the editor. In addition to the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission agreeing with the citizens that took the time to participate in the strategic planning process, the township board voted for the amendment as did the Charlevoix County Planning Commission. All of this was after numerous public hearings by the township.

90,000 square feet is larger than Kmart and twice the size of (Charlevoix's) Glen's (Market.) Most, if not all big box companies have existing stores within this size, so let them come if they choose to conform to what the local citizens decided is an appropriate size for our small communities.

The four people that wrote letters to the editor last week either own or are related to people that own property that Wal-Mart was originally considering. None of these individuals is being denied full use of their property as allowed by law, new or old. In fact, only one of these pieces would be large enough for a 90,000 square foot building, with required set backs, parking and retention ponds.

I do not understand people that say they do not care about Charlevoix's downtown because they don't shop there. I ask those individuals do you know anyone that works at any of these locally owned stores, anyone that washes their windows, cleans their carpet, does remolding, provides insurance, banking and other services. The money stays here and goes round and round providing jobs.

One big box company has a TV ad where they brag about one stop shopping. Most of what I see them offer is already being provided by a locally owned business such as food, clothing, pharmacy, eyeglasses, haircuts, film processing, oil changes, tires, hardware, and household goods. For a local family-owned business to lose not only their jobs and income, but their life savings, due to no fault of their own, is a tragedy.

I think most of us choose to live here because we do not look like every exit on every expressway in America. It takes longer to drive across Traverse City than it takes us to get to the big boxes in Petoskey. Let them have the monopoly on big boxes and let's keep our small town charm. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

Please vote "yes" on Nov. 8.

John Winn
Charlevoix

Native American mentor guides students

By NICOLE GRAZIANO
Special to the Courier

These days, Larry Denemy, coordinator for the Native American mentoring program at North Central Michigan College, is keeping busy at his corner desk in the Student Services building.

His workspace is strewn with typewritten letters, photocopies of job opportunities and fliers promoting upcoming conferences hosted by the Tribal Court of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. A newspaper clip hanging to the left of Denemy reads "Native American Museum opens in Washington D.C.," and a column explains the history of the totem pole. At the edge of his desk stands a sign spelling Aanii which means, "hello" in the Anishnabe language. Denemy, a mentor to students, academics and spirit, sits tall and proud.

The Native American mentoring program is intended to promote, nurture and protect native cultures and history. As an educational entity, the program is committed to presenting college as realistic and attainable endeavor to Native American high school and North Central Michigan College students. Through language seminars, cultural immersion workshops and local gatherings, the mentoring program also aims to enlighten those who are simply curious about native traditions and beliefs.

Denemy, a self-proclaimed extrovert and full-time North Central Michigan College student, was tapped to replace the program's original mentor last fall. With resources such as the college's Anishnabe language program director, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians committees and High School Indian Education directors Connie Marshall (Petoskey and Charlevoix) and Cheryl Halfacre (Harbor Springs), the 30-year-old Denemy has made multi-tasking a way of life.

"I'm looking for that incendiary way to get people fired up," he said. "I do believe I'll get out of this what I put in to it. Last year turned out to be a really good year and the students have come forth with some good ideas."

In an April demographics profile compiled by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, a total of 2,699 students enrolled at NCMC in 2004. About four percent, or 112 students, were Native American.

This year, said Denemy, Native American student enrollment at NCMC is up five to seven percent. About 135 Native American students now attend the Petoskey college, 30 of which are members of its Native American student organization.

"I've met a lot of people on campus who need to come forth with their talents and gifts," said Denemy, who is half Anishnabe Indian. "I recognize a lot of gifts here in the Indian community and I think we need to celebrate them and bring them together."

Such communal celebrations coordinated by the mentoring program were abundant last year and included: A four-day Anishnabe language conference in Sault Ste. Marie; two day-trips to the Ziibiwing Cultural Center in Mt. Pleasant; a day trip to Michigan State University; Sugarbush Camp, the springtime traditional of collecting maple sap; a Native American Career Expo at the Soaring Eagle casino in Mt. Pleasant; an Earth Day Celebration at the Ziibiwing Cultural Center; and a bowling outing organized for area high school students that incorporated native storytelling.

Aside from maintaining the calendar of cultural activities, Denemy works to combat the notion that Native Americans are a "dispossessed people."

"I wasn't supposed to be here with these thoughts," he said, recounting his struggle with self-actualization in his early 20s. "These thoughts of mine weren't supposed to survive, but they're here. So I started looking for like-minds and like-spirits."

Denemy continues to seek out these souls by writing personal letters to be posted or distributed throughout high school and North Central Michigan College campus. His words detail the mentoring program's mission and outline planned cultural events in the area. Through these letters, Denemy also encourages students to contact him directly to learn more about a cultural revival that they may or may not realize exists.

"I want to see more action in the high schools," he said. "I'm trying to be a liaison between college and high school. As soon as high school ended for me, I hit a brick wall. I didn't have my financial aid in order, I didn't have my tribal certification."

To obtain tribal certification, he explained, means to be eligible for a tuition waiver in the State of Michigan. Ideally, Denemy said, this task should be completed in high school and well before college applications are signed and sealed. Without a tribal certificate, Native American students may only receive financial breaks during college if they can prove that their blood quantity is one-fourth Native American; a process known as BIA certification. Because Denemy never thought to inquire about these opportunities as a high school student, he never knew they existed and his transition to college was anything but smooth. Today, he is making college preparatory guidance a key component of the mentoring program.

"If you don't ask, you don't receive," he said, adding that he plans to create and distribute a package of scholarships for Native Americans to high school students.

Denemy attributes the success of the mentoring program to a progressive community and a supportive home base. From the copy machine to postage, Denemy said North Central Michigan College has supplied him with ample resources to execute his duties.

Last fall, the mentoring program received a grant totaling $2,250 from the Petoskey/Harbor Springs Community Foundation Board of Trustees — the program's parent and Denemy's official employer. In the following spring semester, the Native American Student Circle, a student organization at the college, was officially organized. Within a week of its inception, the college's Student Senate awarded the newfound group $350 for aid in planning future events.

Each spring, Denemy is required to present a baseline report to the community foundation. During this presentation, he fields questions from a teen Youth Advisory Committee and discusses any shifts he's witnessed in Native American students; GPAs, retention rates and personal goals.

"This is primarily about education so we have to show empirical evidence that the students are doing good," he said.

In addition to attending classes five days a week, maintaining the mentoring program and working part-time as a server at Stafford's Weathervane restaurant, Denemy contributes articles to the Anishnabe Student Circle page in the college's bi-monthly Informer newsletter. He plans to transfer from North Central Michigan College in the coming years, to pursue a bachelor's degree in natural resource management.

"I don't want to leave this and have it fizzle," he said, explaining that his position is temporary and contingent upon his enrollment at the college. "I believe there is a plan for us and we need to meet the creator halfway for it to manifest. We have to show some effort, show some commitment and show some leadership. You've got to stand for something or you'll fall for nothing."

The North Central Michigan College Native American student organization meets at 6:45 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month in room 230 of the technology building. To learn more about the Native American Mentoring Program and upcoming events, call or visit Denemy during his office hours, 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. He can be reached by phone at (231) 348-6834 and by e-mail at anishnabe_33@yahoo.com.

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Contact the City manager's Office at 231-547-3270 for more information and a complete job description. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, the City's application form, background waiver and resume to the city manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 by November 11, 2005. Applications and background waivers are available at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. Physical exam/drug screen, psychological exam and background investigation required. Salary DOQ and full benefit package. EOE

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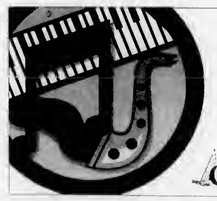

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Friday, December 9, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.,** inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the circuit court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 11.870%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the city of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:

LOT 2251, BLOCK 7, NICHOLL'S AND MORGAN'S SECOND ADDITION TO SOUTH BOYNE, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 811 DOUGLAS STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712-1414. TAX PARCEL NO. 051-467-251-00.

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Dated: October 24, 2005

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Assignee of Mortgagee

By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

East Park forum

The public is invited to attend an East Park renovation discussion forum to take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 2 in the second floor council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall. Peter Pollack, principal designer with the park design firm Pollack Design Associates of Ann Arbor, as well as city mayor Norman Carlson and representatives of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will be on hand to field questions from those in attendance.

Genealogical society meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, located at 201 East Main Street in Boyne City. The society will show a video, "Fallen Timbers" highlighting the history of logging in Michigan. This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information call Joy Babcock, president of the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society at (231) 582-3440.

Benefit dinner

From 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 11 there will be a Homemade Soup and Pie Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction at the East Jordan Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 304 Fourth St. in East Jordan. Auction items vary from electronics to gift certificates. Donations will go to Toni Joki-Schlicht who is battling pancreatic cancer. Joki-Schlicht is the sister-in-law of Charlevoix resident Mary Adams. If you are unable to attend and need more information call Cherie Luttrull at (231) 237-9249.

Retired federal employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Petoskey Friendship Center for the annual holiday lunch. A speaker from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will address the group and then a celebration of the holidays will follow with special musical entertainment and gift exchange. This is the last meeting for the year. Meetings will resume in March and take place the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Alano club meeting location

Effective October 1, 2005, all meetings at the Alano Club will be held in the back building. For meeting times and emergency numbers call (231) 547-9184.

Story hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library. Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Grief support

Two grief and loss support groups are being offered by Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. The upcoming Charlevoix grief and loss group will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road, five blocks west of Pizza Hut. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed. These services are free of charge. Call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 to register or for more information.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Garden club

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting room at Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information contact Margaret Arnold at (231) 547-5199.

Skatepark closed

The Charlevoix Skatepark is closed for the winter.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The OddfeHows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m..every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street (smoking). There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club (smoking). There is a Young People's A.A. Meeting from 5 to 6 p.m. at the BASES Teen Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is a non-smoking A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the back of the St. Mary's Church. There is a women's A.A. non-smoking meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. non-smokers meeting at 10:30 a.m. and a smoking A.A. meeting at 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

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An important message for Charlevoix Township voters

VOTE YES

Bigger isn't always better

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Our Township Board said **YES**.
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Voters approve East Park changes

Gibson, Timms and Beer elected

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The general election for the City of Charlevoix ended with major changes on the horizon for East Park and the make-up of city council.

846 voters turned out for the Nov. 4 election, reelecting two incumbents, ousting a long standing councilman and pushing forward plans to renovate East Park.

Cool fall weather characterized election day, Nov. 8 when 34 percent of the city's 2,423 registered voters cast a ballot.

"It was steady all day," city clerk, Carol Oehs, said.

At the election, voters decided the time for major East Park renovations, approving an ordinance that will amend the Downtown Development Authority's development plan to make way for construction of a new performance facility. The existing bandshell will be removed and a new venue with amphitheater seating and restrooms built in the fall of 2006 at the south end of the park.

This project will cost the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority just under $1.5 million.

Of the 832 voters who cast a ballot with regard to the park project, 499 voted in favor of the changes while 333 voted against it. That is overall approval of about 60 percent.

The park issue had the most opposition in the second ward where 136 voted in favor of the changes and 135 voters cast a ballot for it to stay the same.

Jill Picha, who has fought the park plan since its inception, was disappointed at the outcome and said, "There's nothing more we can do. I'm happy it went to a vote, the majority want it and they got it. But I don't think the DDA has the money to do this."

The majority of voters came from the first and second wards where races were contested.

Of the 853 first ward voters, 322 cast a ballot. Of those, 53 percent voted in favor of reelecting Robert Timms to his first ward seat.

The final vote was 171 in favor of Timms and 140 for his opponent, former city planning commissioner Steven Bennett.

Timms said he feels the outcome hinged on his penny pinching track record.

Bennett, said he decided to run for council this year, for the first time, after attending council meetings and

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Township voters call for 'big box' limitations

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Voters accepted Charlevoix Township zoning ordinance amendment 1.73, also known as the "big box" ordinance, by a vote of 340 in favor of initiating the regulation to 215 against it.

But it's not over.

Township resident Charles Sherping, who opposes the ordinance said he will likely pursue recourse in court.

"If the township insists on having that ordinance I'll take them to court on it if I have to," he said. "I don't think Charlevoix Township should be controlling commerce."

According to Sherping, his possible lawsuit would be based on his interpretation of the zoning ordinance. He cited insufficient support from the voters.

Fellow ordinance opponent, Al Wojan, also questions the vote's validity.

"Has a majority of electors cast their vote to approve this," he queried.

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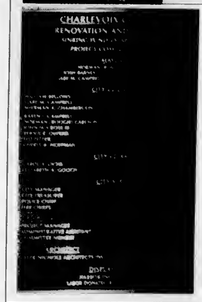
The grand opening

Photos by Julie Witthoeft



The City of Charlevoix hosted a grand opening celebration Nov. 5 in recognition of the recently completed city hall restoration and renovation project. (Above) Mayor Norman Carlson and former mayor Josh Barnes unveil the appreciation plaque, pictured close-up at left. It will hang in the State Street entrance to the building.

Haggard takes the primary by four votes

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The primary race to single out a Republican candidate to run for the first district Charlevoix County Commission seat was neck and neck with John Haggard winning by only four votes.

His competitor, Josh Barnes, said, "It's over. I won't run again. I'm discouraged because I got so much verbal support."

The first district covers the City of Charlevoix north of the bridge, as well as Hayes, Bay and Charlevoix townships.

Voters north of the bridge in the city cast 119 votes for Barnes and 121 for Haggard. Voters in Hayes Township cast 62 ballots in favor of Barnes and 64 for Haggard. In Bay Township, 27 people voted for Barnes while 33 voted for Haggard.

The biggest gap between the two was in Charlevoix Township where Barnes received 177 votes and Haggard came away with 171.

Haggard is a 64-year-old Charlevoix Township resident and long-time chairman of the Charlevoix County

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Stephen Paul Nagy, 33, East Jordan. Possession, taking a deer illegally with a firearm. Serve 30 days in jail, to serve eight days; $1,300 in fines and costs.

Jeffery Jay Lavanway, 34, Central Lake. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve two days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

RJ West, 18, Boyne City. Receiving and concealing stolen property less than $200. Serve 93 days in jail, 93 days held in abeyance, serve 40 hours of community service work; serve six months probation; $300 in fines and costs.

Dillon James Butler, 18, St. James. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Jeffry Martin Kenrath, 46, Saline. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

John David Wallace, 30, Boyne City. Breaking and entering, illegal entry. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 69 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Raymond Drake Baker, 25, Charlevoix. Attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 60 days on electronic monitoring device, 282 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; $1,250 in fines and costs.

Kirk Alan Carson, 48, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Michael James Hartcourt-Thomas, 24, East Jordan. Possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail, 324 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $755 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kevin Mac Hersha, 21, Ellsworth. Eavesdropping-installing/using device. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 180 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Anthony Wayne Koleff, 35, Waco, Texas. Operating while intoxicated-third offense. Sentenced to 180 days with credit for 73 days, to serve 180 days in jail; $720 in fines and costs.

Michael George Karaszewski, 31, Mancelona. Larceny in a building. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 120 days in jail; serve two years probation; $5,092.23 in fines and costs.

Matthew Luke Mosier, 24, East Jordan. Police officer assault/resist/obstruct. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve 270 days in jail. Operating while intoxicated. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve 90 days in jail; serve two years probation; $760 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

North Country Critters, 7452 Spring St., Charlevoix, by Bjorn Kirkland, Daniel Kozan and Thomas McCullough

Biggerstaff Canvas Works, 08263 Shingley Road, Charlevoix, by Jeremy Biggerstaff

Kecia Freed Design, 112 South Park St., Boyne City, by Kecia L. Freed

Cherry Hill Enterprises, 526 North Lake St., Lot 106, Boyne City, by John L. Hill, Sandy J. Hill and Carmen I. Slate

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Christopher Francis Mikulski, 28 and Andrea Lynnette Cunningham, 33, both of Charlevoix

Thomas James Crumbaugh, 21 and Robyn Lyn Gray, 19, both of Boyne City

Jason Bradley Cross, 35 and Noelle Estelle Russell, 27, both of Charlevoix

Jerry Duane Newman, 38, Boyne City and Bonnie Lou Burns, 43, Boyne Falls

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Diane Courtright vs. Robert Courtright

Anthony Klintworth vs. Jacquelyn Klintworth

Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Nov. 1	55	48	.14
Nov. 2	50	38	—
Nov. 3	62	40	—
Nov. 4	56	46	—
Nov. 5	53	43	—
Nov. 6	50	40	1.74
Nov. 7	47	40	.05

Birth

Magdalena Collette Napont weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born Sept. 30 at Munson Medical Center to Pattie Schmidt and Brian Napont of Suttons Bay. She has a sister, Justine. Grandparents are Arlene (Malloy) Napont of Boyne City, Richard Napont of Pellston and James and the late Laureen Schmidt of Livonia. Her great-grandmother is Loretta (Loy) Malloy of Boyne City.

New Kiwanis president

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Kiwanis Club 71st president Suzanne Muma recently accepted the gavel from outgoing president John Lachman. Muma's goals are to continue the club's youth services program and to have the high school Key Club active. Muma is the executive director of the Bergmann Center and is a strong supporter of adults with disabilities. She will strongly support the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club's Aktion Club program for people with disabilities providing services to the community.

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First district voters choose Haggard over Barnes

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Republican Party. He was also a county commissioner from 1978 to 1982. He is co-owner of Haggard's Plumbing and Heating. Aside from running this local business he has also had his hands in local and national politics since he was a teen.

Barnes, 77, currently holds the commission seat as an interim commissioner. He was appointed by the members of the commission to fill the vacancy left by his daughter, Valerie Snyder, who resigned on March 10, 2005 because she was moving to a location just outside Las Vegas, Nev.

He will fill the seat up until the Feb. 28, 2006 general election when Haggard will face an Independent and a Green Party candidate for the first district seat to fulfill a term which will end on Dec. 31, 2006.

Connie Saltonstall, who will run as an independent, launched a petition drive so she may be included on the Feb. 28 general election ballot.

The Green Party held a caucus to choose their first ward Charlevoix County Commission candidate, Ellis Boal, on election night at the Horton Bay General Store in Horton Bay. A party member of five years, Boal will represent the Greens in the upcoming general election.

Voters approve 'big box' ordinance amendment

TOWNSHIP

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But, Robert Hoffman, a local resident and supporter of 1.73 said, plenty of voters turned out to show overwhelming approval for what the Charlevoix Township Planning Commission and the Charlevoix Township Board have accomplished in drafting the ordinance.

"I think again, that with the ordinance in place, it is a tool the planning commission now has to ensure that the township will maintain its small-town character," he said. "It's not just a township issue, it's a community issue. It transcends the borders between township and city."

While the most contentious part of the amendment is the 90,000 square foot cap on the footprint of commercial buildings, other features include front facade requirements. Trademark architecture which identifies a specific company by building design features is prohibited, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the design is compatible with the historic architecture of Charlevoix.

In addition to the aforementioned requirements, buildings which exceed a footprint of 50,000 square feet must conduct a market feasibility study which indicates whether or not the potential of the market can accommodate the project and what the impact of the proposed project would be on existing retail businesses in Charlevoix area.

A traffic study must also accompany building projects in excess of 50,000 square feet which would show the effects of the proposed development on the level of service of all existing and proposed intersections within one mile of the project and how traffic impacts will be mitigated.

Over 30 percent of voters turn out for city election

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feeling as though constituents are not being well represented.

Bennett did not return calls by press time.

Timms was first elected in 2003 when he beat out his competitor, interim first ward councilman Dave Novotny, by 36 votes.

While Timms enjoys his second two-year term, second ward councilman Bill Bellows will not enter his fourth term after being defeated by newcomer on the political scene, Gene Beer. This was the first time since 2001 that Bellows has had to compete to keep his seat.

Of the 741 second ward voters, 273 cast a ballot. Of those, 60 percent voted in favor of electing Beer to his second ward seat.

The final vote was 102 in favor of Bellows and 163 for Beer.

Beer, who has spent the last 17 years as manager of Charlevoix County Transit, said he feels the outcome hinged on his vocal opinions on mismanagement at city hall and a need for tighter spending habits.

"I'm ready to get in there and get my feet wet," he said.

Voters also cast ballots for uncontested seats.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson was reelected by 189 voters. This is the first time she has run uncontested. She was first elected in 2001 when she beat out Tom Rankle in a close vote and in 2003 beat A.J. Witthoeft.

City clerk Carol Ochs will retain her post after widespread support from all three wards.

The next council election in November of 2006 will see first ward councilman Bill Haggard, second ward council representative Gabe Campbell and third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain's seats open up for two year terms.

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OPINIONS

The First Amendment

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Be a hero: Put your opinion in writing

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

Some of you are loudmouths, whiners, troublemakers and malcontents. And, while some may consider speaking ones mind offensive and annoying, I wouldn't have it any other way.

Some of my favorite speakers throughout history include: Jack Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and Sam Kinison. A president, a preacher and a performer, all of whom I view as patriots. Like or loathe them, they knew how to speak their minds. If it wasn't for their vociferousness, this world, already dim on freedom, would be a much darker place.

From the time a baby can cry, humans are constantly communicating their feelings. Whether it's cooing or cussing, people have a need to be heard. But, as far back as Galileo or further still to the time of Socrates, those speaking their minds were often stigmatized and even killed. I don't know for sure, but the trepidation over speaking one's mind may extend all the way to the roots of mankind.

I once heard baby circus elephants are tied to a post with the strongest of chains. The idea being, by the time the animal is full-grown, its will to escape is sufficiently obliterated that it can be secured with a thin rope. Author Alice Walker said people most commonly relinquish their power by thinking they have none. I agree, when people believe impotence is a foregone conclusion, they often assume the role of sheep extraordinaire.

Being louder doesn't make you more righteous, but remember this, a good man cannot win a shouting match with a tyrant by whispering — no matter how prolific the statement.

But what is one to do? Aside from strutting around town with a sandwich board or installing a billboard in your front yard, there is no better place to voice your opinion than your local newspaper. Am I a little biased? Probably. But then, who isn't?

Listening to people's peeves and pleasures in my office or the local coffee shop doesn't bother me. What gets me is when I tell them to write a letter to the editor and they suddenly lose their voice.

"I don't want to sound like a whiner. I'll make my neighbor angry," they say.

The point is, they are afraid to opine and that's wrong.

Granted, last week there were three pages of letters, but political season shouldn't be the only time people become impassioned enough to offer suggestions, pontificate on politics or let us have it for messing up.

Yeah, you could bite your tongue and relieve your aggression by downing a dozen doughnuts, but I bet you'd feel better if you instead grabbed an ink pen and let fly your opinion on the issues and controversies that matter most to you.

Letters are accepted on just about any topic – president doing a swell job? Local politician rub you the wrong way? Not happy with the local newspaper?

Tell us about it.

And, while I'm not one for censorship, our standards and practices people already have ulcers the size of eggplants so please, give them a break and save the epithets and personal attacks for holiday get-togethers.

Just think of it as a large-scale suggestion box. Who knows, you could open a few minds, brighten someone's day or even change the community.

There is always the possibility you will anger someone with your point of view.

But, you may also enlighten, educate or empower, because few things excite, incite and spice up life like a passionately presented argument.

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Intelligent Design has no place in science class

Roger Knutsoń

'Ear to the ground'

George Santayana is credited with the aphorism "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." I believe he was correct.

In 1802 the English Anglican priest William Paley wrote a book titled, "Natural Theology." It became the standard explanation in English of a major argument for the existence of God. It was called "The argument for design," and Paley explained it so well that his book was required reading for English university students until the 20th century. And in an interesting bit of irony, that book was a favorite of the young Charles Darwin.

Paley said in effect that both the world and a pocket watch were so complicated and obviously designed that it was necessary to postulate the action of a designer. God in the case of the world and a watchmaker in the case of the watch. The argument sounds familiar because it is the one now used by the proponents of Intelligent Design to cast doubt on the validity of evolutionary theory. If any further evidence were necessary to clarify that intelligent design is theology or religion and not science, Paley's book should do it.

Teaching people about intelligent design as a part of the history of ideas might well be acceptable in any school curriculum, but proposing it as an alternative to evolutionary theory reveals a profound misunderstanding of both science and human history.

In science almost no one today holds two views of the world and its workings that seemed certain when Rev. Paley wrote his theological treatise. Many of the views now accepted as truth by the vast majority of scientists flatly contradict those held by scientists in 1900. Truth to a scientist is not the revealed and eternal truth of biblical theology or Intelligent Design, it is rather more like the current record in a sports event. When someone says the world's record for the 1,500 meter run is three minutes, 30.5 seconds, that is a truth, but it is a truth almost certain to change with time. Scientific truth is like that sports record. It is true now and conforms to all we know, but almost everyone recognizes that it will change.

When either the sports record or the scientific truth change it will reflect more clearly what can be accomplished by extraordinary human effort. The extraordinary efforts of the world's scientists over centuries have produced what we accept today as truth about the world, whether it is about gravity or about evolution. Those truths will be refined or changed, but they will not be replaced with an idea that made theological sense in 1802. Science does not deal in potential proofs of the existence or non-existence of God. The truth of science is not based on authority or faith or self-evidence. It depends finally on conformation to a natural world that is accessible to the senses and is described by the concepts that scientists have produced. Such concepts are not discovered, they are produced by human intellectual effort, just as progressively better times or distances in athletic events are produced by human effort.

The fact that evolution of all the world's organisms occurs is not an issue for anyone with knowledge of science. That all of the world's organisms, ourselves included, are the descendants of common ancestors from millions of years ago is hardly open to doubt. Arguments, experiments and discussions have produced a number of theories about exactly how evolution occurs, and the refinement of those theories will be the new truth. Whether evolution occurs is not in doubt.

It makes a great deal of sense to teach students about Intelligent Design arguments as part of the history of theology. Attempting to denigrate the last 150 years of biological science by promoting Intelligent Design as a newly discovered idea is as preposterous as proposing that rocks fall to the earth because they are like the earth and "like seeks like," which was sound thinking centuries ago. We have learned more than a few things about gravity since Isaac Newton in 1700. And, although we do not know exactly how gravity is produced, no one seems ready to abandon gravity in favor of the idea of rocks seeking each other or an explanation that requires an intelligent designer.

Evolution as a process is at least as well understood as is gravity. Both the theory of gravitation and the theory of evolution explain a great deal of how the world works. Intelligent Design attempts to tell us that we cannot explain or understand how the world works — it's just too complicated.

Finally, teaching a young aspiring student Intelligent Design in his science class is equivalent to telling the aspiring track athlete, "Don't bother trying to beat that record. No one will ever run 1,500 meters in less than three minutes and 30.5 seconds. It's too difficult." Neither would be teaching, nor would either be true.

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Letters to the editor

'Thank you' Charlevoix beautifiers

Editor:

The purpose of this note is to say, "Thank you," to the many people who work so hard to make Charlevoix look as beautiful as it does.

Special thanks to our city public works. Yes, the people who work so very hard and do not get the recognition and gratitude that they deserve. All through the summer we see them quietly, and not so quietly, cleaning the streets, picking up the thoughtlessly thrown trash, painting the benches, light poles and baskets, repairing the electrical problems that come with use and of course the beautiful shrubbery and trees around town. Don't forget the electrical service people, the water system and the waste treatment plant, and of course our parks people. I'm sure I've missed some from other parts of our service system. But, "Thank you," to those I forgot.

Thanks to those of you who so kindly wave or say, "Hi".

This is just a part of why I love Charlevoix.

Lou Hollow
Charlevoix

Interpreting commandments

Editor:

From birth to death we are constantly recording facts and events, in our minds, that require us to interpret what we see, hear, touch, smell and taste that is formulated into knowledge.

This knowledge we acquire, through study or repetition, is what will assist us to become intelligent, or give us wisdom, in making efficient use of those interpretations when confronted with a problem. Everything that is recorded in our minds, either true or false, leaves an impression that is used during the reasoning process to make decisions, form opinions or develop our beliefs.

In the year 1604 King James I of England commissioned 54 scholars to translate the Hebrew scrolls, containing the inspired words of God, into English and the King James Bible.

It was inevitable that, either through error, an attempt to simplify or a desire to improve, changes would be made and one appears in The Ten Commandments. We have all been taught "Thou shalt not kill" and to take a human life is a sin for which we will be punished by God.

Many who have served their country in military combat are reluctant to discuss their experiences and may, because of their religious beliefs, harbor a subconscious guilt for taking a human life contrary to their biblical teachings.

The Hebrew word ratsach (pronounced raw-tsakh') was translated as the English word kill by the scholars, but the correct English word is murder, "Thou shalt not murder," and has a very different meaning.

To kill is to put to death, slay or deprive of life, which is a generalized and all-inclusive usage. The unlawful killing of one human being by another, especially with malice and premeditation, is murder. When confronted with a situation requiring deadly force, such as in time of war or self-defense, to kill before being killed is not murder and not a violation of The Ten Commandments.

It is my hope that the above clarification may help some of my comrades in arms, who carry guilt from their actions during a war, and will be relieved of the burden and enjoy an improved quality of life.

The most precious gift on earth is human life and we should protect our lives, and the lives of others, at all costs. The only certainty of life, as we know it here on earth, is that all life ends.

We should endeavor to live our lives absent guilt or regrets, but then who among us is perfect, faultless or all knowing.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

Vote 'no' on 1.73

Editor:

Ordinance No. 1.73 unjustly ups the scale of governmental control verses free enterprise radically against free enterprise. Ordinance 1.73 greatly increases governmental control on how we do our business.

Charlevoix Township already has an extensive set of rules and regulations under our current zoning ordinance. All citizens, taxpayers and developers already must spend countless hours and large amounts of money to meet our current zoning standards. The proposed amendments go too far.

There must be some balance between governmental control and free enterprise. Vote no on Ordinance No. 1.73.

Charles Sherping
Charlevoix

Editor's note: Zoning Ordinance amendment 1.73 was a ballot issue for Charlevoix Township voters at the Nov. 8 general election. Election results can be found on page 1 of this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier.

Remembering veterans

Editor:

Charlevoix residents will recognize veterans and soldiers at 11 a.m. Nov. 11.

The date and time for Veteran's Day ceremonies commemorates when World War I came to an end.

We remember how men and women set aside their civilian pursuits to serve their nation's cause, defending the freedom of mankind and preserving our precious American heritage.

"We believe our strength on the field of battle, on the supply line which nourished our armed might, lay in the justice of our cause against the forces of evil. We believe our determination made us better warriors because we fought with our minds and our hearts as well as our bodies.

We recognize service to your country and her cause does not end with the termination of military service. We continue our endeavors in behalf of an honorable world peace with a feeling of profound gratitude to God, and to the men and women who gave their lives as their part of the cost of this noblest of causes.

Out of blood and sweat we learned of purpose, sacrifice, tolerance, bravery and discipline. These are solid foundation stones upon which a great nation is built. In our continuing quest for an honorable world peace we must cultivate these virtues.

Let us honor those who in public service seek not how much they may secure form the nation but how much they can give.

Let us honor those who devote their lives to that education which will lead our children on to live and laugh and learn and love, as we have only dreamed of doing.

Let us honor those veterans who carry into ordinary affairs of life a noble idealism and sincere capacity for self-devotion.

Let us translate the devotion of war into a devotion of peace. Let us have the will to live as well as die for our country. Let us support our troops.

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Jacob Burns

Serviceman graduates

Private Jacob J. Burns graduated Aug. 12, from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

On Oct. 25, he graduated from the infantry training battalion at Camp Pendleton in California as a rifleman.

He is the son of Doreen and Jack Burns and brother of Erin Burns of Charlevoix.

Robert Hoffman

Attorney hosts estate planning seminar

Robert L. Hoffman, of Hoffman & Hoffman, a local attorney who has practiced in Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties for 42 years, presented a seminar Oct. 24 in Lansing to over 20 insurance agents on trusts and estate planning.

Hoffman specializes in estate planning, including revocable and irrevocable trusts, durable powers of attorney and health care powers of attorney, commonly referred to as living wills.

Ferris State University graduate

Melissa Ostrum of Charlevoix graduated from Ferris State University in Big Rapids in August with an associate in arts degree.

She majored in medical laboratory technology and graduated with a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.49 which earned her the honor of having graduated with distinction.

Zonta to host motivational event for middle school girls

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Charlevoix's Zonta Club has organized an event that will assist in making strides toward the service organization's aim of empowering young, northern Michigan girls.

The event begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 3:15 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Charlevoix Middle School. That day, the club will host public speaker Laurie Stewart, of Kalamazoo during Zonta's Sights on Success campaign (S.O.S.).

According to Betsy Granstra, member of the Zonta board of directors, nationally known Stewart, will present an interactive event for girls from grades six to eight in the Charlevoix area.

"She speaks on issues of self-esteem, peer pressure, goal setting and educational opportunities," Granstra said. "The underlying goal is feeling good about yourself."

Granstra said Zonta Club members along with nearly a dozen local school girls helped design this event for middle school girls.

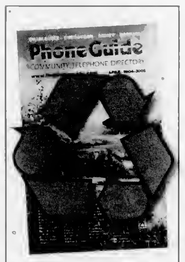
"We chose our first year to highlight middle school girls, but if this year's event is successful, we've talked about incorporating both boys and girls in the future," Granstra said.

Topics which will be covered at the presentation are universal and appropriate for multiple age groups.

"Some of the information the speaker sent to us is relevant to me as an adult — I'm benefiting," Granstra said. "One of her catch phrases is TNT, which means, Today Not Tomorrow. Our goal with this is to advance their (young girls) status by helping them feel great about themselves."

This event is free of charge. Registration for the event is from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. For more information call Granstra, at (231) 547-5930 or Zonta Club District One president, Linda Degrow at (231) 547-4109.

Zonta Club is an international service organization whose mission is to advance the educational, emotional, financial and spiritual status of women around the world.



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Engagement

Gillespie — Knox

Courtesy photo

Kellie Marie Gillespie and Joseph Michael Knox are announcing their engagement. The couple is planning a Saturday, Aug. 19 wedding at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The reception will follow in the Holy Cross Parish Hall.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Richard and Laura Gillespie of Beaver Island. Kellie is a 2002 graduate of Beaver Island Community School and is attending North Central Michigan College. She will graduate in 2007 as a registered nurse. She plans to pursue her career around the Browns Mills, N.J. area.

The groom-to-be is the son of Michael and Margaret Knox of Browns Mills, N.J. He is a 2001 graduate of Pemberton High School. Joseph joined the United States Coast Guard in 2002 and he is currently an MK3 at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix. In 2008, when his duty tour is over, Joseph and Kellie are moving to New Jersey where he plans to join the New Jersey State Police.

Red Cross blood drive at Reformed Church Nov. 17

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church.

The church is located on the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street in Charlevoix.

For an appointment, call 800-448-3545, extension 210 or drop-in to the drive.

Please have photo identification or an American Red Cross donor card with you.

Parent-teacher conferences underway this Thursday

Charlevoix Middle and Elementary schools will host parent-teacher conferences this week.

Charlevoix Middle School conferences will take place from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10 at the school, located at 108 East Garfield St. Conferences are student-led and held in seminar classrooms. For more information call (231) 547-3206.

Elementary school parent-teacher conferences will take place from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10. Conferences will be at Charlevoix Elementary School located at 13513 Division St. For more information call (231) 547-3215.

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Courier welcomes new classified advertising manager-receptionist

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Lisa Sladek

Charlevoix resident Lisa Sladek joined the Courier staff this week as classified advertising manager and receptionist.

Courier advertising manager, Kim Taylor, said Sladek will be a useful asset to both the Courier staff and its customers.

"I think she is a good fit in the office. Her customer service skills are strong," Taylor said.

Sladek, 39, is a Lakeview native, graduating from Lakeview High School in 1984. She moved to Petoskey after completing high school and attended North Central Michigan College from where she earned an associate's degree in business administration in 1987.

Prior to accepting the position with the newspaper, Sladek was a bartender at Grey Gables. Before working at Grey Gables, she spent 13 years as a medical transcriptionist for Charlevoix Area Hospital.

"I've missed the office pace and setting. Having worked nights for a long time, I'm looking forward to having more family time," Sladek said. "As far as the news business goes, I'm excited to discover its ins and outs — layouts, articles — it's all very interesting to me."

She is the wife of Jerry Sladek, who is employed at Manthei Development Corp., and the stepmother of Nicole, 19, Scott, 18 and Dylan, 12.

Holiday helping hands

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The ladies of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project held their first organizational meeting at Flap Jack Family Restaurant recently. Last year the project helped 180 families and a total of 275 children. If you wish to help, you can call Bev Boss at (231) 547-2078 or Rosemary Horton at (231) 547-2559 or send a check to the project in care of Bev Boss to 1672 South Barnard Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Human services 'Coats for Kids' campaign underway

The Charlevoix-Emmet Department of Human Services is sponsoring the Coats for Kids Program.

The program goal is to ensure that any child in need of a warm winter coat this year will be able to receive one.

The coat drive is going on now and will run through Dec. 31. The organization is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. As well as used coats, hats, gloves and mittens that are clean and in good condition.

Donations can be made at Kmart in Charlevoix and Petoskey as well as Glen's Market in Boyne City.

For more information contact Shirley Gillespie at (231) 348-1636.

Coats will be available from 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Nov. 14 and Thursday, Nov. 17 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

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Sunday School 9:40 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey E. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Bugsdale Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D'Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Pastor:
Todd Thompson ..... 547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care 10:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-6322

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
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President Michael Rubbins 588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:40 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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Boulder Park raising funds for indoor aviary

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

With the help of some local fund-raising efforts, Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix hopes to have an aviary built on site.

According to Boulder Park's activity coordinator, Elke Maierhofer, she has been dreaming of an aviary for her residents for years.

"It's an enclosed, giant bird cage," she said. "It is a gazebo style handcrafted bird cage that's going to contain specially bred tropical birds."

Maierhofer said the aviary, which will be built by a company called Living Design, will help Boulder Park maintain the birds once in place.

"The routine care is going to be done by our staff and residents and then the company also offers a quarterly checkup, so to speak, where they trim the beaks and nails and exchange older birds and sick birds for new ones," Maierhofer said. "And, they take the babies out to give them to other aviaries."

She added, "They disinfect the cage and then they restructure the interior branches and the nests."

Those familiar with Boulder Park Terrace, a nursing home near Charlevoix Area Hospital, will notice the aviary when it is finished.

"It will be centered smack dab in the middle of the lobby. It is going to be 6-feet in diameter by 9-and-a-half feet tall. So, it will take up the lobby," she said.

The idea behind the aviary, according to Maierhofer, is to bring a bit of nature indoors.

"It will not only be a great visual enchantment but it will be an opportunity to care and be in the circle of life in the animal world," she said.

According to Maierhofer, many of the residents with which she works had bird feeders prior to their residing at Boulder Park.

"We're hoping that it will be a gathering place for families and residents," she said.

Maierhofer said she hopes to raise the $15,000 needed to bring the project to fruition, quickly so the aviary can be built next year.

"One of the other things with this aviary is to provide a meaningful experience for the lower functioning residents — the ones who are not able to do the activities," she said. "They can spend time viewing the colorful birds."

According to Maierhofer, the aviary will house up to 25 different birds from the Passerine family.

"They're specially bred and there has never been a documented case of disease," she said. "They are mostly finches — special European gold finches, red headed finches, society finches and diamond doves."

She added, "And they are all special birds because we'll see them raising their young, so we will be foster parents."

Maierhofer said she is hoping the brightly colored plumage and bird songs will positively affect the mental health of Boulder Park residents.

"The most benefit we're hoping to achieve is really to bring the outdoors inside and to bring people back into a natural living habitat. When folks come into a nursing home that cycle of nature to man can be broken and can lead to depression," she said. "We're hoping to alleviate loneliness, depression and boredom and bring a purpose to our residents lives."

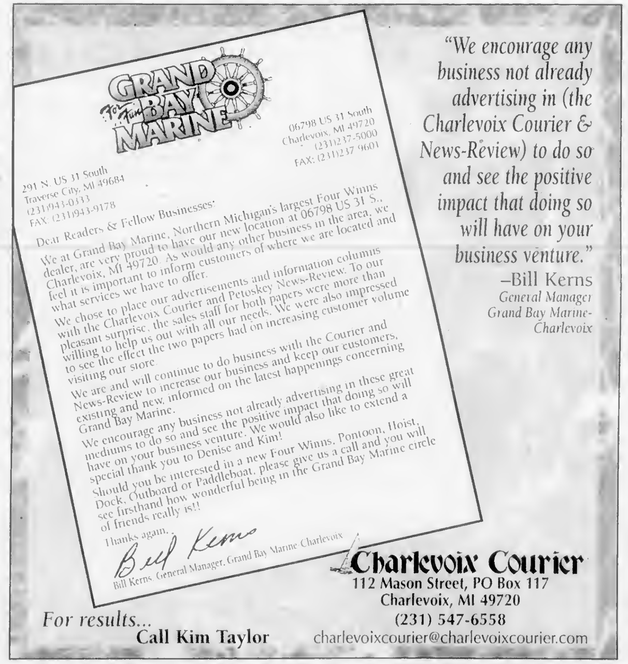
Maierhofer hopes the addition of the aviary will alleviate some of the grief people feel when they leave loved ones in nursing homes.

"So not only are we trying to help the residents, but the families too," she said. "And, we often have residents who are anxious or tend to wander, and the birds are just a kind of soothing, captivating thing."

Anyone wishing to help the residents of Boulder Park Terrace get their aviary can send donations to Boulder Park Terrace, 14676 West Upright St. Charlevoix, MI 49720 with Aviary Fund written in the memo line.

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Left) The proposed aviary Boulder Park representatives are working to fund. (Above) Elke Maierhofer, activities director at Boulder Park Terrace, and resident Bob Scott stand in the entry way at the nursing home where a six by nine foot aviary may reside by as early as next year.



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Norwood Township reviews permit request for private mining operation

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Norwood Township Board voted to table a contentious special use permit request until December.

Vocal opposition and several public hearings have taken place at which Norwood Township administrators have discussed a proposed limestone mine in Norwood.

Norwood Township Supervisor, Wayne Wynkoop and his wife Micheline recently applied for a special use permit for the extraction of limestone on several parcels of land totaling 6.94 acres. The property is located at 01195 Norwood Road. Mining is an allowable use in an agricultural zone according to the Norwood Township zoning ordinance.

But for some what is allowable, just isn't practical.

According to Norwood Township resident and owner of H & D Farms, Douglas Warner, he is concerned the proposed mine will negatively affect Norwood for several reasons.

"I think it's going to affect the area traffic with the trucks that are going to be going through Charlevoix and Norwood," he said. "And the noise and dust with the mining operation will upset the pristine and quiet area."

He added, "We run farms out here and with the extra traffic it's (the mine) going to impede farm traffic. It's quite a narrow road already."

Warner said the community just conducted a survey concerning the township's future. He said respondents are against commercial development.

"We wanted to keep the land the way it was and didn't want commercial operations around here," Warner said.

In a letter dated Oct. 24, from Norwood Township resident, David Rothschild to the Norwood Township Board, Rothschild states, "The Wynkoop limestone pit proposal presents a variety of challenges to public health and safety but offers no substantive plan to address them."

"What this proposal passes off as a limited, contained mining operation, is in reality a threat to the health, safety and quality of life in Norwood. It would have a profound and long lasting environmental and economic impact," he added.

According to Rothschild, with 30 truckloads of limestone a day projected to be carried along Norwood Road to U.S. 31 in the proposed mining operation, the cost of road maintenance and unobstructed traffic flow are serious concerns.

At the board's Nov. 3 public hearing three representatives from the Charlevoix County Road Commission addressed some of Rothschild's concerns.

"Based on the information presented by the Charlevoix County Road Commission, it (the project) meets all the site requirement conditions. They said, as long as the trucks are legally loaded, the road can handle it. As far as slowing traffic, it shouldn't. This project does have the blessing of MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) and the road commission," Norwood Township Trustee, Denny Way said.

Rothschild also asserted that the establishment of a heavy industrial operation just off the main access road to and from Norwood will substantially alter the experience of living there.

The second public hearing on the proposed project, took place Thursday, Nov. 3.

Way said that at that meeting the board accepted Wynkoop's request that the ruling be delayed to Dec. 1. In the meantime, the board plans to explore questions including the length of the project and plans for rehabilitation of the land after mining has ceased.

Way said, while it may seem like a drawn-out process, special use permits generally tend to take longer for approval.

But, he said, "I think it's continuing on a due process course and the applicant is comfortable with that and the planning commission is comfortable with that."

"I think it gives everybody time to think up intelligent questions and come up with intelligent answers," he added.

Way said, while he remains neutral on subject, he hopes, "This is resolved in a timely manner. I hope the planning commission realizes that we need to follow the township laws and ordinances. And I hope the applicant will bear in mind his neighbors."

Homeless awareness

File photo

From 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on Nov. 11 and 12 in the parking lot of St. Mary's Parish, located at 1003 Bridge St. in Charlevoix will be the Seventh Annual Homeless Awareness Sleep-out. Funds raised by participants will be divided between the Nehemiah House homeless shelter in Petoskey and Catholic charities for hurricane victims. For more information call Patty Furtaw, director of ministries at (231) 547-6438.

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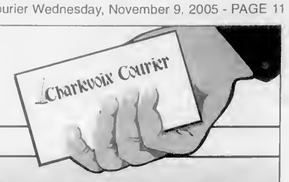

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BUSINESS

New owners take charge at Grey Gables B & B

The new owners of The Inn at Grey Gables bed and breakfast are hosting an open house for the local community to take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10.

Guests will be free to tour the bed and breakfast while enjoying wine and light hors d'oeuvres provided by Grey Gables Inn Catering.

Michael Barton and Phillip Anderson, the new innkeepers, are actively working to increase new tourist traffic to their inn and to Charlevoix.

They hope to create working relationships with local businesses and the community to ensure guests spend as much time as possible in Charlevoix.

Barton and Anderson come to Charlevoix from south Florida and will operate the bed and breakfast as a full-time business.

They were searching for a business to buy in Florida but quickly decided to follow Barton's dream of running a hotel once they saw the "for sale" sign in front of The Inn at Grey Gables.

"We were visiting the area with my family this summer and decided that the business and location were exactly what we were looking for," he said.

The bed and breakfast will operate year-round and the innkeepers are planning special events for each season.

Barton, a Michigan native, spent much of his career as a director of public relations for the United Nations in Switzerland.

He compiled a long list of innovative marketing ideas during his extensive travels and believes tourism to the inn, even in off-season, can be increased with a bit of creativity.

When not managing the bed and breakfast, Barton will continue to concentrate on his consulting and grant-writing business for non-profits.

"The Internet allows me to work with clients across the country while still fulfilling a life-long dream of running an inn," Barton said.

Both are also looking forward to helping local charities as much as possible.

At the same time, Anderson is using his customer service and hospitality industry experience to create a sense of "casual luxury" for guests.

"We've received compliments on the hot, spiced apple cider we serve at check-in and the freshly baked sugar cookies cut in the shape of Michigan on the bedside table each evening," Anderson said.

While guests appreciate the small touches, both innkeepers are excited to begin redecorating and refurbishing the guest rooms during the slower winter season.

"The inn is in good condition now but some new paint and fixtures as well as upgrading the linens and amenities will make guests' stay even more comfortable and memorable," Anderson said.

All are warmly welcome to the open house but an RSVP is requested by calling (231) 547-2251.

Photo by Julie Withoeft

The new owners of The Inn at Grey Gables bed and breakfast are hosting an open house for the local community to take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10. They are Phillip Anderson (left) and Michael Barton.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

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Crooked Tree Arts Center has a new Executive Director

Former Executive Director, Dale Hull, has retired from this position. However, he will remain on staff until the end of December 2005. The new Executive Director, as of September, is Elizabeth Ahrens. We wish Dale all the best and welcome Liz! You can reach the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 347-4337.

The Inn at Grey Gables is holding an Open House November 10th

Michael Barton and Phillip Anderson, owners of The Inn at Grey Gables, are new to the community and are excited to meet their new neighbors. They invite everyone to an Open House at The Inn on November 10th from 5 – 8:00 pm. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November the 8th. Stop by, say hello and look around the Bed & Breakfast. Enjoy wine and light hors d'oeuvres catered by Grey Gable's Inn. Bring brochures and business cards that can be offered to B&B guests. For more information, call 547-2251.

Holiday Open House at Friske Orchards on November 12th

This will be a fun time for friends and family. They are offering 20% off at the Country Hausa, refreshments, drawings and prizes, gift basket creations and Harpist Ariel Kohler will play from 11-3 in the café. For more information call 599-2604.

Charlevoix's Christmas Celebration is coming Friday, November 25th

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 25th for a visit with Santa at the "North Pole" (Color Wear). There will be pictures with Santa, decorating the Community Christmas Tree and ornament making for the children. Enjoy music, courtesy of Dale Boss and the Petunia Truck. Warm up with free hot cocoa. These events all take place from 4 to 6 pm. The Christmas Tree Lighting is at 6 pm.

Merchants Open House is December 3rd.

Enjoy refreshments, entertainment and activities from 12:00 noon to 6pm. At 12:00 noon, Santa arrives by City Fire Truck at East Park. At 1:00pm, children are invited to Charlevoix Cinema for a FREE full-length holiday feature sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Bring a donation of a canned good for entry.

Men's Night is December 22nd.

For all men wondering what to buy for Christmas this Men's Night is the answer for you. The women are encouraged to register a Wish List at participating stores for the gifts they really want to receive. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to take the stress out of your holiday shopping.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Nov 12	Holiday Open House Friske's 599-2604
Nov 14	1st Annual Deer Widows Dinner & Dance 547-5361
Nov17	Nature's Bounty Holiday Swag Workshop 547-9796
Nov 15-30	Atwood Buck Pole Friske's Orchard 599-2604
Nov 18	"Books Are Fun" Sale Charlevoix Hospital Guild 547-8651
Nov 25	Community Christmas Tree Lighting 547-2101
Dec 1	13th Annual Holly Daze Charlevoix Hospital 547-8651
Dec 3	Charlevoix Business Christmas Open House 547-2101
Dec 3	Annual Harsha House Christmas Open House 547-0373
Dec 3	St. Mary's Craft Show 547-9441
Dec 3	1st Congregational Church Cookie Walk 547-9122
Dec 6	Annual Christmas Dinner Historical Society 547-0373
Dec 10	Children's Christmas Friske's 599-2604

The next retail meeting is November 17 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is at Grey Gables on December 2 from 7:30-8:30am.

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please cal lteh Chamber at 547-2101.

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Appletree owner Mike Holmes to retire

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Mike Holmes, originator and owner of The Appletree, will retire in January after 32 years.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

One of Charlevoix's longest running gift shop owners, Mike Holmes, owner and originator of The Appletree, has announced his retirement.

Holmes, started the business 32 years ago selling the same quality products he does now — one of a kind, handmade American craft work.

"Thirty-two years is a good run. It's been a fun experience but it's time," he said.

Holmes said purchasers interested in buying the business approached him but no deals were finalized.

"Charlevoix doesn't sell too many businesses," he said.

News of his pending retirement, which will likely come just after Jan. 1, 2006, started floating around town in early October and was solidified when signs announcing, "50 percent off everything," filled the windows of his store, located at 220 Bridge Street.

Since then, Holmes said loyal customers have filtered in, some sad for the community's loss and others happy Holmes will have time to pursue other interests.

"I've been working seven days a week, 24 hours a day for a long time," he said.

He said he plans to use his newfound freedom to travel and spend time with his wife Barbara, who has played a quiet role in keeping the business going, his three children and grandchildren who live in the Rochester area, Traverse City and Utah.

Secretary of State to close for Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced today that all branch offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. The offices will be closed Friday, Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day and Thursday, Nov. 24, Friday, Nov. 25 and Saturday, Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving.

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Chamber announces holiday events

The annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Open House will take place from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

There will be a variety of holiday activities for the entire family starting with Santa arriving at noon in East Park by City of Charlevoix fire truck.

Afternoon festivities will also include a free holiday children's movie to take place at 1 p.m. at Charlevoix Cinema.

Chamber members are asked to contact the chamber with a list of activities or events to facilitate schedule printing. This schedule will go home with all the school age children at Charlevoix Elementary and Middle schools.

Direct information to Cindy at the chamber at (231) 547-2101 or fax information to (231) 547-6633 by Nov. 11.

Other events include the Third Annual Men's Night Out and the annual Christmas window decorating contest.

The annual Christmas window decorating contest will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 1. Holiday Spirit and Originality are the only guidelines. Participants must enter to win. Registration is required by Friday, Nov. 25.

The Third Annual Men's Night Out will take place on Thursday, Dec. 22. At this event, staff at participating businesses will assist male shoppers in choosing and purchasing the perfect gift while enjoying refreshments. Ladies visit a participating business and create a wish list for a gift they really would like to receive. The business will keep the "wish list" on hand and invite the person of their choice to Men's Night Out.

Degrow named Zonta Area One director

The Charlevoix Area Zonta is proud to announce that charter member, Linda DeGrow, was recently elected to be the area one director.

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World War II veterans awarded service medals

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

World War II veterans throughout Charlevoix County have begun to receive recognition for their service during the war.

On Oct. 20, Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Director, Bob Drebenstedt, awarded the Non-commission Officers Medal to Louis McKenzie in recognition of his service to the United States during World War II.

This is the first in a series of medals which will be presented monthly to World War II veterans across Charlevoix County.

"There was never really any appreciation for World War II veterans," Drebenstedt said. "So this is a small way to say 'thank you.'"

According to Drebenstedt, there were memorials built for World War I and Vietnam War veterans, but only recently was there a memorial erected for World War II veterans.

"When the World War II veterans came back they were given little fanfare for their efforts to save the world from Germany," he said. "At the time of World War II no one thought that they were heroes or the greatest generation or anything, they just thought they were fighting for freedom."

According to Drebenstedt, he started handing out the medals in hopes that others would join him.

"My deal is to get the service organizations in the three towns — East Jordan, Boyne City and Charlevoix — involved," he said. "It's just outstanding for the VFW post and the American Legion post to hand it out to their own members," he said. "That would be an awesome honor — one of those long-time coming recognitions."

According to Drebenstedt, his office does not have the budget for the medals.

He said, "Any service medal is free, but this is made by non-commissioned officers so this is one that you purchase."

Drebenstedt said, there hasn't been a war since World War II in which soldiers were fighting for American freedom.

He added that it is imperative to recognize the remaining World War II veterans now, because 55 percent of them have died.

"This greatest generation is just that and they are dying off by U.S. statistics at a rate of almost 2,000 a day," he said. "Out of the 4.5 million that fought in World War II, there are only about a million left in the United States."

The Non-commission Officer Medal is awarded to World War II veterans all over America and now people have a chance to make sure local veterans are recognized as well.

"When you're young it's kind of like saying, 'I scored the last touchdown of the big game my senior year.' It might not seem like as big a deal at the time, but later, when you're telling your grand-kids about it, what seemed like nothing was really something," Drebenstedt said.

With his efforts Drebenstedt said he hopes to rekindle that little dab of Americanism in the youth and adults of America.

"They're going to see a smile on the face of these vets. And I don't care if they were just a clerk typist in the Navy, they will be the proudest clerk typist that ever walked off that ship," he said.

Drebenstedt will award the next medal at the Veteran's Dinner on Nov. 12 at the new VFW hall located off U.S. 31 north in Charlevoix.

Anyone wishing to assist can contact their local VFW or American Legion for information on where to send donations regarding the medals.

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The Non-commissioned Officers Medal pictured at left will be awarded to World War II veterans throughout Charlevoix County.

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Christ Episcopal Church to host annual advent tea

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

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Charlevoix's Christ Episcopal Church will host its Second Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea from 1 to 5 p.m., Nov. 19 in the newly remodeled parish hall at the church.

Charlevoix's Christ Episcopal Church will host its Second Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea from 1 to 5 p.m., Nov. 19 in the newly remodeled parish hall at the church.

"We are looking for a way to use the building to serve the community," said Lynn Carson, a Christ Episcopal Church parish member helping coordinate the event.

She added that the tea is the small church's way of reaching out in the community. The church currently serves about 60 parishioners. Carson said among those is a strong core of active mission committee members.

"We are a tiny congregation, for us to pull something like this off is amazing," she said of the upcoming event.

The Episcopal church is closely affiliated with the Church of England which Carson said is the reason for the tea theme choice.

The event will include traditional edibles like cucumber sandwiches and marmalade cake complimented with tea service, music, crafts and a silent auction. Bids on auction items will close at 4:30 p.m. with bid winners announced at 5 p.m.

Each attendee will be given a small cookbook featuring recipes for some of the featured English fare.

Carson said everyone in the community, including children, are welcome to attend at no charge. Donations will be accepted.

"People are generous when they give from their heart," she added.

Last year, donations totaling $2,300 were collected at the tea and were then split between the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and the Moms and Tots organization in Ellsworth.

This year, donations will be directed to both the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and BASES.

Christ Episcopal Church is located at the corner of Clinton and State streets in Charlevoix.

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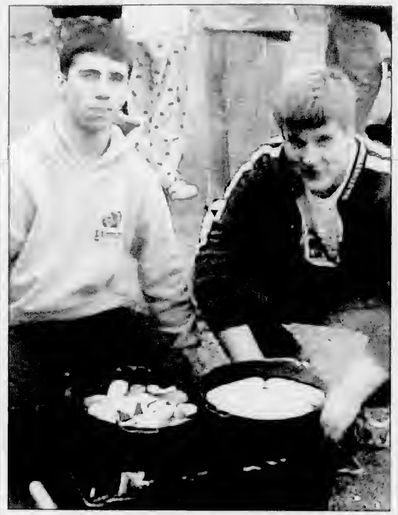

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According to officials from Dental Clinics North, which operates 10 dental clinics in the region, these budget cuts only affect adults enrolled in Medicaid. They do not affect children's dental services at all or adults who pay for their dental services, or those who are enrolled in the Northern Dental Plan.

"We did not come to this decision lightly," said Thomas Veryser, DDS, Dental Director for Dental Clinics North. "It is heartbreaking — we know Dental Clinics North is virtually the only place people on Medicaid can get dental care. On average, 30 vulnerable adults need emergency dental care in our clinics every single day — vulnerable people who are elderly, blind, wheelchair bound or mentally impaired."

According to Gerald Chase, Health Officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, providing dental services at current Medicaid rates, without any financial assistance from the state, will result in net loss approaching $1 million a year.

"The agency does not have that level of local support or other sources of financing to make up that loss. To accept the Medicaid reimbursement at that rate will quickly result in the closing of the dental clinics," he said.

After nearly two years of negotiating with state officials to reinstate dental benefits for adults enrolled in Medicaid, Veryser calls the situation very unfortunate.

"Despite strong support from Senator Jason Allen and Senator Tony Stamas to improve access to dental care for people on Medicaid, bureaucrats in Lansing reinstated adult Medicaid benefits at the same time they cut funding to public health dental clinics — the only place where people on Medicaid can get dental care," Veryser said.

Less than 1 percent of dentists practicing in northern Michigan accept Medicaid. He added that an option available to adults is the Northern Dental Plan.

"Many dentists are participating in the program, including Dental Clinics North dentists," he said.

Benefits of the Northern Dental Plan include a complete exam and reduced dental fees for two years with a $50 enrollment fee. Other options for adults on Medicaid are hospital emergency departments where they can receive pain medications for emergencies — but not treatment, or pay fees out-of-pocket at local dentists' offices or Dental Clinics North locations.

"We have not given up," Veryser said. "We are still talking with folks in Lansing. But until funding is reinstated to public health dental clinics, Dental Clinics North simply cannot continue to care for adult patients with Medicaid reimbursement."

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Diabetes Education Seminar at Charlevoix Area Hospital

A four hour Diabetes Education Seminar will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at Charlevoix Area Hospital located at 14700 Lakeshore Drive, in Charlevoix.

Program content will include glucometer training and general diabetes education. VitalCare will exchange free OneTouch Meter glucometers for any other glucometers regardless of their age or condition. A diabetes educator will also review general diabetes equipment and supplies, and their proper use.

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Ethel Knepp resigns Hayes Township clerk position

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

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Although clerk, Ethel Knepp, is stepping down from her position after over 20 years of service to Hayes Township, she will continue as their Zoning Board Administrator.

After over 20 years of service with Hayes Township, township clerk Ethel Knepp is stepping down.

According to Knepp, she began working with the township in 1984 and has since held the positions of clerk, zoning board of appeals member and planning commissioner.

"I wanted to be involved with the workings of the township and I wanted to be available to the people who were voicing concerns, so I ran for clerk," Knepp said.

While her term doesn't expire for another three years, Knepp, who just turned 60, said it is time to lighten her load. She explained she is busy with her accounting business, Ethel Knepp's office, and other business she takes care of for the township.

"I'm still the (Hayes Township) zoning administrator and I have my accounting office," she said. "I'm getting older so I need to start paying attention to my business, besides, zoning is taking a lot more of my time."

Knepp said she will miss the people she helped as clerk.

"I've enjoyed working with the people the most," she said.

She added, "I've just been accessible to the people. And, I know they appreciate it. That was the rewarding part."

According to Knepp, the state continues to change rules effecting clerk positions and piling on work.

"We do everything but collect taxes and assessing for the township," Knepp said. "We do all the accounting, all the minutes, all the correspondence and all the zoning matters as it relates to rezones and publishing."

"I'm staying on as zoning administrator, so that will keep me busy," she said.

Knepp has recommended Marlene Golovich to replace her. The board will discuss this recommendation at its next meeting to take place at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

Knepp's last day is Nov. 20.

Mother Nature's victim

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Dems endorse Saltonstall for county commission

Independent candidate for the first district Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners seat, Connie Saltonstall, received a unanimous endorsement from the Charlevoix Democratic Party at their monthly meeting, Nov. 3, at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City.

Saltonstall, a Charlevoix native, announced her candidacy this week with the launching of a petition drive to gain the necessary signatures to place her on the Feb. 28 ballot. She will face the winner of the Nov. 8 primary.

The approximately 40 people in attendance at the Nov. 3 meeting discussed with Saltonstall her reasons for running and their major concerns for the county.

Overwhelmingly the candidate and membership agreed that the creation of jobs is a top priority.

"We need jobs beyond just the service sector serving the tourism and resort industries so that our children don't feel they have to leave here," Saltonstall said.

She pointed out that Grand Traverse County has a waiting list of clean industries hoping to relocate there and said, "We have the same potential."

Connie Saltonstall

Gerald Chase, from the audience, noted, "More than 1,200 jobs have been lost in the last few years."

Job creation while protecting the environment that makes northern Michigan such a desirable place to live is a major part of Saltonstall's platform.

How to improve the county's infrastructure, especially roads, also received considerable attention during the discussion.

A Charlevoix High School graduate, Saltonstall has a background in both education and business. She taught fourth grade at Charlevoix Elementary School. In 1978, she was elected to and served on the Charlevoix School Board and was appointed to the Michigan Association of School Boards Taxation Committee. She also founded and was Vice President of a small but nationally known research and consulting firm, with clients including Viacom, ABC, ESPN, The Weather Channel and CBS.

Currently she is a mediator with Northern Community Mediation, is a board member of Hospice of Northwest Michigan and is active with the American Red Cross. She is well known for her tireless work on behalf of the Charlevoix Public Library.

Zonta accepting applications for annual scholarship award

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Young Women in Public Affairs award, which awards $500 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County and currently enrolled in a secondary school.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be obtained by calling Maura Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 3, 2006. Applications should be directed to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in late February.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the district, which awards an additional $500 to the district winner.

Michelle Fritsch from Charlevoix High School was named the winner of last year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world.

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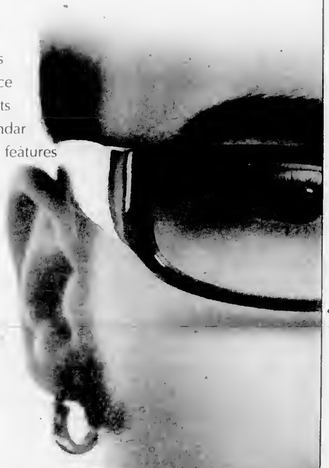

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Forster talks software at recent health conference

Dianne Forster, Director of Information Systems for North Country Community Mental Health, was a presenter at the NetSmart Technologies National User Conference in New York City in September.

Dianne Forster

Forster presented on user-defined modeled screens and customized reporting. North County Community Mental Health uses the NetSmart Technologies software for maintaining client demographic information, insurance billing and scheduling appointments.

"I was excited to hear about the new product developments that North Country Community Mental Health may well embrace in the near future to better serve our clients, especially in the realm of the Clinician Work Station, NetSmart Technologies' electronic medical record," Forster said.

Forster is the chair of the Michigan NetSmart Users Group.

North Country Community Mental Health provides services in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego counties.

Northern Michigan Marine Corps League officers

The Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League, announces their officers for 2005.

Installed recently to fulfill two year terms were: Commandant James Kuhlman, Petoskey; Senior Vice-Commandant Bill Bielas, Petoskey; Junior Vice-Commandant Mike Griffin, Charlevoix; Paymaster Hord Hardin, Harbor Springs; Adjutant Cecil Byrd, Harbor Springs; Sergeant-at-Arms Ivan Chew, Alanson; Chaplain Jim Alton, Harbor Springs; and Information Officer Glen Williams, Boyne City.

The jurisdiction of the Northern Michigan Detachment covers Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties.

Membership is open to any man or woman who has been honorably discharged from any of the armed services, or who is currently on active duty. For more information, call Glen Williams (231) 582-6858.

Overeaters Anonymous offers holiday support

The local Overeaters Anonymous group will observe the International Day of Experiencing Abstinence Nov. 19.

With the season for overeating upon us and so much emphasis on food as the holidays arrive, people who suffer from compulsive overeating find themselves faced with temptations everywhere.

Assistance in dealing with this is available locally. Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. The group meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday night in the back of the Alano Club, located at 106 Mason St., in Charlevoix.

Since 1992, on the third Saturday of November, members of Overeaters Anonymous worldwide observe an International Day of Experiencing Abstinence. The fellowship created in observing this day encourages members and newcomers to abstain from compulsive overeating. This year, International Day of Experiencing Abstinence, will be celebrated Nov. 19.

About 6,500 Overeaters Anonymous meeting groups in 52 countries will hold special events on this day to provide the support needed prior to the upcoming holiday season. Overeaters Anonymous is open to women, men and young people with any kind of food problem. Founded in 1960, Overeaters Anonymous held its first meeting in Los Angeles, Calif. Now 45 years later, it is a worldwide fellowship that has found a solution to the problem arising from overeating.

Overeaters Anonymous views compulsive overeating as a physical, emotional, and spiritual disease. Members find recovery on all three levels following a 12 step program patterned after that of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues or fees for membership.

For more information on Overeaters Anonymous call the Alano Club at (231) 547-9184 or Merrilee a (231) 547-2104.

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Women's Resource Center launches annual food drive

The Harvest Food and Supply Drive provides the opportunity for community members to make an impact on domestic violence by taking action at the local level to support area victims.

In the past year, 631 battered women sought supportive services through the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan's (WRC) Domestic Abuse Program.

As the only shelter for victims of domestic abuse in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties, the Safe Home of the Women's Resource Center provides emergency shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, as well as a 24-hour crisis phone line.

In the past year, 67 women and 79 children took refuge at Safe Home to escape the peril of emotional, verbal, and/or physical abuse. The Women's Resource Center provided 2,517 nights of housing averaging seven persons per day, 365 days a year. During the past year, food and supply costs exceeded $28,000. Over $21,650 was donated locally by groups and individual supporters.

The Harvest Food and Supply Drive is a call to action for the northern Michigan community to assist the Safe Home in providing food, supplies, and personal items to the many families who utilize these emergency services. Non-perishable food items and paper products are a major need. The Safe Home also requires financial support with $95,000 needing to be raised each year to maintain, operate and staff the shelter. Cash donations are necessary and appreciated.

The Safe Home needs list is available by calling (231) 347-1572 or by visiting www.wrcnm.org.

Donations can be brought to the Women's Resource Center's main office, located at 423 Porter St. in Petoskey; the Gold Mine Resale Shop, located at the corner of Emmet and Washington streets in Petoskey; Bondurant, located at 206 Howard St. in Petoskey; the Cheboygan office by calling (231) 627-2380; Gaylord office by calling (989) 731-0918; or s office at (231) 587-8891.

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'The Christmas Schooner' musical performance dates

Little Traverse Civic Theatre in Petoskey has announced the return of the famed holiday musical, "The Chrismas Schooner."

For over 10 years, audiences across the country have enjoyed this heart-warming holiday production, which brings to the stage the valorous real-life tales of Michigan sailors who transported Christmas trees to the distressed citizens of Chicago, Ill. after the great war of 1871.

Betsy Willis is directing the artistic aspects of the production with musical direction by Gig Stewart.

"The Christmas Schooner" is a fast-paced, lively musical suitable for all ages.

The production's preview night will take place Thursday, Dec. 8. It is open to the public.

Performance dates and times are as follows: 8 p.m. Dec. 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 at and at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 and 18 .

Tickets to evening performances are $15 for adults and $8 for children under 12.

Tickets to preview night and both Sunday matinees are $8 for all guests. For more information on to purchase tickets, call (231) 348-1850 or visit www.ltct.org.

Little Traverse Civic Theatre is located in downtown.

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SPORTS

Edger makes all-state mark at cross country meet

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Lindi Edger

Individual runners from the Charlevoix High School girls' and boys' cross country teams competed in the Division III state finals Nov. 5 in Brooklyn.

According to coach, Mary Plude, her girls ran well.

"Lindi (Edger) is now all-state three years in a row. Only Liz Ulrich has done that in Charlevoix history," Mary said. "She has ran the fastest time at MIS (Michigan International Speedway) for a Charlevoix girl by almost 20 seconds."

She added, "These three girls ran very strong races. It will be great to have them back with the experience they gain going individual."

Edger took 17th place with a time of 19 minutes and nine seconds. Alina Dhaseleer was in 55th with 20:02 which was a personal best and Brittney Lamb was in 77th with 20:19 which was the second best time of her career.

Brandon Stevens

Brandon Stevens finished 111th at the state finals representing the Rayders boy's team.

"His goal was to try and run with the top 40 as long as he could to see if he could medal," said coach Ken Plude.

"At one point he was 35th, but the pace would have been 40 seconds faster that he had ever run."

Ken added, "I give Brandon a lot of credit for trying instead of just going for his personal best."

Photos courtesy of The Petoskey News-Review

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Local girl to compete in punt, pass, kick Dec. 4 at Ford Field

Meredith Rich

On Dec. 4 at a game between the Minnesota Vikings and the Detroit Lions at Detroit, 14-year-old Charlevoix resident Meredith Rich will participate in the annual Punt Pass & Kick competition sponsored by the NFL.

As one of the top five finalists in Michigan, Rich will compete in the punt and kick portion of the contest before the game.

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North Country Community Mental Health Board will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire, MI. Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

SPORTS

Middle school hoops

Courtesy photo

The eighth grade girls' basketball team at Charlevoix Middle School ended its season with seven wins and five losses. The team, pictured above, includes (front, from left) Ashley Kosturock, Megan Klooster, Chelsey Haske, Taylor Storm and Madison Way. (Back) Coach Don Potter, Sarah Potter, Celina Wanek, Megan Menosky, Madeline Jeakle and Krista Pischner.

Rod and Gun Club board of directors ballots due by Nov. 30

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club elections for 2006 officers and directors will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at the clubhouse during the club's annual meeting. Ballots must be returned by mail no later than Nov. 30.

Rayder Pop Warner teams take post-season Jamboree

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix's Pop Warner, youth football teams went undefeated on the season and took the post-season championship.

Charlevoix Rayder teams I and II played against Boyne City, Harbor Springs, Mancelona, East Jordan, Elk Rapids and Petoskey.

The Rayders won all the regular season games which earned them a spot in the final Jamboree.

The Rayders defeated Harbor Springs at the Jamboree which took place in late October in Petoskey.

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Men's Senior League - Oct. 31, 2005	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	22	10
B Vanloo & Sons	20	12
Paul Bunyan Lanes	19	13
J Arnold Painting "A"	18	14
J Arnold Painting "2"	14	18
Kerr's Racing	14	18
Selph Trucking	11	21
The Flight Deck	10	22

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES	Series	Game
Ray Kerr		257
Scott Blechel	643	256
John Fiedorek	624	225
Don Potter	619	

Young at Hearts League - Nov. 3, 2005	W	L
Alley Cats	29	7
Irish Rollers	22	14
Half & Half	20	16
Sparetime	19	17
Misfits	17	19
Past Timers	16	20
Has Beens	11	25
Twilighters	10	26

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	508	193
Don Wells	508	180
Eldon Potter	465	164
Shirley Flower	448	168
Nancy Zimmerman	443	158
Beverly Smith	403	157

Tuesday Night Ladies - Nov. 1, 2005	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	24.5	11.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	19	17
Oleson's Food Store	19	17
Great Lakes Concrete	19	17
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	18	18
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	18
Central Drug Store	13.5	22.5
DM Construction	13	23

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES	Series	Game
Lisa Nicola		198
Marlene Evans	519	
Mary O'Brien	506	192
Krista Fowler		188
Cindy Mansen	498	

Gutter Gals - Nov. 3, 2005	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	99	81
Paul Bunyan Lanes	91	89
Express Yourself	86	94
Burger King of Charlevoix	82	92

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES	Series	Game
Jane Holm	474	171
Diana Speigl	501	171
Mary O'Brien	474	160

Church League - Nov. 2, 2005	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	278	172
State Farm Insurance	238	212
Lutherans	238	212
Ferguson & Chamberlain	233	217
Lakeshore Tire	214	236
R & C Roofing	206	244
Mark White Paint & Stain	199	251
St. Mary's	194	256

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	640	222
Scott Kehrer		220
Randy DeYoung	574	
Dan Potter		214
Tom Scott	574	

Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Scott Blechel of the Monday Men's Senior League had an actual Series of 643 with a high game of 256. Congratulations!
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Sheriff Lasater issues citizen warning of new cash scam

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater advises residents of a new scam that has been brought to his attention.

Sheriff Lasater explained that the scam delivery comes from an individual who contacts a citizen representing themselves as an IRS agent or official.

The caller will advise the citizen that the IRS would like to reward them for being such a good and honest taxpayer all of these years and will deposit $2,500, or any other amount, in their account at the bank as a show of appreciation. The IRS official only needs their savings account number for the direct deposit.

"This is obviously a scam, we all know the IRS never gives money away," Sheriff Lasater said.

He further advised that those receiving such a call, report the incident to your nearest police department.

Veteran's Day events to take place Nov. 11 and 12

At 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 in Veteran's Park in Charlevoix there will be services to honor armed service members both serving, retired and deceased.

From 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 there will be the annual holiday dinner at VFW Post 1153 in Charlevoix for veterans of all wars and their families.

Pool repairs

Courtesy photo

Workers pour plaster into wheelbarrows waiting at the bottom of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool. The entire pool was re-plastered and the hot tub was re-tiled at the end of August during a project that cost $23,000 to complete. The pool was closed for about two weeks while the work was completed. For more information about the pool call (231) 547-0982.

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Stray Gourmet event Nov. 18 to benefit Humane Society

Stray Gourmet, a benefit for the Charlevoix County Humane Society will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18.

Esperance will be hosting Stray Gourmet, a wine and hors d'oeuvre tasting to benefit the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

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Esperance is contributing all food and wine for Stray Gourmet to allow 100 percent of the suggested $15 ticket donations and auction bids to support the Charlevoix County Humane Society this winter. A percentage of sales from the event's special wine offer will also be donated.

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Charter schools expo

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The staff and board members at Northwest Academy recently attended the 8th Annual Michigan Charter Schools Conference at Cobo Hall in Detroit. Pictured above, from left are: Michelle Utley, Sue Kissinger, Karl Redmer, Cindy Romero, Gary Stutzman, Kris Rassmussen, Kristy Trudeau, Joe Seidel, Eric Richardson and LouAnn Grifin.

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by **ROY KITSON** and **SHARON MOUNT**, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to **COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE**, Mortgagee, dated January 9, 1998, and recorded in the Office of te Register of Deeds for the county of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, on January 14, 1998, in Liber 330, beginning on Page 1, and assigned by said Mortgagee to **THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.** by an assignment dated January 9, 1998, and recorded on June 30, 1998, in Liber 340, beginning on Page 993, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Four Thousand four Hundred Eighty Five and 32/100 ($64,485.32) Dollars, including interest at 11.870% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Friday, December 9, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.,** inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the circuit court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 11.870%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the city of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:

LOT 2251, BLOCK 7, NICHOLL'S AND MORGAN'S SECOND ADDITION TO SOUTH BOYNE, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 811 DOUGLAS STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712-1414. TAX PARCEL NO. 051-467-251-00.

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By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)
Wardrop & Wardrop, P.C.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
300 Ottawa Avenue NW; Suite 150
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-1225
L(10-26, 11-2, 11-9, 11-16, 11-23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

PUBLIC NOTICE

Aurora Energy, Ltd., of Traverse City, Michigan, has requested a nondevelopment direct oil and gas lease from the State of Michigan covering the following described parcel of land located in Section 36, T33N, R04W, Chandler Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, containing a total of 30.00 acres, more or less:

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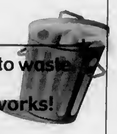
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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Benefit dinner

From 5 to 8 p.m. Nov. 11 there will he a Homemade Soup and Pie Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction at the East Jordan Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 304 Fourth St. in East Jordan. Auction items vary from electronics to gift certificates. Donations will go to Toni Joki-Schlicht who is battling pancreatic cancer. Joki-Schlicht is the sister-in-law of Charlevoix resident Mary Adams. If you are unable to attend and need more information call Cherie Luttrull at (231) 237-9249.

Friske's open house

Friske's Farm Market is hosting its annual Holiday Open House, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. In-store specials will be offered as well as refreshments, prize drawings and gift basket shopping assistance. Harpist, Ariel Schaub, will perform in the Orchard Cafe from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friske's is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 at Atwood. For directions or more information, call (231) 599-2604.

Sportsman's sighting

The Jordan River Sportsman's Club is hosting a three day gun sighting event to take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 12 and 13 and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 14 at the club, located off East Jordan-Advance Road. The public is invited to attend. National Rifle Association and Department of Natural resources instructors will be available to assist in sighting rifles. Recommended donations are $3 per rifle or two for $5. Instructors, targets, spotters and refreshments will be provided by the club. For more information call Charlie Butcher at (231) 547-4724.

Hunter's widow dinner

The Charlevoix Senior Center is hosting its First Annual Hunter's Widow Dinner and Dance. The event will take place at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 14 at the center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix. Tickets are $25 per couple and include dinner featuring a choice of three entrees and entertainment hy Horton Creek, a local bluegrass band. Call (231) 547-5361 to buy tickets or to inquire further.

Hunter's lunch

The Norwood United Methodist Church and the Norwood Area Historical Society will host the annual Hunter's Lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the old Norwood School House in the Village of Norwood. The lunch will feature homemade soup, chili, bread and pies. The cost is $7 per lunch. For more information call (231) 547-9356.

Boyne City High School reunion

The Boyne City High School graduating class of 1995 will celebrate its 10-year reunion from 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 25 at Boyne City Lanes in Boyne City. A class picture will be taken at 8 p.m. Photos may be pre-purchased for $10 each. The cost is $12 per person at the door or $10 in advance. For information or to purchase tickets call Harvey at (231) 675-1272 or Jody at (231) 582-7734.

Fire department Santa day

The Charlevoix Fire Department will host a fun day for kids. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 17, Santa will be at the fire station, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix. There will be candy bags for the kids, a movie or two, hot dogs and popcorn, tours of the newly renovated fire station and most important of all, a visit with Santa.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor are being offered. Cost for those 60 and over is $12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is $40. Classes will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesdays starting Nov. 8 at Charlevoix Public Library. To register call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Retired federal employee meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Petoskey Friendship Center for the annual holiday lunch. A speaker from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will address the group and then a celebration of the holidays will follow with special musical entertainment and gift exchange. This is the last meeting for the year. Meetings will resume in March and take place the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Lioness bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness Club is sponsoring the Annual Community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Banks Township Hall in downtown Ellsworth. Area crafters are encouraged to participate. For more information or to register, call (231) 544-6348 or e-mail wieland@torchlake.com.

Alano Club meeting location

Effective October 1, 2005, all meetings at the Alano Club will be held in the back building. For meeting times and emergency numbers call (231) 547-9184.

Story hour

Story Hour has begun at the Charlevoix Public Library. Traditional Story Hour for ages 3-5 begins at 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Grief support

Two grief and loss support groups are being offered hy Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. The upcoming Charlevoix grief and loss group will meet for six weeks from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays, beginning Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road, five blocks west of Pizza Hut. Individual counseling is also available for adults and children as needed. These services are free of charge. Call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 to register or for more information.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched hy or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak Street in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Garden club

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Cluh meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting room at Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information contact Margaret Arnold at (231) 547-5199.

Skatepark closed

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Marilyn Boss

'Days gone by'

The series I am writing is based on a directory published in the year 1940. Residents who were born later, and those not at home in that year, were not listed. I have had several inquiries about some who were not listed, and that is the reason.

Bonnie and Henrietta Nickerson lived at 805 State Street. He was the agent for the Pere Marquette R. R. and Railway Express Agency. Ernestine, their daughter was a student and lived there, as did son, Keith, also a student.

Peter Nielsen was a fisherman and lived with his wife, Anna, at 405 E. Dixon.

Marborough Nixon lived at 204 E. Hurlbut.

Frank Noble and his wife, Christina lived at 1206 Bridge St. Their daughter, Marie, lived with them. Frank was an ice dealer. Dale remembers stopping right on Bridge Street by Frank's house to get ice. He would open the cooler door, which was just 3 feet off the curbing, and pay Frank. It was easy to put the ice in the trunk of the car. During the World War II, Frank stuffed the tires of his Dodge delivery truck with old rags. The tires were too worn to hold air, and you could not buy new ones as they were not available.

Albert Noble lived at 108 Upright.

Frank and Myrtle Noonan lived at 110 Palmer. He was in the U.S. Coast Guard. Their children were Lawana, Hazel, Ray and Muriel.

John Nordrum and his wife, Marie, lived at 404 Park Ave. He was chiropractor and a graduate of Palmer School of Chiropractic. He had his office at 213 1/2 Bridge Street. His children were John, N. Jr. and Sonja L.

Oscar P. North and wife Esther, lived at 201 Lewis. Their children were J. Howard, Donald O. and Eleanor M. He was Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools. Eleanor was my friend in those years. Dale remembers that Oscar walked around school with his hands in his back pockets, with his thumbs out.

Vernard M. and Rosabelle Norton lived at Mercer and Petoskey avenues. He worked for the Charlevoix County Road Commission. Richard Norton also lived there.

William Novak was a teacher and lived at 208 Lewis St. Margaret Novak was a widow (Charles), and lived at 210 Lewis. Max Novak and wife, Frances were not living in Charlevoix at that time, and they were not listed. William and Max were Margaret's sons.

Anthony Novotny and wife Frieda lived at 405 W. Garfield. He was a mechanic. Their children were Edward, William and James. Frieda also taught piano, and that is where I first learned to play. Albert Novotny and wife Wilma, lived at 306 W. Hurlbut. He was a landscape gardener. Wilma was a steno clerk at city hall.

Albert Novotny and wife, Mary, lived at 525 Petoskey Ave. Charles and Lillian Novotny lived at 402 W. Lincoln. He was a mechanic at Northern Auto Co. Frank Novotny and wife, Mary, lived on Rural Route #2. He owned Frank Novotny and Sons Plumbing Co. Frank J. Novotny and wife, Florence lived at 528 Petoskey Ave. James lived on Rural Route #2. Jeff Novotny and wife Edith lived at 527 Petoskey Ave.

Acil Nowland lived at 205 W. Hurlbut, and also in Detroit. Ernest P. Nowland lived at 108 E. Lincoln. His children were Amy, Elizabeth and Jane. A son, Ernest B., was a student, and also lived there. Frank and Lillian Nowland lived on East Carpenter Avenue. He was a sexton at Brookside Cemetery. His children were Pearl and Frank Jr. Irving Nowland and wife, Minnie, lived at 201 Ferry Ave. He was a laborer. Their children were Minnie Belle, Edward, Kenneth, Finley, Albert, Clayton, Lulubelle and Mary Lou. Raymond Nowland and wife, Lottie May lived at 416 Prospect. He owned Charlevoix Plumbing Co. with Frank Coutta. Their son, Raymond Jr., also lived there.

Harvey O'Brien and wife Anna May lived at 908 May St. He was a bridge operator. Donald O'Brien was their son. John D. O'Brien lived at 903 Bridge St. Ray and Grace O'Brien lived at 208 Garfield.

Harley Ochs and wife Mildred lived at 202 Clinton. They owned Central Drug Store. Their son, George Franklin lived there also, as did son, William, a student at the time. I worked with Mr. Ochs and Frank at their drugstore as a clerk when I graduated from high school. They had a wonderful soda fountain, and I made sodas and sundaes, and waited on customers throughout the store. It was a great place to work, and I made $25 a week, amounting to $18.75 after taxes. Frank was a pharmacist and in later years his son, John, became a pharmacist.

Edward and Marie Olach lived at 1024 May St. He was a caretaker. Their children were Dorothy, Hubert and Vincent. Sons, Clement and Emil were clerks. Edith, their daughter, was a student and they also lived there.

Annis Oldham was a widow (John) and she lived at 402 Mason St. Annis was a very good piano player, and she taught Dale's Aunt Margaret (Boss) Smith to play. Her son, Lacy, owned a gas station at 549 Petoskey Ave. I remember the parrot he had, who was very talkative. Lacy lived at 402 Mason St. Harry Oldham was a student and lived at 208 W. Garfield. Elaine and Mary O'Leary were school teachers in Detroit, and came to Charlevoix for the summers, living at 106 Alice St.

So ends another time of reminiscing about those living in Charlevoix in 1940. I trust those of you who knew them will enjoy remembering them as I do.

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Corps releases permit for marina project

Construction may be held to fall 2006

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The long awaited permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the upcoming overhaul of the Charlevoix Municipal Marina has been issued — but it could be too little too late.

A draft of the permit, which was expected to be issued in the summer of 2004, was sent to Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner's office in late October.

Representatives of the project engineering group, United Design Associates of Cheboygan, reviewed it and sent it along to Wiesner to be signed and returned to the Corps. Wiesner signed and returned the document Nov. 2.

Final signature from the the Corps' district engineer John Konik is required before the process will be final.

Construction for the project was expected to start this fall so the new docks would be ready for the 2006 boating season.

However, the poky permit from the Corps may mean construction will be held off to the fall of 2006.

Wiesner said, "We (City staff and project engineers from United design Associates) are trying to figure out when it's practical to start. The alternative to starting in the spring (2006) is starting next fall (2006.)

He explained that this fall is no longer viable as a month will likely pass before the Corps permit is finalized, then the bid process will be initiated.

"It will take four to six weeks to advertise the project and receive bids. That puts you into the winter. Then you have the issue of ice on the lakes and getting barges here to work," Wiesner said. "I don't think it's practical to expect a construction start before ice is out in the spring."

A spring start calls into question whether the city marina will be available for use in the 2006 boating season. And Wiesner said there is no way the entire project will be ready to go by then.

"I can't see any way the entire project will be ready by June of 2006. The question that remains is whether a portion will be ready by June of 2006," he said.

Bids that will likely be released soon are for three contracts. One to remove docks and rebuild the sea wall. The second to build and install the boat slips. And the third to position shore side utilities and pour the walkway.

The marina planning process, which was finalized in September of 2002, proposed replacement of the sea wall, removal of the existing 17 docks which at the furthest point extend 75 feet into Round Lake and replacement of those docks with a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220 feet into Round Lake at the furthest point.

In December of 2003, 75 percent of this $4.8 million project was secured from the Michigan Waterways Commission and it was announced that Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority would pay for the rest.

John Winn, a Charlevoix resident and chairman of the project's major funding agency, the Michigan Waterways Commission explained that in spite of the delays, the 75 percent funding the commission dedicated to the project is not in jeopardy.

Wiesner supported this claim and said, "From recent discussions with Waterways staff, it proceeding well at 75 percent."

The other permit required prior to construction was issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on Feb. 24, 2005 and expires on Dec. 31, 2006.

The design keeps boaters from impeding on Ward Brothers operations on the marina's south end and on the Coast Guard area on the north end.

Plans for a viewing pier are set at 16 feet wide and 12 feet long. The other three piers, which extend 195 feet, 220 feet and 175 feet are 8 feet wide.

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Councilman moves toward firing manager

City attorney issues memo outlining steps for dismissal

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Second ward Charlevoix City Councilman Gabe Campbell has taken the first steps in the process to fire city manager Mike Wiesner.

"It's time to make some changes. It's not something I'm happy about, but it's something I feel has to be done," Campbell said. "If the people in the second ward disagree with what I do, they can recall me."

Mike Wiesner

This issue came to light after the Nov. 8 general election when Gene Beer beat incumbent Bill Bellows for a second ward seat and became the fourth council vote needed to oust Wiesner.

Gabe Campbell

In previous interviews, Campbell, Beer, as well as third ward council member Shirley Gibson and first ward councilman Bob Timms have said they would vote to remove him.

On Nov. 11, city attorney Jim Young issued a memo at Campbell's request to council regarding provisions outlined in the city charter for discharging the city manager.

Reasons for firing Wiesner that Campbell points to in that memo include, "failure to properly supervise the city treasurer regarding the issuance of a check to CCMS in the amount of $222,978; failure to properly supervise the city wastewater treatment plant regarding the falsifying of records by wastewater treatment plant personnel; failure to provide in a timely manner the city council with information that will

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Honoring war heroes

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Joe Seidel stands at attention during the Veteran's Day ceremony which took place at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 at Veterans Park in downtown Charlevoix.

Josh Barnes files recount request with canvas board

Canvas board to recount ballots from Nov. 8 primary

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Josh Barnes

Interim first district Charlevoix County Commissioner Josh Barnes has asked representatives of the Charlevoix County Canvas Board to take another look at the outcome of the recent county primary.

Barnes filed a petition requesting a recount with Jane Brannon, clerk of the canvas board, on Friday, Nov. 11. His request was made in the form of a letter.

"I don't expect it to be overturned but if there were mistakes made, four votes is very, very few," Barnes said.

At the Nov. 8 primary, Barnes faced John Haggard in a race to win the Republican candidacy for the first district Charlevoix County Commissioner's seat. According to results submitted by the City of Charlevoix and Hayes, Bay and Charlevoix townships, Haggard won the election by four votes.

John Haggard

"I just want to make sure it's right," Barnes said. "The issue is simply over the fact that four votes separated us."

He said he isn't questioning possible fraud on the part of election workers but said there is room for human error in counting of absentee ballots.

"Maybe there was a mistake," he said.

Haggard said he isn't offended at Barnes' request for recount and added that the outcome could go either way.

"It's four votes, two votes could turn it into a tie. I feel the machines are accurate and are supposed to be able to read ballots to the tee. I hope it will stand up," he said.

There are four members on canvas board who will be in charge of recounting all the ballots cast in the first district. The process will be completed before the deadline elapses in early December. At this time representatives of the Charlevoix County Clerk's Office are unsure as to whether the ballots will be read electronically or manually.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Donald Regan Dawson, 44, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact program; $780 in fines and costs.

James William Blahu, Jr., 45, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Andrew Joseph Czerkies, 60, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation, submit to PBT/urine test; attend Impact program; $930 in fines and costs.

David Edward Stockford, 41, East Jordan. Operating with no license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Christopher John Cordova, 22, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,185 in fines and costs.

Clifford Wayne Kendrick, Jr., 39, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 10 days, to serve 20 days, 63 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; $4,591 in fines and costs.

Richard Lee Hausler, 37, Elmira. Check non-sufficient funds less under $100. Serve 10 days in jail; $409 in fines and costs.

Todd Dennis Russell, 42, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/ controlled substance; attend substance abuse classes; $1,185 in fines and costs.

Vaso George Ballis, 26, Midland. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 45 days, 47 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Keith Bernard Gillespie, 28, Charlevoix. False pretenses, less than $200. Fines and costs totaling $823.

Brandy Renee Dutcher, 19, Charlevoix. Fraudulent withdrawal. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for three days, serve 10 days in jail, 70 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must write a letter of apology; $782.52 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Joshua Lee Hadd, 20, Boyne Falls. Larceny, $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000. Sentenced to a minimum of three years to a maximum of five years in prison with credit for 59 days in jail; $2,379.24 in fines and costs. Larceny of $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000. Sentenced to a minimum of three years to a maximum of five years in prison with credit for 59 days in jail; $2,260 in fines and costs. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to a minimum of 38 months to a maximum of 10 years in prison with credit for 59 days in jail; $7,309.75 in fines and costs. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to a minimum of 38 months to a maximum of 10 years in prison with credit for 59 days; $14,046.74 in fines and costs.

Anthony Curtis Burks, 22, Detroit. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture of narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams; controlled substance-delivery/manufacture narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams; conspiracy to controlled substance-delivery/manufacture narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of 20 years in prison with credit for 98 days in jail; $450 in fines and costs.

Lisa Marie Kibby, 30, Petoskey. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams; and controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 120 days in jail; $280 in fines and costs.

Andrew Charles Avery, 23, Cedar Springs. Operating while intoxicated/impaired-second offense. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, to serve 90 days in jail; $135 in fines and costs.

Chesica Dawn Brown, 25, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture narcotic or cocaine; and controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 99 days, to serve 180 days; serve 24 months probation; $890 in fines and costs.

Stephen Paul Liddicoat, 20, Mobile, Ala. Stealing retaining without consent. Sentenced to 312 days in jail with credit for 312 days, to serve 312 days; $2,197.33 in fines and costs.

Matthew David Pelosi, 35, Petoskey. Probation violation, police officer fleeing-third degree-vehicle code. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 67 days, to serve 180 days.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

R &T: Maintenance, 05495 Kuzmik Rd., Elmira, by Kathy A. Purcell

Fountain of Youth, 103 Cherry St., Charlevoix, by Shelley Kay

Eveline Tree Farm, 1513 North Ramsey Rd., East Jordan, by John B Cooper

Scott's Industrial Services, 316 East Pine St., Boyne City, by Scott R. Carlston

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Allan George Dhaseleer, 52 and Leslie Diane Van De Car, 50, both of Charlevoix

Richard P. Evans, 44, of Petoskey and Michelle C. Tackett, 43, of Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Dallas Car Bill, II vs. Laura Violet Bill

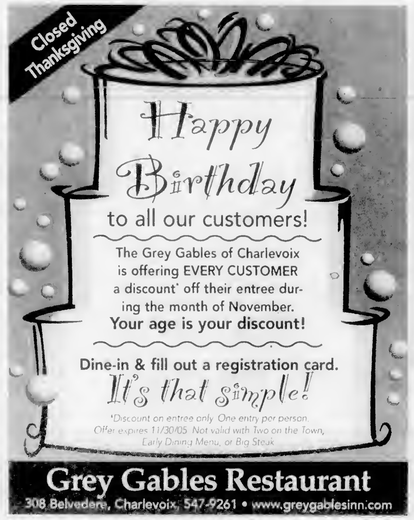
Sean Harris vs. Marie Harris

Births

Caroline Pearl Floyd weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born Nov. 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Wayne and Kathy Floyd. She has a brother, Levi. Her grandparents are Roy and Emma Straw of East Jordan and Mary and Dave Bellemare of Big Stone Gap, Va. Her great-grandparents are Pearl Straw of Sumter, S.C. and Roy and Dorothy Hamilton of Big Stone Gap, Va.

Shane Allen Pankow weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces was born Nov. 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jammie Bierschbach and John Pankow of Charlevoix. He has a brother, Simon. Grandparents are Dave and Edie Bierschbach of Charlevoix and Debra Bierschbach and Pat Allen of Burt Lake. His great-grandparents are Theresa Foster of Boyne City and Lyle Bierschbach of Grand Rapids.

Gabrielle Lynn Dunlap weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born Nov. 7 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Eric and Karyn Dunlap of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Gary and Irene Dunlap of Portage and Richard and Linda Boonie of Southgate.



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Campbell plans to motion for Wiesner's removal on Nov. 21

WIESNER

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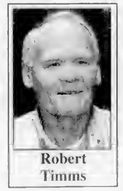
be considered at a city council meeting; and failure to provide monthly reports regarding the operation of city departments."

Shirley Gibson

Wiesner, who has been city manager for 21 years, disagrees that past performance merits his dismissal.

"I don't know anyone in the business that delivers a better product than I do," he said.

Wiesner pointed to minimal tax increases coupled with expanded services as well as the marina planning process and the city hall renovation as examples of his ability to perform both efficiently and productively.



Robert Timms

"My track record shows I can produce and it's that track record the community should look at," he said.

Procedure council must follow to remove Wiesner includes adoption of a preliminary resolution stating the reasons for his removal.

Gene Beer

Campbell said he plans to put this motion on the table at council's Nov. 21 meeting. A majority of the six voting council members must support it for the motion to pass.

If it passes, the resolution may result in Wiesner's suspension for not more than 45 days. This immediate suspension is not mandatory.

Within 10 days of the resolution passing, Wiesner can file a request for a public hearing with city clerk Carol Oehs.

Wiesner said at this time he doesn't know whether he would call for a hearing.

"I don't know. Right now, I have nothing to react to," he said.

This hearing would take place about two weeks after his request has been made. In conjunction with the hearing, Wiesner may respond to council's reasons for removal in writing up until five days before the hearing.

"If council takes action, I'll comment at that time," he said.

After this hearing council may adopt a final resolution of removal. A majority vote is required for this to pass.

If, after five days, Wiesner has not requested a public hearing, council can adopt a final resolution of removal which may be made effective at once.

If council fires Wiesner, Campbell said he would likely make a motion to appoint current city treasurer Rick Brandi as acting city manager for up to six months while council looks for Wiesner's replacement.

Dismissal would result in activation of a severance package, including payment of Wiesner's salary as well as continuation of his benefit package for a year. This would cost over $100,000.

Campbell said the financial hit of the severance package is outweighed by the potential for mistakes if Wiesner is kept on board,

"I want to see it (Wiesner fired) now because I keep waiting every month for another shoe to fall," he said.

Wiesner said he plans to work another eight to 10 years for the City of Charlevoix.

Good Samaritan collection underway in Norwood

The Norwood United Methodist Church is sponsoring a collection of new, unwrapped toys, books, games and good used or new coats to be given to the Good Samaritan in Ellsworth for distribution among those families it serves.

Items can be dropped off at the Norwood United Methodist Church from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 and Saturday, Nov. 19 or from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20.

The Norwood United Methodist Church also collects non-perishable food items from 11 to 11:30 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month to be given to the Charlevoix Food Pantry.

For additional drop-off times call Marion Light at (231)547-9356.

Rollover accident

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

This rollover accident took place the evening of Nov. 8 in the parking lot at Charlevoix High School.

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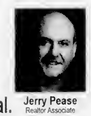

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The Courier staff's new chief of police wish list

EDITORIAL

The incoming chief of police for the City of Charlevoix has big boots to fill.

Former chief, Dennis Halverson, 50, spent decades establishing a reputation of being approachable, consistent and fair.

As the longest serving Charlevoix Chief of Police, Halverson accepted the "Safe Schools Coordinator" position with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District which he started earlier this month.

His last day was Oct. 28 and since then Charlevoix City Council has discussed procedures for filling the opening. By the Nov. '11 cutoff, the city manager's office had received 21 applications.

Council now has the opportunity and responsibility to choose the right fit for the community.

In the past we have seen council members stress promoting from within.

However, in this instance, simply choosing a candidate because he is a local might not be the cure-all they perceive it to be. Qualification, not location, of said applicant should be the gold standard implemented in this situation.

Current deputy police chief Scott Hankins said he chose not to apply for the position.

At this time it is unknown to us whether other members of the city force have applied.

But, promoting someone who currently falls under Hankins' management could cause some ego bruising and a nasty internal power struggle — quite possibly the last thing any workplace needs.

We suggest sticking to one bowl of turmoil stew at a time.

With the uprising led by four members of city council speeding down the rocky road to firing city manager Mike Wiesner, we think they have all the administrative hoo ha they can handle.

Before council opens a can of worms this big, they'd best figure out just how hungry they are.

At the top of our wish list for a new police chief is an easy transition. Someone who can come in and take the helm without capsizing the boat or forcing the current crew to walk the plank.

Someone who is personable and approachable. Who citizens can come to with everything from who stole the pie from aunt Mable's window sill and complaints about dogs in East Park, to parking ticket squabbles and more serious crimes.

We need someone articulate, empathetic and in tune with the pace of life in Charlevoix.

In a nutshell, someone who cares about Charlevoix and its residents the way Halverson did. In a previous interview he suggested that his predecessor learn as he did to "enforce the law with the community, not on the community."

Somewhere between the Simpson's Chief Wiggum and Dirty Harry Callahan lies the perfect policeman for "Charlevoix the Beautiful."

Good luck in your search council.

Writer shares her Thanksgiving holiday homecoming memory

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

From the time I was able to think and do things for myself I felt the presence of a guardian angel watching over me. Never would I realize how true this was until my life began to unfold.

As an infant I was given up for adoption and brought to my new home on Thanksgiving Day. Family and friends gathered as we celebrated a holiday as well as the welcoming of a new infant coming home to this young Detroit family. I was baptized a few days later but the blessing I received was overshadowed by the many blessings I received throughout my entire life.

As a rambunctious child and teen that tested the waters continually, I was fortunate enough to have parents who loved me unconditionally and provided me with the structure, creative freedom, guidance and consistency that shaped me into the adult I am today.

My mom became my best friend and confidant — my father, the man I respected and admired. It was only when my mom passed away and my father became ill that I would have a new chapter in my life unfold. My father made one request and that was to find my biological mother. He wanted to personally thank her for giving up a daughter and providing he and his wife with the baby they so desired. With prompting from family and friends, I was given the support I needed to take this journey.

With much trepidation I moved forward. The adoption had been a closed one and what information I could garner from the courts were but a few facts with names and dates deleted. Once a birth certificate was found, my breath was taken from me as I realized for the first time I actually had a different name. It sounded foreign on my lips. I began to say my name again and again until it would became familiar.

My next step was to write and send letters to geographic areas I felt there may be someone who knew my birth mother. On the letter I left information including my pre-adoptive name, address, phone number and e-mail. As an after thought I quickly added information that I had gleaned from a social worker's notes.

Days passed and I heard nothing but by day seven I had received an e-mail. The subject heading said it all, "At long last I have found my daughter."

Not long after the e-mail arrived, arrangements were made for re-uniting a mother who wondered what happened to her baby and a daughter who needed to thank her. The meeting took place during the midnight hour in the lobby of the Pellston airport. No fanfare, no bright lights and cameras — just two people who took in the amazement and joy of seeing reflections. I saw what I might look like in my future years, and for my mother, a vision of a younger version of herself.

My father was finally able to thank the woman who provided the baby that brought joy to their family and taught them patience is truly a virtue.

Thanksgiving Day is still a big celebration in our home with a large gathering of family and friends which now includes my birth mom. This holiday is a little more special now because when I look across the table and see my "entire family" my heart is quietly leaping with joy and ever grateful. This day I truly celebrate my life and all that I am thankful for.

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Letters to the editor

Use crosswalks

Editor:

Today as we were riding south in our car on Bridge Street near the corner of Antrim Street, a small group of adults with two or three children were standing on the east side of the street and looking both ways.

As they saw us approaching they proceeded across the street laughing and chatting.

When my husband brought the car to a stop I rolled down my window to ask them if they thought of using the cross walk, which was only 10 feet away.

One of them yelled, "We don't need it." What an example to set for those children.

If we had been driving a semi-truck we couldn't have stopped in time. I hope those people read this letter and understand what tragedy could have occurred.

Floyd and Kathy Graham
Ellsworth

Beware of historic district ordinance

Editor:

In the Oct. 26 edition of the Courier you featured an article about the passage of the historic district ordinance. I believe there was one, if not more, factual misstatements in the article.

Should anyone think I am writing from an "anti-historical" viewpoint, please consider the following. When I

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lived down state I resided in a community which was second only to Marshall, Michigan for the number of historical structures within the community. I had served as the president of the county historical society. Twice, I was chairperson for the annual historic home tour. My house was a Queen Anne, circa 1898, which was on the State of Michigan Register of Historic Sites (I actually had an eight foot historical marker in my front yard). I participated, to a limited degree, in the process of having the historical structures within my city cataloged for historic district purposes.

Now the article of Oct. 26, would suggest that there could possibly be certain tax credits available within a historic district. Not totally true. Less anyone think that I am making this up, I invite you to go the State of Michigan Web site (www.michigan.gov/shpo). There, you can download and print out an 83 page booklet from the State Historic Preservation Office, entitled "Local Historic Districts in Michigan." Unless the law has been changed recently, the publication indicates that a 25 percent tax credit is available for qualified rehabilitation expenditures. However, this is only available in communities with a population of over 5,000. If you are under 5,000 in population the property must be listed on the National or State Register or be a contributing resource in a National Register historic district. Charlevoix has been seemingly fixed at a population base of 3,000 at least since the 1990 Federal Census.

This booklet also has a FAQ section which contains some interesting examples. Let's say you are in a historic district and want to change the size of the pillars on your front porch. Even if your house, within the district, is defined as a "noncontributing" structure (meaning non-historical), you would still have to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Commission. What if you ignore the commission and go ahead and have the work performed anyway? Well, you can be charged a maximum fine of $5,000 for "inappropriate work in the district." The commission can go to court and have the "inappropriate work" corrected. What if you apply but the commission still turns down your request? Well, then you can file a petition with the State Historic Preservation Office and you can have a hearing before this board, and in turn, should they deny your request you can file a complaint in our local circuit court. This is what we need, more litigation. When you are in a historic district you cannot "opt out." Under some circumstances they can tell you what color to paint your house.

I know the article indicates that the districts are being considered selectively, but God save us from bureaucrats who want to better our lives. I'm not implying that historic districts are a bad thing, but clearly they must be thought through carefully. In cities which have experienced blight (I give you the city of Baltimore, Md., for example), they have helped turn entire areas around. I doubt, however, that the Chicago or Belvedere clubs really need such protection as is being suggested in the article.

What started all this was the demolition of Earl Young's old real estate office which housed the Appletree. I'm not here to make a value judgment on whether that building was historical or worth saving. What I'm struck by, however, is the fact that the statute that allows municipalities to enact local historic district ordinances was enacted in 1970. Where were the concerned citizens who have seen numerous historic structures razed, but did nothing? Seems to me we are more than a day late and a dollar short as to getting on this bandwagon.

I encourage those who are interested to take a look at the booklet I've mentioned above. It is best to inform yourself as to the possible ramifications of a local historic district. Once done, it is difficult to reverse the process. When you have informed yourself, make your views known to your city representative.

Bill DuPont
Charlevoix

'Thanks' NWA parents

Editor:

The leadership team at Northwest Academy would like to take this opportunity to say a special, "Thank you," to several parents that have gone the extra mile to help make the first eight weeks of school a success.

Gary Young volunteered his time to coach the soccer team and Martha Young supported him and drove to games. Tim Bruce assisted Gary and Krista Bruce filling in for both coaches when there was a need for some help, due to everyone's busy schedules.

It would be impossible to offer the quality extracurricular programs if we did not have the support of interested parents that help us make it happen. Also, a big, "Thank you," to Leslie Herriman and Lou Ann Griffin who both helped out with transportation. Leslie also took care of much of the clerical work for the soccer program.

Gary Stutzman
Cindy Romero
Northwest Academy,
co-administrators

Ghost Ship's successful final voyage

Editor:

The Community Food Pantry would like to recognize and show our appreciation for the efforts of the crew of the Acacia in giving a Halloween party for the children of Charlevoix on Friday and Saturday nights, Oct. 28 and 29.

The price of admission was three non-perishable food items. The response was tremendous. We called in extra people to sort food, and our shelves are full and look great.

What a Halloween party — probably one these children will never forget.

The good planning and people's generosity will touch many lives in the Charlevoix School District.

Please know we are very grateful for the wonderful help for the Community Food Pantry. The demand on our resources has been great this year. In September, for example, we helped 72 households, consisting of 159 adults and 91 children for a total of 250 individuals helped.

The "Ghost Ship" has become a tradition in Charlevoix. We are going to miss you next year.

Mary Helen Riggle
Charlevoix

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'Thanks' from Alabama

Editor:

The Coden Survival Group would like to thank the citizens, businesses and schools of Charlevoix for the supplies you sent to us after Hurricane Katrina. These things were needed and greatly appreciated. We would like to especially thank Ken and June Kunkle for doing this and making sure that the supplies were delivered to us.

Thanks to all who had anything to do with helping us. The supplies were given to the most needy families. If you ever need help please don't hesitate to let us know. We will do everything in our power to help.

Theresa Johnson
Coden, Ala.

Writer seeks writer

Editor:

I am a past resident of Charlevoix having lived at 200 Dixon Ave. from 1929 to 1943. In the early spring of 1943 there was a war going on so I decided to take a permanent sabbatical from Charlevoix High School, much to Mr. Bingham, North, and Novak's delight, and joined which I think was then referred to as the U.S. Maritime Service.

One could do that at the age of 16 with parents' consent. To join the Merchant Marine one had to be 18, or 17 with parents' consent. As I remember the reason was simply this. Fresh water vs. salt water. The Merchant Marine folks sailed the ocean blue. And one could have a really bad hair day out there with all those nasty German and Japanese U-boats.

However, the Great Lakes provided safe sailing for mama's little boy, not withstanding little old Nor'Easters like which did in the Fitzgerald and Bradly just to name a couple. I served on the 636-foot iron ore carrier John Roen. In two seasons I worked my way up from ordinary seaman, to deckwatch, to watchman and then to wheelsman. And in the fall of 1945 while passing through the Soo Locks I received an invitation from Mr. Truman. We did get to wear Maritime service uniforms and I must of thought back then I was hot stuff, 17 years old steering a 600-foot ship down the St. Mary's.

It was 1968 when I retired from the Army's boats and joined the Merchant Marine.

The letter written by Anne Olmstead, on page 5 of the Aug. 3 edition of the Courier, was right on. The Merchant Marine consists of civilians, sailing U.S. flag vessels upon oceans. I doubt the so-called Maritime Service even exists today. But then I am not sure if those folks on the Great Lakes are considered as Merchant Marines.

I would very much like to contact Anne. If anyone can help I would appreciate their assistance. My home address is Capt. U.S.M.M. Gene Bridge, 3444 Bob White Ln., Belton, TX 76513 and my e-mail address is apachepoint@direcway.com.

Gene Bridge
Belton, Texas

Skatepark thanks city

Editor:

On behalf of the fund-raising group Charlevoix Community Skatepark, Inc. we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the City of Charlevoix for embracing this project for the youth of Charlevoix. Your financial "donation" towards the materials for the build-out of the Skatepark is truly appreciated and embraced. To date the fund-raising group has raised over $90,000 in cash donations, in-kind service donations, fund-raising and through grants.

It has been said if a town does not have a skating facility the town actually becomes one, this is very true here in Charlevoix. A need was realized and the dream of our very own skate park is close to reality.

The plan is to build a state-of-the-art park for our area boarders, bikers, and in-line skaters to get them off the streets. We set an amazing pace and everyone has championed the efforts of the fund-raising group.

We will acknowledge all the donors at a later date but every single donation is appreciated. A special "thank you" to Charlevoix City Council for supporting our endeavor as we navigated our way through city channels, "thank you" to city manager, Mike Wiesner and his staff for their guidance and patience and "thank you" to the kids who have faithfully hung in there even when things got a bit rough, it will happen and it will be awesome.

Vickie L. Daman
CCS, Inc.
Charlevoix

Support Christmas project

Editor:

Even though most of us have just finished handing out candy to treat-or-treaters, even though the Michigan deer hunting season might be a priority right now, even though we probably haven't even thought yet of our Thanksgiving menu, some of us have been thinking of Christmas preparations.

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project starts plans for Christmas in October, and this may prove to be a year in which we have many more households needing help. High costs of rent, heating fuel, and gas stretch budgets for many people, and so we will need your help on our project this year as we face higher numbers of recipients.

Might I suggest that if you are having a Christmas party with exchange of gifts, be it family or business or club or church group, you consider instead a donation of money or mittens or hats or any article of children's warm clothing, and send that to the Community Christmas Project.

If you can send a check, please make it out to the Community Christmas Project and mail it to treasurer Carolyn Batdorff, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

If you wish to donate mittens, hats or other clothing, please call project chairperson Bev Boss at (231) 547-2078 to arrange for pickup or to inquire as to what other ways you might help.

Last year we helped over 180 families and over 250 children. And let's face it, Christmas is for everyone, but, most of all, the children.

You will find yourself richly blessed by sharing with others at this very special time of year.

Thank you for your generosity.

Rosemary Horton
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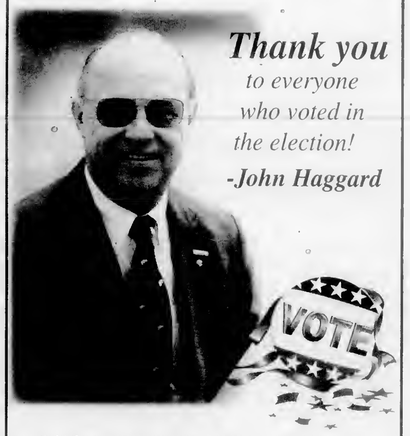

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COMMUNITY

Tickets available for the Dec. 1 Holly Daze event

The 13th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration, "Home for the Holly Daze," to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place Dec. 1 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Guests will be treated to free valet parking as they arrive, flanked by two of this year's valuable live auction items, playhouses designed by Hans Wiemer of Charlevoix and Floyd and Todd Wright of Boyne City.

As they enter, guests will hear soft music and will be encouraged to participate in the silent auction during cocktails. Guests will receive a special full-color photograph of themselves to commemorate the evening.

After the cocktail reception, dinner will be served upstairs, catered by the Grey Gables Inn and Restaurant.

A live auction will follow with items such as the playhouses, two trips to Africa, a dream cruise for six on the 100-foot yacht Jelly Bean II, trips to Big Sky and Park City, Utah, a landscapers dream package, a very special "Boys Toys Play Date" for adult men and a complete powder room design.

The evening will be full of surprises and will end with dancing and taxi rides home for anyone wanting one.

Tickets are $100 per person and include cocktails and dinner. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1. Tickets are still available by calling (231) 547-8685 during normal business hours.

'Coats for Kids' distributes warm weather gear locally

The Charlevoix–Emmet Department of Human Services is sponsoring the Coats for Kids Program.

The program goal is to ensure that any child in need of a warm winter coat this year will be able to receive one.

The coat drive is going on now and will run through Dec. 31. The organization is accepting new coats, hats, gloves and mittens. As well as used coats, hats, gloves and mittens that are clean and in good condition.

Donations can be made at Kmart in Charlevoix and Petoskey as well as Glen's Market in Boyne City.

For more information contact Shirley Gillespie at (231) 348-1636

Coats will be available from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays and Thursdays at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, located at 101 State St. in Charlevoix.

Wedding

Carter — Marcotte

Courtesy photo

Julie G. Carter and Robert Lee Marcotte of Charlevoix, were married in a double ring ceremony on Oct. 22, at Burt Lake Christian Church. Rev. Glen McIntyre officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Herb and the late Gail Weber of Charlevoix. The groom is the son of William and Rachel Marcotte of Wolverine.

The maid of honor was the bride's daughter, Ashlee Carter. The best man was the groom's son, Billy Marcotte. Ushers were Josh Carter and Scott Marcotte.

The reception was held at the VFW Hall in Indian River with Dot Dies as wedding assistant and planner.

The couple took a wedding trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Robert is an aireraft mechanic at Island Airways in Charlevoix and Julie is an operator at Lexamar in Boyne City.

The couple resides in Charlevoix.

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Obituaries

Andrew Brumm: June 2, 1967 - Nov. 6, 2005

Andrew Palmer Brumm, 38, of Charlevoix died Sunday, Nov. 6 at his home.

He was born June 2, 1967, in Petoskey. He is the son of Norman H. and Judith Gray (Wedemeier) Brumm. In 1985, Andrew graduated from Principia High School in St. Louis, Mo. He received a Bachelor of science degree in physics from the University of Michigan.

In addition to working toward his Ph.D., he was involved in projects at CERN in Switzerland. He was a member of the American Rose Society.

Andrew is survived by his father, Norman H. Brumm; and mother Judith Erica Wedemeier of Charlevoix; brother Joel N. (Sarah A.) Brumm of Rapid City, S.D.; nephews, Reed, Forrest, Cedar, Hawthorn; former wife, Raina Dass.

His courage, humor, and buoyant spirit will always live in the hearts of those who knew him.

A graveside memorial service took place Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Norwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Chapter of Nature Conservancy, 101 E. Grand River, Lansing, MI 48906.

Bessie Coleman: March 14, 1911 - Nov. 8, 2005

Bessie Fern (Baumbach) Coleman, 94, of Traverse City, and formerly of Kewadin and Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Grand Traverse Pavilions.

She was born on March 14, 1911 in Banks Township, Antrim County, the daughter of Rollie and Mary (Waldrul) Baumbach.

Over a 38-year career that began in the mid 1920's she taught in one-room country schoolhouses in Antrim and Charlevoix counties, spending the last 28 years teaching second grade in Charlevoix Public Schools. She often taught the children of parents who had been her second graders. During retirement she helped the children of migrant families with reading, writing and public speaking. "Material things vanish," she once said, "but the time you spend with children is precious. Every single kid needs training. Like one little girl once said to me, 'It's been pull and tuck all the way.' But I wouldn't of changed any of that. I would have kept on plodding back and forth to that school no matter what."

She once estimated that, by the time of her retirement in 1972, she had taught more than 800 children their ABC's. Highly respected, and fondly remembered, she was treasured by members of her own family.

A member of the retired teacher's Michigan Education Association, she enjoyed baking, mending and gardening. A practicing Christian, she was known throughout her life for good works. As her son, Ronald, remarked this week, "She did as much as she could for as many as she could for as long as she could."

She is survived by a son Ron (Carol) Coleman of Traverse City; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Grace Warner of Charlevoix and Ruth Bradley of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Earl, Rollie, Harley and Vern Baumbach; and two sisters, Beatrice Peebles and Mary Smith.

Her husband, Charles, died in 1994. They met and married in 1936.

Funeral services took place Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Kewadin United Methodist Church. Pastor Frank Wilson officiated.

Interment will take place in Maple Grove Cemetery in Elk Rapids.

Memorial contributions may be made to Munson Hospice.

Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes.

Richard Kelly: Dec. 26, 1941 - Nov. 11, 2005

Richard Kelly

Richard Ahern Kelly, 63, beloved husband, father and respected educator in Charlevoix County, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, after a two-year battle with cancer.

Rich was born Dec. 26, 1941, in Columbus, Ohio, the son of Paul Ahern and Ada (Richardson) Kelly. Rich married the former Anne T. Webster in Westlake, Ohio, in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Anne T.; son, R. Scott (Anu) Kelly of Washington, D.C.; daughters, Amy Ellen (Chris) Warner of Fenton, Jennifer Anne (Michael) Guglielmi of San Carlos, Calif., Laura Elizabeth (Brian) Kelly of Charlevoix, Patricia Jill Kelly of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Henry, Holden and Sam Warner, Sophia Guglielmi, Jane and William Kelly; and mother, Ada Kelly of Charlevoix.

Rich enjoyed traveling, golf, playing cards, skiing, swimming in Lake Michigan, reading mystery books, doing yard work and walking the family dog. Mostly he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Rich received a Bachelor's degree from Ohio Dominican College in Columbus, Ohio, a Master's degree in Secondary Education Administration from Toledo University, and an Education Specialist degree from Central Michigan University.

He began his career as a secondary teacher and junior varsity basketball coach at Traverse City St. Francis High School from 1967-69. He pursued his Master's degree in administration at the University of Toledo from 1969-1970 and began his tenure as principal and basketball coach at Boyne Falls Public Schools where he subsequently assumed the position of superintendent. Rich and Anne moved to Charlevoix in 1971. In 1974, Rich was asked to become business manager of the former Twin Valley Public Schools (Boyne City-East Jordan). In 1976, he served a brief tenure as assistant superintendent of that system until the de-merger occurred in 1977. At that time he remained with Boyne City Schools as their superintendent until 1988. Following a one-year superintendency in Bellevue, he was asked to join the Charlevoix Public Schools as business manager. He served in this capacity until 1995 when he joined the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District as business manager. He retired from Char-Em in 2002 and earned his securities license. He was employed as a part-time investment consultant for Public Financial Management until the present time. In this capacity he visited school districts in a territory extending from Clare to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula.

Professional affiliations include: Council Representative and Secretary for Region 2 of Michigan Association of School Administrators (MASA), Michigan School Business Officials for more than 25 years and Northern Michigan School Business Officials for over 10 years.

Rich was currently a member of St. Francis Solanus Church in Bay Shore. For many years, he served on the St. Mary's Church Education Foundation, was a former member and secretary of the Charlevoix Lion's Club, treasurer for the Charlevoix Public Schools Enrichment Foundation and sat on the Big Rock Point Advisory Board.

Friends met the family at Saint Mary's Church on Monday, Nov. 14 at which time a Biblical memorial service also took place. The funeral service took place at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Dennis Stilwell officiated, assisted by Fr. James Gardiner and Fr. Jerry Hunko.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter, 1421 E. 12 Mile Road, Building A, Madison Heights, MI 48071, or to the Third Floor Oncology Department at Northern Michigan Hospital, Northern Michigan Hospital, 416 Connable Ave., Level 3, Attn.: Laura Septic, Petoskey, MI 49770, where the family hopes to provide bedside table lamps, DVD players and CD/Cassette players for cancer patients' rooms.

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Survey shows overall teen drug use down

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Results of a recent survey gauging area teens' alcohol and drug use shows some decline in areas while others increased. Students surveyed are in eighth, tenth and twelfth grades.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Results of a recent survey gauging area teens' alcohol and drug use shows some decline.

Eighth, tenth and twelfth grade students who completed the Michigan Alcohol and Other Drugs School Survey for 2004-2005 answered questions about their consumption of drugs including: crack cocaine; LSD; PCP; heroin; alcohol; cigarettes; steroids; methamphetamine; ecstasy and rohypnol. They rated their consumption in use categories like never, in the past month and daily use.

According to Scott Kelly, executive director of BASES, one of the ways the survey kept kids honest is by inserting a false drug name into the study and if the kids infer that they've taken it, their survey is removed.

Results of the study show 90.2 percent of the total registered eighth graders participated, 79 percent of the registered tenth graders participated and 62.9 percent of the registered twelfth graders participated.

According to a 1996 study by the Johnston Institute, Minneapolis, Minn., the difference in underage use of drugs (sixth through twelfth grades) and alcohol between kids whose parents disapprove of illegal activity and those who do not is staggering.

"We have less than five percent of parents who are not giving their kids a clear 'no use' message. If you don't give a clear 'no use' message the problems can be two to three times higher," Kelly said.

When parents allow some use of drugs and/or alcohol, there is a 19 percent rate of underage drinking and driving compared with 6 percent by parents

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Riding the waves

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This thrill seeker braved the cold waters of Lake Michigan last week to enjoy a ride aboard a personal watercraft.

Cigarette and marijuana use increases among area teens

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who say "no." And, 34 percent of kids whose parents allow some use will use illicit drugs as opposed to 14 percent of parents who say "no."

Scott Kelly

According to Kelly, while everybody talks about peer pressure as a reason for illegal drug use, he likes to look closer at peer selection skills.

"Parents think only bad kids will use drugs, but that's not the case. If a child is not prepared for (pressure), then they may internalize and think everybody is doing it," he said.

When asked, "How much pressure do you feel from your friends and schoolmates to use drugs," the eighth, tenth and twelfth graders answers were similar. About 80 percent of eighth, 78.5 percent of tenth and 81.4 percent of twelfth graders who responded said they felt no peer pressure to use cigarettes compared to 4, 1.4 and 1.5 percent of them who said they feel a lot of pressure to smoke.

On average the feelings of peer pressure increased for each increase in grade level.

All in all, the study shows the participants in Charlevoix Public Schools are below the national average in number and frequency of drug and alcohol use except in cigarette use by tenth graders which is down by 10.3 percent from 1991, but still higher by nearly three percent than the national average. And, marijuana use by local twelfth graders is up 5.6 percent since 1991 and higher by nearly one percent than the national average.

"It's very interesting when you talk to parents, they perceive teen drug use as very, very high, but we have some positive numbers," Kelly said.

But, he cautioned, despite the trend showing drug and alcohol use down overall, "If one kid gets into an accident and hurts himself, it really doesn't matter that the (statistics) are low, the impact on that child and the family is going to be tremendous."

He added, "Teen drug use is not just a school problem, it's a community problem."

Kelly said there is no single reason for the decline in the number of kids using drugs and alcohol, but tougher school policies, stricter law enforcement, and parent education may have had an important impact.

"I think teens are getting the message, "Don't do drugs, don't drink and drive, or the consequences and laws will be enforced," Kelly said.

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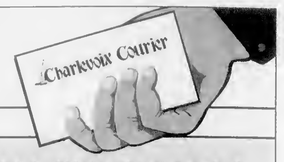

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The center, a wholly owned subsidiary of Charlevoix Area Hospital, provides a full spectrum of physical, occupational and speech and language therapies.

According to the center's records, patient treatments have grown to over 24,000 annually since opening in 1994 in a small strip mall in Boyne City.

The existing building was purchased in 1996, but has since outgrown the rising patient demand for rehabilitation services. The staff includes 10 licensed and certified professionals.

The expansion will double the size of the existing facility and will add important modalities not before offered on site, including a warm water therapeutic pool and expanded gym areas. The number of treatment rooms will be doubled, allowing 10 rooms for individualized care in a private setting. Industrial medicine patients will see improved and expanded space for evaluations and treatment and the pediatric treatment area will be greatly improved with additional space as well.

In order to finance the more than $500,000 cost to expand this facility, the hospital foundation has undertaken a fund-raising campaign to raise $250,000 from the local community and area businesses.

To date, the local committee working on the project reports that some $108,000 remains to be raised.

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The project is expected to be complete in February of 2006.

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Participants traveled from all over the state of Michigan to seek their Personal Trainer Certification the weekend of Nov. 5 at Harbor Health and Fitness Center of Charlevoix.

Those who attended arrived just in time to enjoy the fitness center's new facility, off Clinton Street. This was the site of the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America Certification course. The aerobics association originates in California and specialist Jeff Bush traveled from Chicago to lead the training and testing.

Local participants were college student Tiffany Potter, triathlon runner Michelle Rick-Biddick, massage therapist Myra Bagley and Harbor Health and Fitness Center Group Fitness Instructor Melinda Morgan.

All of the above named were notified that they have passed the practical portion of the exam. The results of the written exam will not be known for six to eight weeks.

Candy Smith, manager of Harbor Health and Fitness Center, is a certified personal trainer, who also took the course for continuing education.

"The intense three-day course material ranged from fitness assessment testing procedures, to nutrition fundamentals and weight management, to anatomy and kinesiology," Smith explained.

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Trimper family loses child to rare genetic disorder

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Maddie Trimper, one of three Trimper children diagnosed with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy recently lost her battle with the disease. She was diagnosed in November of 2002. Her grandparents are Marcia and Don Trimper of Charlevoix.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Staff Writer

The Trimper family has lost one of its runners in their amazing race to, "Kick MLD in the butt."

Maddie Trimper, 7, died Monday, Nov. 7 in the arms of her parents at a hospital in New York City, N.Y.

Her death was related to many health factors including kidney failure, Epstein Barr Virus, pancreatitis and complications from gall bladder surgery.

But at the heart of it all is an incurable disease called Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD)

"It was just one thing after another. That little girl didn't get a break," her grandmother, Marcia Trimper of Charlevoix, said. "She's the toughest little kid I've ever seen – an incredible child."

MLD is a rare genetic disorder that is the result of an enzyme deficiency which allows for destruction of the myelin sheath around nerve fibers. The result is mental and physical deterioration that leads to death. The disease affects approximately one in 100,000 people.

Maddie was diagnosed in November of 2002 at age 4.

In October of 2003 she underwent a stem cell transplant surgery to slow its progression.

If left untreated children diagnosed with the disease often die within five to six years. Each treatment is uncovered by medical insurance and costs the family at least $150,000.

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"She has been through way more

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County commission approves workplace smoking ban

Commission votes to exempt Charlevoix County

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners passed the revised Public Health Clean Air Act of 2005, commonly known as the "workplace smoking ban," last week, just before opting to exempt Charlevoix County from it.

According to Charlevoix County Commissioner, Josh Barnes, Charlevoix County chose to exempt itself due to the possibility of costly lawsuits as well as possible needed revisions of the language of the regulation in the future.

Barnes said, Charlevoix County adopted the regulation in order to allow Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties, which fall under jurisdiction of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, to make the choice on whether or not to adopt it for themselves, which they already have.

"At the meeting before last we presented the proposed revised tobacco regulation and at that time there were some legal questions that were raised," said agency health officer, Gerald Chase.

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>
> **Ronald Reinhardt,**
> Third district Charlevoix County Commissioner

Chase said, since that time, both health department attorney, Jim Young, and county prosecutor John Jarema, have issued opinions supporting the commission's authority to opt out.

Prior to the vote, Chase told the commissioners, "I am requesting the board approve the regulation as submitted. I want to remind the board that the regulation has several changes in it that clearly addresses the issue that we're not regulating people's behavior, we are protecting people from secondhand smoke — period."

Chase said despite overwhelming support of the regulation by the other three counties which fall under the health department's jurisdiction, it is impossible for him to convince some of the commissioners of the need for the regulation.

"You don't believe me, you don't believe the statistics, you don't believe the science that I'm talking about," Chase said. "You don't believe this is a serious issue because we've all lived with smoke and somehow or another maybe we're still living."

Chase demanded to know the consequences if he was correct in his assertion that smoking was deadly.

"What happens if I'm right and you're wrong? There's going to be some more deaths caused by secondhand smoke," Chase said.

Chase said, if he is wrong, the worst thing that could happen is some people may be inconvenienced.

Chase's sentiments were echoed by Charlevoix County Commissioner Randolph Frykberg.

"I would like to move for approval of the resolution," Frykberg said. "We've talked about this a lot and we've had a lot of background discussion on a lot of these different viewpoints."

Third district commissioner, Ronald Reinhardt, said most of the people in his district don't like the idea of this new regulation.

"It leaves enforcement to somebody turning somebody in," he said. "It's not a good direction to head in this country. The people in my district said they don't like it. They think it's an infringement and we keep moving more and more and more

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Friends and family gather to say goodbye to Maddie

MADDIE

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than anyone should ever have to go through," Marcia said. "She showed incredible strength, faith and class."

While the disease ultimately claimed Maddie, Marcia said it hasn't beat her parents, Jane and Jeff, of Stanton. Jeff, one of five of Marcia's children, is a Charlevoix native

"They are an incredible pair," Marcia said.

Jeff and Jane returned to their home in Stanton Nov. 8

In the family's on-line journal, Jane wrote, "It was good to see the boys but hard to be home where Maddie is everywhere."

Maddie's brothers, Max and Sam, also suffer from the disease.

Max was the first of the three to be diagnosed in October of 2002 at age 7. His parents noticed changes in his behavior and a CAT scan found a brain abnormality that eventually led to a MLD diagnosis.

He underwent stem cell transplant surgery in January of 2003. Sam, 3, when diagnosed, and Maddie followed with diagnoses coming in November of 2002 and transplants in October of 2003.

Max is now 10 and confined to a wheelchair and Marcia described 6-year-old Sam as a "typical" boy.

The family has received tremendous support from people across the globe who offer prayers and support via their Internet Web site.

The site, www.caringbridge.org/mi/trimpermld, offers daily updates on the children. Since it has been up and running the site has received thousands of hits every day.

Maddie's funeral took place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Central Montealm Upper Elementary School in Stanton. Lunch followed the funeral at the Central Montealm Middle School, also in Stanton.

In lieu of flowers, the Trimpers have asked that memorial considerations be made to either the Trimper Children Foundation which will be used to fund research in Metachromatic Leukodystrophy or Caringbridge, a non-profit Web site for patients and families.

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Workplace smoking ban not locally enacted

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towards that direction. I think it's an infringement."

He added, "If you don't want to smoke, if you don't like it, you don't have to visit there."

Sixth district commissioner, Shirley Roloff, said business people are already going out of their way to try to take care of this.

"And I don't think we should push things down peoples throats when we've got so many regulations out there now we don't enforce," Roloff said.

"I realize that secondhand smoke is bad for you and I probably know better than anybody in this room because I've seen family die from it. But still I'm not going to push it off on other people," she added.

The final vote was 5-1 in favor of approving the regulation with Charlevoix County opting out. Roloff voted against it.

Annual Vets dinner and rededication

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

More than 150 people including veterans of wars past and present enjoyed a meal during the annual Veteran's Holiday Dinner at VFW Post 1153 Saturday afternoon. The Marine Corps League also rededicated the post before the dinner. Front row left to right: Gail Seidel; Jim McWatters; Elizabeth Bragg; John McLean; ◦ Greg Crabbe; Manuel Bencomo and Bob Drebenstedt. Back row left to right: Joe Seidel; Troy Drebenstedt; Lindsay Schrull; Nick Gould; John Vousboukis; Brian Vogelheim and Mike Downing.

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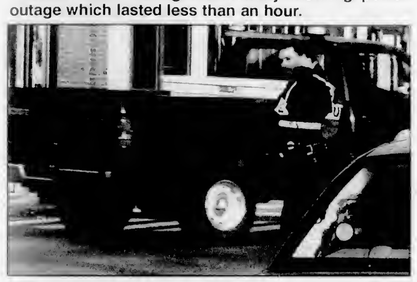
(Above) What appeared to be miniature tornadoes made of leaves whipped and whirled in the corner of the Captain's Corner Plaza Sunday afternoon. (Below) City of Charlevoix police officer Pete Shrift directed traffic during the Monday morning power outage which lasted less than an hour.



Strong wind storm knocks out power across town on Sunday

Unknown cause of city-wide outage Monday

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Wind storms that blew branches and power lines to the ground on Sunday were not the cause of a city-wide power outage Monday morning.

According to Tim Pietryga, spokesman for a local electrical provider Consumers Energy, storms knocked out power to 3,400 Charlevoix and Boyne City area residents on Sunday.

At 2 p.m. Monday, 800 Consumers customers remained without service at 12 different locations.

According to city engineer Don Swem, City of Charlevoix electric customers experienced isolated outages on Sunday. He said power was cut to a group of about 20 houses for an hour in the morning. Later that day a few others experienced outages.

"Everyone was back on within an hour," he said.

Area residents were surprised when winds calmed Monday morning but a city-wide outage plagued those returning to work and school.

According to Pietryga, electricity failed at about 9 a.m. for reasons currently unknown.

He said what is known is that a breaker at the Emmet County substation, near Petoskey, that feeds all of the city's power system, including LexaLite and Charlevoix High School, tripped.

Power was restored around 9:30 a.m.

"We don't know the exact reason the breaker failed. It was replaced and sent to the lab in Traverse City to discover why that may have happened," Pietryga said.

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Traditional Beaver Island music offered on CD

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Ed Palmer

A Beaver Island native of nearly 60 years will soon release his second album of old time country music on CD.

59-year-old self-taught musician, Ed Palmer, was in the recording studio last week putting the finishing touches on his new CD entitled, "Ed Palmer Family Traditions." From his days as a child learning how to play the guitar and piano by watching the musicians on television, to his gigs at house parties and even the Hilton in Grand Rapids, Palmer has been enamored of music.

"It kind of come down through the generations. My parents played the same kind of music. And I just wanted to play it," Palmer said. "I used to sit and watch the old timers plunk away on the piano and I learned to play the piano by ear. And then I got brave and played guitar and harmonica."

Palmer said, as the years went by, he played with many different musicians while he was in the military, working on a car ferry and even when he came back home to Beaver Island.

"You learn from different people by playing and listening to the old timers playing the jig tunes," he said. "And I just stuck to it. It just became part of my life."

Palmer, who plays the piano, harmonica, guitar and fiddle, doesn't like to choose one instrument over the other, but he said, "The piano, I would say, is my most entertaining instrument."

According to Palmer, he played with different musicians on and off until one gig, about 20 years ago, when one of the players didn't show up.

"A drummer couldn't make it and Rich Scripps who is a drummer, bass player and keyboard player, sat in and we've been playing together ever since," Palmer said.

Scripps, who plays with Palmer at events such as the Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids, sits in on some of the tracks and is helping with the engineering of Palmer's new CD.

A few years ago Palmer's father was honored with the Michigan Heritage Music Award for carrying on the traditions of his heritage. It was then Palmer first received his chance to record some of his tunes.

"A professor (at Michigan State University) asked me if I would come down and show the type of music that my father played. So Rich (Scripps) and I and Dan Gillespie (guitar player) went down and the studio gave us recording time in payment," he said.

Palmer said he mixed the CD in Petoskey, "And the guy said they were so good I should market the CDs."

The 13 tracks on Palmer's new CD include songs from the 1940s through the 1970s by artists Hank Snow, Charlie Walker and Jim Reeves and songs like "The Green, Green Grass of Home," "You are my Sunshine," "I'll be all Smiles Tonight" and "I Can't Stop Loving You," as well as instrumental solos by Palmer "You Can't Be True Dear" and "Home Sweet Home."

The best part of working on this album, according to Palmer, is the chance to work with his three musical daughters.

"I decided now is the time to get them together and go to the studio so I can have a chance to record with them, to have fun with them and do a family tradition thing," Palmer said. "So I invited them to come in and do their own part. Hilary sings and Tara sings harmony with her and Rita plays backup guitar on some of these tunes."

According to Scripps, also a self-taught musician, Beaver Island music is just as unique to this area as Cajun country music is to New Orleans, La.

"It takes you right to the heart of the culture," Scripps said. "He (Palmer) does have a unique style and I've been honored to be a part of that through the years. He's just got a real authentic sound."

Anyone wishing to pre-order a CD or contact Palmer can send requests to Ed Palmer Music 37875 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Or send a message via e-mail to edpalmermusic@hotmail.com. For more information visit his Web site at www.edpalmer.com.

Zonta's SOS success

Courtesy photos

Laurie Stewart (left) captivated an audience of nearly 50 middle school girls from Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Ellsworth and Petoskey Nov. 12. Stewart led the girls through confidence-building, risk-taking (above) and leadership activities during the five-hour event. This event was made possible by the Charlevoix Zonta Club. Area teens who would like to take part in this event in the future should contact, Betsy Granstra at (231) 547-5930.

Ellis Boal named Green Party candidate for county commission

The Green Party has nominated Ellis Boal as its candidate for First District Charlevoix County Commissioner.

Ellis Boal

The nomination was at a Party caucus at the Horton Bay General Store Tuesday evening. He will face Republican John Haggard and Independent Connie Saltonstall in a election to take place Feb. 28.

"If elected, I will continue my activities protecting the environment and the local economy, and implementing Green values," said Boal.

He plans to approach Haggard and propose they agree that neither of them put up lawn signs for the February election.

"They're ugly," he said.

If elected Boal would also work to instate runoff voting, to facilitate alternative transportation and to work on the county's energy conservation.

Boal has been active in social movements since he was young, marching for civil rights and an end to the war in Vietnam.

He became a labor lawyer in Detroit, representing workers.

In 2000, he moved to this area, near his family in Hayes Township. He maintains a part-time law practice, and edits legal rights books for union members as well as writing technical code for various non-profit Web sites.

Last year, he ran as a Green for Charlevoix County prosecutor, getting 646 votes in the district.

Boal has actively supported the striking nurses at Northern Michigan Hospital, and helped organize anti-war activities in Petoskey.

"I look forward to the campaign," he said. "I will meet with every county department head. I will attend commissioners' meetings and township meetings. And of course I will be going door to door to hear from the citizens."

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Synopsis
Monday, November 7, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the suspension of Rule 4: The Order of Business, of Rules and Procedures for City Council.
- Ordinance 707 of 2005 adopted, adding provision to section 2.142 of Chapter 24 - City Utility Rates of Title II of the City Code, authorizing the installment payment of contract with Big Fish Environmental LLC.
- Motion passed to award the Fixed Base Operator contract to McPhillip's Flying Service/Welke's for a period of five years.
- Motion passed accepting the lakeview corridor penalty for trimming trees on City property.
- Motion passed to notify property owners that the City intends to apply for funding to purchase the properties, direct staff to receive a contract for Councils, consideration from the airport engineers to provide professional services to acquire the property, and begin discussions with the FAA and the Michigan Aeronautics Commission to develop grants for the acquisitions to include the demolition of any structures.
- Resolution 2005-11-01 adopted, authorizing termination of participation in power pool.

Council adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Performing arts follows the yellow brick road

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

You don't have to click your heels together or follow the yellow brick road to go see Dorothy, Toto and Glinda take on the Wicked Witch of the West this coming weekend.

At 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, in the Charlevoix High School auditorium, Charlevoix students will perform the Wizard of Oz as directed by performing arts director, Connie Ford.

"I hope everybody turns out. It's a good show, it's a cute show (and) it's good entertainment for the family," Ford said.

Tickets for senior citizens and students are $5 each and $7 for adults.

"There are about 45 (kids) in all between the technical staff and the actors on stage," Ford said.

According to Ford, several factors dictated the choice of the Wizard of Oz as this year's fall performance.

"We wanted to do something that was a little less expensive to put on because we're trying to count pennies right now and last year's production was extremely expensive," she said.

The previous year the Rayder players put on, "Into the Woods," for their winter show.

"The other issue is there are many little parts in this and we needed to see if the move-up group was going to move into the shoes of the seniors that graduated," Ford said.

She added that the fall production is always a chance to see what type of talent pool they have available for the upcoming winter competition performance.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Some of the main characters in Charlevoix High School's upcoming production of the Wizard of Oz get ready for dress rehearsal. They are (from left), Travis Klooster as the Tin Man; Autumn Atkins as Toto; Suzanne Curtis as Dorothy Gale; Cody Morrison as the Cowardly Lion and Sam Kantola as the Scarecrow.

According to Ford, anyone and everyone will enjoy this production of the 1939 movie adapted from the L. Frank Baum story, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz."

"It has everything. A lot of stuff for the little kids, but stuff for adults too," she said. "It's a good way to spend the Saturday or Sunday while the husband is out hunting."

She added, "We've taken a different kind of approach to it. We're working on some special effects which our old auditorium wouldn't allow us to do at the old high school."

The show is scheduled to last approximately an hour-and-a-half with one intermission.

Wizard of Oz cast

Lead Characters
Auntie Em — Kaylee Wells
Farmer — Jonathon Boyko
Uncle — Joel Curiel
Dorothy — Suzanne Curtis
Toto — Autumn Atkins
Glinda — Michelle Lemond
Wicked witch — Julie Neidert
Scarecrow — Sam Kantola
Tin man — Travis Klooster
Cowardly Lion — Cody Morrison
Munchkins
Hunch — Nichole Mackowiak
Crunch — Jasmine Witthoeft
Farmer's wife — Sarah Ruhlman
Mayor — Andrew Ruhlman
Munchkin #1 — Jessica Soto
Munchkin #2 — Krystal Brannon-Bales
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Lollipop men — Alex Urban, Zeke Galloway, Bill Foley and Rusty Bolt
Lollipop women
Lollipop women — Sarah Titus, Laura Larsen, Katelyn Cole and Kristina Alden
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Oz — Alex Urban
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Local volunteers assist in completing Habitat home

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Members of the Francisco family, friends, Habitat for Humanity staff, board members and volunteers, and agents and staff from Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors and their corporate volunteer partners were all on hand for the dedication.

"This is a really special event, and the fact Habitat for Humanity is a Christian centered organization makes it even more special," said Ken Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer of Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors.

Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors was the umbrella corporate sponsor for the home, located on Quarterline, just off Cairn Highway near Elk Lake. Staff and agents raised money through a variety of means, and worked as volunteer builders at the home.

Volunteers came from across the company, including Fremont, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Gaylord, Glen Arbor, Elk Rapids, Bellaire and Traverse City.

The Francisco family includes Pedro, Juana and their three children, Jesus, Carmen and David, who will move into the home in two to three weeks.

Courtesy photo

Pedro and Juana Francisco bow their heads in prayer on the steps of their new home as Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors Chief Executive Officer Ken Schmidt reads a prayer at the dedication of the home in Kewadin the company built with Habitat for Humanity.

Bergmann Center to elect officers at annual meeting

The annual Bergmann Center board of directors meeting, for the purpose of electing officers and other annual business will take place Nov. 21, immediately following the regular 5 p.m. meeting. These meetings will take place at the center located at 08855 Martin Rd. in Charlevoix.

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Dental Clinics North to accept emergency Medicaid patients

Effective immediately, Dental Clinics North will accept Medicaid for the treatment of emergency services and will take information from adult Medicaid enrollees for the arrangement of future visits for other dental services.

This action reverses a recent decision not to accept Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of adult dental services. The agency had decided to eliminate the acceptance of adult Medicaid reimbursement because the current reimbursement process would result in a significant operational loss. As a stand-alone entity, the agency has no way of addressing that loss except by the closing of clinics.

The decision to continue to temporarily accept Medicaid was made after consultation with State Senators Tony Stamas and Jason Allen. Both senators were highly concerned that, as the result of the restoration of adult services on a statewide basis, nearly all dental services for adult Medicaid clients were eliminated in northern Michigan.

Senator Stamas provided leadership in securing the restoration of adult services, while Senator Allen, previously as a state representative, provided leadership in securing funding necessary to establish and equip Dental Clinics North.

Senator Stamas and Senator Allen have arranged for a meeting with representatives of the administration to resolve this issue. That meeting will occur this week.

Gerald Chase, health officer for Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, which administers the Dental Clinics North program, indicated that the agency is very happy to accommodate the wishes of the senators as a step toward resolving the issue.

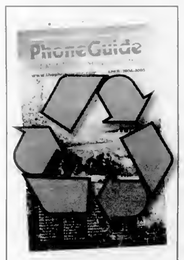
Adult Medicaid clients have acute oral health needs that may be compounded into other health issues resulting in great personal suffering to themselves and at significant cost to the state. The decision to accept Medicaid will continue while there is forward movement towards the permanent resolution of the issue.

Dental Clinics North remains the principal source of dental care for approximately 30,000 adult Medicaid clients in northern Michigan. For more information, call (877) 321-7070 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

Business After Hours Nov. 17 at Grey Gables

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at Grey Gables.

Entertainment will be provided by the Charlevoix High School Jazz Band.



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Health department to offer flu shots Nov. 22 in town

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is offering flu shot clinics in Charlevoix Nov. 22.

Appointments are required. The cost of the flu shot is $25. Medicaid and Medicare are accepted. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (800) 432-4121.

"Everyone is welcome to make an appointment for a flu shot at this clinic," said Patricia Fralick, Director of Family Health for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. "We are especially encouraging anyone who is considered high risk for contracting the flu who has not gotten their flu shot to get vaccinated."

According the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people at high risk for flu are persons aged 65 years and older, with and without chronic health conditions; residents of long-term care facilities; persons age 2–64 with chronic health conditions; children age 6–23 months; pregnant women; health-care personnel who provide direct patient care; household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children over 6 months.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 707 of 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD ADDITIONAL PROVISION TO SECTION 2.142 OF CHAPTER 24 - CITY UTILITY RATES OF TITLE II OF THE CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF CONNECTION CHARGES TO THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Whereas, the City Council makes the following legislative determinations:

A. Big Fish Environmental, LLC (BFE) has begun a research and development facility that is a pilot program for the processing of residential septage. It is the first septage treatment receiving and processing facility to utilize Pirana ABGTM (Aerobic Bacteria Generator) technology. BFE is licensed by the MDEO as a septage treatment receiving and processing facility.

B. The need for innovative approaches to septage disposal is reflected in a letter to municipal wastewater plants dated August 21, 2002 from Robert Babcock, Chief, Surface Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality State of Michigan. In his letter, Mr. Babcock states, "Thank you for considering acceptance [of septage] and being stewards of water quality in your area. Septage disposal is an environmental concern and septage acceptance and treatment at Publicly Owned Treatment Works would assist in providing proper treatment and environmental protection."

C. BFE has asserted that the City may benefit from a connection of the BFE septage treatment receiving and processing facility. The City has determined that a connection of the BFE facility to the City's sewer system may allow a determination regarding whether those potential benefits may, in fact, come to fruition. The asserted benefits include: the discharge of nondomestic wastewater, pretreated septage will not contain pollutant concentrations in excess of those established in the Sewer Use Ordinance, as amended from time to time; an aerobic bacteria influent to the City's sewer system; ability to control the quantity and period of pretreated effluent to minimize impact on the sewer system; and a reduction of pressure for expansion of the City's sewer infrastructure by providing an environmentally sensitive alternative for septage disposal.

D. The City recognizes that Grand Traverse County is operating its own septage receiving and treatment facility. The City also recognizes that: the majority of residences within the region are located in areas not serviced by public sanitary sewer collection and treatment systems (i.e. non-sewered areas) and utilize a septic tank or holding tank; the potential for much of the residential growth within the region is in non-sewered areas; that solids accumulate in septic tanks over time and require periodic pumping while holding tanks accumulate both solids and liquid and also require periodic pumping, the pumped material from septic holding tanks are currently disposed of via land application and, while acceptable, the practice carries with it a certain level of health hazard; several trends are placing pressures on the local regulatory community and the local industry in the management and disposal of septage; land application sites for septage disposal are dwindling; development pressures are increasing and impacting the availability of locating new application sites; recent changes to State law have restricted the disposal of septage on open land; the BFE facility is consistent with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's (NWMCHA) efforts to identify potential solutions to this issue as illustrated in their document "Final Report to the Septage Waste Disposal Committee Of the Septage Feasibility Study"; and the Health Officer of NWMCHA has publicly asked the City Council to permit connection of BFE to the City's sewer system for many of the reasons described above.

The City also recognizes that it is not obligated to connect the proposed septage pretreatment facility to its sewer system, but may do so under contractual terms that are acceptable to both parties.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

That the following provision is added to the end of the existing Section 2.142 entitled Installment Payments in Chapter 24 of the City Code and the existing portion of Section 2.142 shall remain unchanged:

A septage pretreatment facility may only connect to the City's sewer system pursuant to a written agreement between the City and the owner of the proposed septage pretreatment facility. This contract must be approved by the City Council. The contract shall specify the amount of connection fees, the terms of payment of those connection fees, the applicable sewer rate, the conditions under which the connection fees or sewer rate may change and the method of payment of the connection fees. The amount of connection fees and the method of payment of those connection fees may vary from provisions that would apply to a sewer user that is not a septage pretreatment facility. The contract shall include such other provisions as shall be acceptable to the owner of the septage pretreatment facility and the City Council. The agreement shall be in a form approved by the city attorney. The City shall be under no obligation to permit a septage pretreatment facility to connect to the City's sewer system and any such decision is subject to the sole discretion of the City Council to determine whether any proposal is in the best interests of the City. The term "septage pretreatment facility" shall mean a facility that receives and treats non-domestic wastewater that originates from residential type septic systems including single family homes, condominiums, apartments and commercial users such as hotels, motels, offices, restaurants, schools, retail structures, etc. with the exception of restaurant grease interceptors and industrial process wastewater. Pretreated septage shall comply with the characteristics of common domestic sewage as defined in the City's Sewer Use Ordinance. The treatment process shall be approved and licensed by the State of Michigan and operated pursuant to the contract with the City of Charlevoix as specified in this ordinance.

ADOPTED, this 7th day of November, 2005.

Motion by: Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by: Bill Haggard

Ordinance No. 707-05 was hereby adopted on 7th day of November, 2005 by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Timms, Bellows, Campbell, Chamberlain, Gibson, and Haggard
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk — Norman Carlson, Mayor

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SPORTS

Rayders trounce Mancelona in first round of playoffs

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders started tournament play with a bang, blowing out host Mancelona, 69-34.

"It was Rayder basketball," coach Keith Haske said. "They turned the ball over a lot early and we got a nice run going."

It was a nice run indeed as the Rayders held the Lancers to only one first quarter basket en route to a 32-8 lead. Charlevoix led 49-18 at the half and coasted to victory.

Still Haske didn't see perfection in the Lady Rayders.

"It was disappointing to see us have so many fouls," Haske commented. "We were reaching too much. They got a lot of their points from free throws."

Stevie Murray led Charlevoix with 13 points, four rebounds and three steals. Bethany Pearson scored 10 points. Shannon Dibble and Madison Ramsey each had nine.

Ramsey returned from a two-game layoff, resting her knees.

"She was excited to be out there," Haske said.

All 15 Rayders saw playing time and 12 of the 15 scored in the rout.

Earlier Charlevoix finished the regular season with a 17-3 mark and a second straight Lake Michigan Conference championship.

The Rayders topped Petoskey, 74-61 and Elk Rapids, 80-52.

Against Petoskey, on a rare occasion, Charlevoix trailed early, down 15-8 at the end of the first quarter. The Rayders, however, battled back outscoring the Northmen 53-22 in the second and third periods to put the game away.

Pearson led Charlevoix with 22 points, including 18 in the key third quarter. Laura Nitchman had 14 points, eight assists and four steals.

"The girls did a great job passing the ball in to Beth in that third quarter and getting a lot of easy baskets," Haske noted.

Photos courtesy of the Petoskey News-Review

The Charlevoix Rayders started tournament play blowing out host Mancelona, 69-34 Nov. 14. Stevie Murray (left) led Charlevoix with 13 points, four rebounds and three steals. Bethany Pearson scored 10 points. Shannon Dibble (below) and Madison Ramsey each had nine.

-It was a more typical Rayder first quarter against Elk Rapids as Charlevoix led 27-3 after the first eight minutes of play.

Murray paced the team with 13 points. Pearson and Sally Haselschwardt each scored 12. Nitchman had six assists and seven steals. Caitlin Cole pulled down six rebounds.

The Rayders next play Inland Lakes at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16 in Mancelona. The district finals will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18.

McSauba ski, snowboard sale this weekend

A new and used ski and snowboard equipment sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. held on Saturday, Nov. 19 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Mt. McSauba Ski Lodge, located off McSauba Road in Charlevoix.

Transportation authority: *'Don't veer for deer'*

Each year, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials encourage motorists to slow down in work zones. This year, because of the increasing fall hunting activity and movement of the deer herd, MDOT urges drivers to be extra alert for deer.

Car-deer crashes in Michigan cause at least $130 million in damage each year, which is an average of $2,000 per vehicle involved. In 2004, there were more than 60,000 car-deer crashes.

"Statistics show that most motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting a deer and, instead, hit a fixed object, such as a tree or another vehicle," said Michigan Deer Crash Coalition Chairman Richard J. Miller of AAA Michigan. "No one wants to see a deer destroyed, but striking the animal is often the safest action for the drivers and passengers."

MDOT officials have joined forces with the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition again this year in order to promote the new Michigan Deer Crash Coalition slogan, "Don't Veer for Deer."

"We want motorists to understand their responsibility in the safety equation," said MDOT director Gloria J. Jeff. "The chances of a car-deer crash are reduced significantly when motorists remember to 'think deer' and react accordingly if one is spotted."

If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, MDOT and the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition recommend drivers:

- Don't swerve.
- Brake firmly and hold onto the steering wheel with both hands.
- Come to a controlled stop.
- Move the vehicle out of traffic to a safe location.

Sheriff announces yard maintenance program

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater has announced the continued Sheriff's Office Fall Clean-up program for senior citizens.

Sheriff Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by a Sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general clean-up of their yards.

This program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks, etc.

Sheriff Lasater advises only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned to this detail.

Senior citizens must call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103 to sign up for the program. Township officials may contact Sheriff Lasater at (231) 547-4461 for arrangements.

A warm gift for the humane society

Courtesy photo

The Piece Quilt Guild of Boyne City recently donated a qulit to the Charlevoix County Humane Society. The quilt was designed to represent many animals, both domestic and wild in a fantasy style. The society raffled the qulit to raise $1,015. The drawing took place at the Charlevoix County Humane Society board meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 8. The winner was Marie Sheets of Boyne City. Pictured are Greg Tate, executive director of the humane society, volunteer Carole Brisson and Sheets.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis - October 26, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on October 26, 2005. All Commissioners were present.

Minutes of the October 12, 2005 meeting were approved as presented.

- Motion approved Resolution #05-086, Township & City Clerk's Report.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-087, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said document.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-088, Award Proposal, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-089, 2005 Tax Levy.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-090, Cigarette Tax Distribution.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-091, Convention Facility Tax Distribution.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-092, Maximum Authorized Millage Rates.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-093, 2006 General Fund Budget.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-094, 2006 Salary Schedule.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-095, Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services.
- Motion approved Resolution #05-096, Amend CCE Central Dispatch Authority Agreement.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League - Nov. 7, 2005

	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	24	12
B Vanloo & Sons	23	13
J Arnold Painting "A"	21	15
Paul Bunyan Lanes	21	15
J Arnold Painting "2"	15	21
Kent's Racing	15	21
Selph Trucking	13	23
The Flight Deck	12	24

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Del Hart	680	278
J.P. Fledorek		257
Ron Gruike	613	232
Jon Kleman	580	

Young at Hearts League - Nov. 10, 2005

	W	L
Alley Cats	30	10
Irish Rollers	25	15
Hall & Hall	22	18
Sparetime	20	20
Misfits	19	21
Past Timers	18	22
Has Beens	14	26
Twilighters	12	28

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bud Lee	481	203
Al Bergmann	491	183
Mo Dixon	456	170
Shirley Flower	429	178
Roseann Poll	430	165
Nancy Zimmerman	421	168

Tuesday Night Ladies - Nov. 8, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	24.5	15.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	23	17
Great Lakes Concrete	23	17
Oleson's Food Store	19	21
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	18	22
Paul Bunyan Lanes	18	22
Central Drug Store	17.5	22.5
DM Construction	17	23

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Linda Lake	491	189
Janice Thanasiu	537	184
June Kunkle	494	
Jane Holm		182
Carol Burry		182

Church League - Nov. 9, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	386	194
Lutherans	268	232
State Farm Insurance	258	242
Ferguson & Chamberlain	251	249
Lakeshore Tire	246	254
R & C Roofing	238	262
Mark White Paint & Stain	221	279
St. Mary's	212	288

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

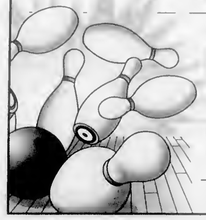
	Series	Game
Ed Holm		265
Scott Kehrer	635	224
Mike Webb		224
Randy DeYoung	599	
Don Firman		224
Larry Potter	567	

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
Nov. 6, 2005

	W	L
Novotny	16	4
Hill Martinchek	14	6
Cunningham Mikulski	11.5	8.5
Hart	11	9
Golovich	8.5	11.5
Herbolsheimer	8	12
Bradley	8	12
O'Leary	7	13

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jeff Novotny	594	222
Chris Mikulski	456	195
Richard O'Leary		172
Butch Hart	433	
Kathy Bradley	361	146
Andi Cunningham	365	132
Cindy Novotny	343	121



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Del Hart of the Monday Men's Senior League had an actual series of 680 with a high game of 278. Congratulations!

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Sheriff Lasater issues hunting safety tips

Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater offers the following safety tips for hunting season:

• Your hunting license and the identification used to purchase it must he carried with you at all times while hunting.

• All hunters must wear an item of clothing in "hunter orange." It must he the outermost garment and it must be visible from all sides. If it is camouflage, at least 50 percent of the garment must be orange.

• Hunting hours are approximately one-half hour before sunrise and last until approximately one-half hour after sunset.

• Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards or 450 feet from an occupied building, house, cabin, barn or other farm building. You may not hunt in this area or shoot at any animal within this area, unless you have the written permission of the property owner.

• It is illegal to drink alcohol or use intoxicating drugs before hunting.

Sheriff Lasater also wants hunters to take the following precautions to prevent injury or death while hunting this season:

• Familiarize yourself with the area where you will be hunting.

• Never assume youare alone in the woods.

• Never assume other hunters are acting responsibly.

• If sitting against a rock or tree, make sure it is wider than your shoulders so you are not mistaken for a target.

• Be 100 percent sure of your target before shooting.

Sheriff Lasater urges all hunters to act responsibly this season.

"Reacquaint yourself with Michigan's hunting laws and follow these safety tips to prevent a tragedy from happening this year," he said.

Radio royalty visit local Flap

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Jack O'Malley and Colleen Wares of country radio station WTCM 103.5 and 93.5 broadcast their morning show out of the Flap Jack Family Restaurant last Friday, Nov. 11. The two tour northern Michigan broadcasting live from area communities.

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Northern Michigan Chorale to perform annual fall concert

The Northern Michigan Chorale opens their 24th Annual Fall Concert in the Ross Stoakes Theatre, at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 and at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21.

The theme for this concert is "My Favorite Things" and features the collaborative works of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein. The 70 voice chorale opens the performance with a medley "sampler" from the works of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Erin Biehl, a 2005 Northern Michigan Chorale scholarship winner will be the featured soloist. Small groups and soloists will join the chorale in songs from "Oklahoma," "South Pacific" and "The King and I."

Peter D. Sims, serves in the capacity of both director and piano accompanist. Joining in the instrumental mix is Bing Farrar on string bass and Sally Page on piano.

Tickets for adults are $8 and $5 for students. To purchase tickets, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4377, the Petoskey Chamber of Commerce at (231) 347-4150 or chorale member Bobbie Barger at (231) 348-2012.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by **ROY KITSON** and **SHARON MOUNT**, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to **COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE**, Mortgagee, dated January 9, 1998, and recorded in the Office of te Register of Deeds for the county ot Charlevoix, State of Michigan, on January 14, 1998, in Liber 330, beginning on Page 1, and assigned by said Mortgagee to **THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.** by an assignment dated January 9, 1998, and recorded on June 30, 1998, in Liber 340, beginning on Page 993, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereol the sum of Sixty Four Thousand four Hundred Eighty Five and 32/100 ($64,485.32) Dollars, including interest at 11.870% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Friday, December 9, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.,** inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the circuit court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 11.870%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the city of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:

LOT 2251, BLOCK 7, NICHOLL'S AND MORGAN'S SECOND ADDITION TO SOUTH BOYNE, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 811 DOUGLAS STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712-1414. TAX PARCEL NO. 051-467-251-00.

The redemption period shall be **six (6) months** from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a: MSA 27A.3241 (1), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date ot such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: October 24, 2005
THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Assignee of Mortgagee
By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)
Wardrop & Wardrop, P.C.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
300 Ottawa Avenue NW; Suite 150
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-1225
L(10-26, 11-2, 11-9, 11-16, 11-23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ian Matthews, a single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lendsource, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2004 and recorded September 3, 2004 in Liber 634 Page 892, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents ($100,943.76) including interest 8.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, December 16, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the Southwest side of Boyne Avenue 114.01 feet East of the North and South 1/4 line of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Boyne Avenue 151.38 feet being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Boyne Avenue 70 feet; thence South 44 degrees West 74.9 feet, more or less, to the E. Alstine Dunlop and Imogene McCulloch property as recited in the deed recorded in Liber 173, page 30, Charlevoix County Records; thence North 72 degrees 45 minutes West 46.5 links (30.69 feet); thence South 44 degrees West 26.4 feet; thence North 71 degrees 15 minutes West to its intersection with a line which is South 44 degrees West of the point of beginning; thence North 44 degrees East to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 6 West. Commonly known as 610 Boyne Ave; Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lendsource, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123
Our File No: 05-38994 ASAP 733242
L (11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/07)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010872-DE

Estate of Eleanore K. Nowakowski, Deceased
Date of birth: February 21, 1926

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, David N. Mikhail, who lived at 01289 North Shore Drive, Melrose Township, Michigan, died March 28, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Samia T.S. Mikhail, 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

November 16, 2005

Harry L. Lapham, Jr. P24342
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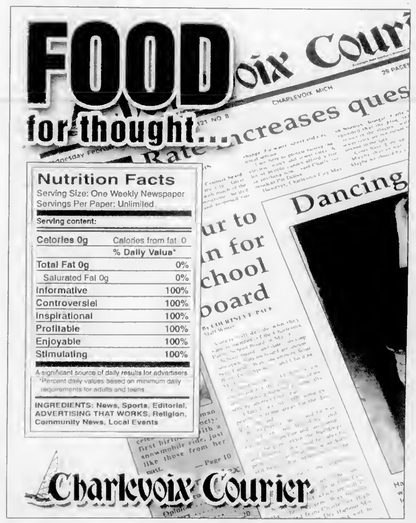

NOV 2005

CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor began at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8 at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is $12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is $40. To register, call Ruth at: (231) 536-7831.

Retired Federal Employees Association meetings

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will resume meetings in March 2006 on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

Books-R-Fun

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will have its fall fund-raiser, "Books-R-Fun," from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Nov. 18 in the lower level of the hospital. Bring your Christmas list as books and other gifts for adults and children will be sold.

Equipment sale

New and used ski and snowboard equipment sale to be held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Mt. McSauba Ski Lodge located on McSauba Road in Charlevoix.

Lioness Club bazaar

The Ellsworth Lioness Club is sponsoring the Annual Community Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Banks Township Hall in downtown Ellsworth. Area crafters are encouraged to participate. For more information or to register, call (231) 544-6348. Or e-mail wicland@torchlake.com.

Preservation society meeting

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's November membership meeting will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. and a program at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 28 at the Horton Bay General Store in Horton Bay.

Dinner is $8.50 and will include a choice of chicken salad, panini sandwich or soup and chips as well as dessert.

The program will highlight the Horton Bay General Store and the people who have owned and enjoyed the store. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact society president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042 or via e-mail at charlevoixchps@yahoo.com.

Boyne City reunion

The Boyne City High School graduating class of 1995 will celebrate its 10-year reunion from 7 to 10 p.m. on Nov. 25 at Boyne City Lanes in Boyne City.

A class picture will be taken at 8 p.m. Photos may be pre-purchased for $10 each. The cost is $12 per person at the door or $10 in advance. For information or to purchase tickets call Harvey at (231) 675-1272 or Jody at (231) 582-7734.

Christmas project meeting

Members of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project will meet at 2 p.m. on Nov. 29 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rosemary Horton at (231) 547-2359.

St. Mary's craft show

The St. Mary's Parish Annual Craft Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at St. Mary's Parish. There will be raffles, concessions and a cookie walk. For more information call (231) 547-9441.

Fire department to host Santa

The Charlevoix Fire Department will host a fun day for kids. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 17, Santa will be at the fire station, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix. There will be candy bags for the kids, a movie or two, hot dogs and popcorn, tours of the newly renovated fire station and most important of all, a visit with Santa.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Alano Club meetings

Effective since Oct. 1, all meetings at the Alano Club are held in the back building.

For information concerning meeting times and emergency numbers call (231) 547-9184.

Garden Club

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the meeting room at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

For more information contact Margaret Arnold at (231) 547-5199.

Skatepark closed

The Charlevoix Skatepark is closed for the winter.

Area meetings

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, V.F.W —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call (231) 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

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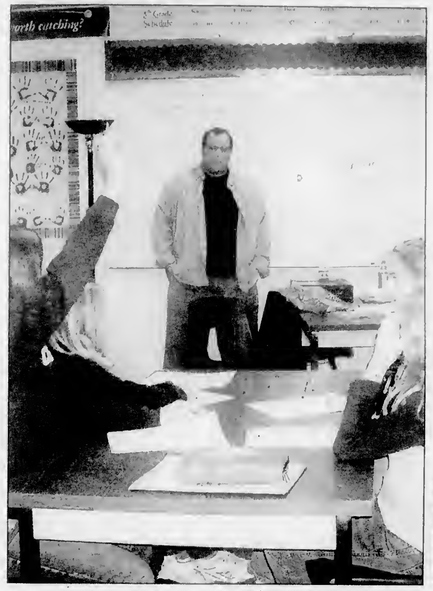

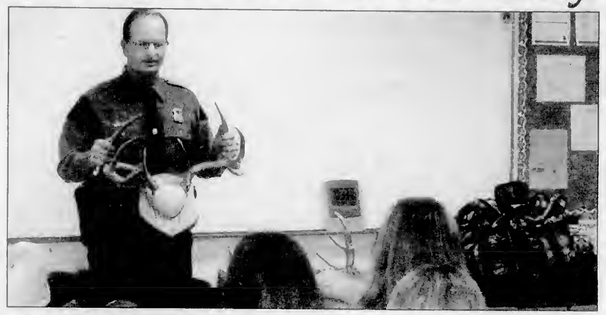

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Area professionals attended Career Day at Charlevoix Middle School Nov. 10. Students participated in three sessions to get a sampling of possible areas of future professional interest. Presenters included Charlevoix Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs (far left) who walked students through a mock interview and story writing exercise. Also presenting were Department of Natural Resources conservation officer Tim Kochanny (top) and pet trainer Gaye Amick (left).

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Two sentenced in connection with crack bust

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Anthony Curtis Burks and Chesica Dawn Brown were sentenced on Friday, Nov. 11 in Charlevoix County Circuit Court for their role in a crack bust which took place Aug. 5.

Chesica Brown

Brown, a 25-year-old mother of two, received two years probation and 12 months in jail after pleading to controlled substance delivery-manufacture of a narcotic or cocaine and controlling or maintaining a drug house.

"She ended up getting a plea agreement for testifying against the guy (Brown) with the drugs," said Charlevoix County assistant prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara. "The judge put her in for 12 months. It's a pretty clear indication he's trying to send out a message that coming up here and selling drugs in our community will not be tolerated."

Burks pled guilty to and was sentenced for controlled substance delivery on school property of narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams or roughly

Anthony Burks

20 rocks. He also pled to three counts of controlled substance delivery-manufacture of a narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams.

Burks received a minimum of two years to a maximum of 60 years in prison and a fine of up to $75,000.

The two were busted in August as the result of a continuing investigation by Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) into cocaine sales in the area.

SANE made their way up the drug chain by arresting 41-year-old Marvin Darnell Hailey. An undercover officer purchased $100 of crack cocaine from Hailey who went to the Kipke Lane duplex to pick up the product, leading officers to Burks and Brown.

Using a warrant, the enforcement group, along with patrolmen with the City of Charlevoix Police Department, executed a search of a duplex off Kipke Road, near the Charlevoix Middle School.

Inside the house, detectives seized at least 20 pea-sized rocks of crack cocaine, worth between $10 and $20 each. They also seized a handgun, cash and a vehicle.

'Five Wishes' documents available at local health department

Copies of the "Five Wishes" are available at the local health department and Hospice of Northwest Michigan offices in honor of National Home Health and Hospice Month.

"Home Health and Hospice Month provides an opportunity for everyone — no matter what their age — to think about how they would want to be treated if seriously ill and unable to speak for themselves," said Nancy Bottomley, Director of Adult Health and Aging Services for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

"The 'Five Wishes' document does just that, in easy-to-understand language, not in 'doctor speak' or 'lawyer talk,'" she added.

Trained staff from the health department's certified home health and hospice program can help people to complete the "Five Wishes" form.

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Motion to fire Wiesner fails in tie vote

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A change of heart by first ward Charlevoix city councilman Bob Timms kept city manager Mike Wiesner in his seat.

During the miscellaneous business portion of the city council meeting Monday, Nov. 21, second ward Charlevoix city councilman Gabe Campbell put a motion on the table to fire Wiesner, who has been manager for over 20 years.

Campbell said someone has to be held accountable for "failure to properly supervise the city treasurer regarding the issuance of a check to CCMS in the amount of $222,978; failure to properly supervise the city wastewater treatment plant regarding the falsifying of records by wastewater treatment plant personnel; failure to provide in a timely manner the city council with information that will be considered at a city council meeting; and failure to provide monthly reports regarding the operation of city departments."

Two hours of public comment followed, with the bulk of those who spoke, supporting Wiesner.

Mike Wiesner

Timms, who in recent interviews supported Wiesner's dismissal, said it was the final comment, from city clerk Carol Ochs that changed his vote to 'no.'

"Maybe I'm flip flopping here," he said after Ochs spoke and before the final vote. "She makes sense and I respect her insight into this sort of thing. It's a really stressful situation here tonight."

The final vote was a tie with Campbell supported by third ward council member Shirley Gibson and second ward councilman Gene Beer, who were sworn in at the beginning of the meeting.

Timms, first ward councilman Bill Haggard and third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain voted against it.

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Working in a winter wonderland

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) This is just one of five accidents which occurred near the guardrail on the curve just north of the bridge on Bridge Street Nov. 17. (Left) Charlevoix resident Bill See broke out his snow blower for the first time this season during the short-lived blizzard last week.

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's first snow of the season fell Nov. 17 and 18, catching motorists off guard and keeping local law enforcement officials on their toes.

"The first few storms of the year, people forget they have to slow down. It was slippery. When the roads are warm and the snow is cold the snow doesn't adhere to the road well," interim Charlevoix County Sheriff, Don Schneider, said.

Schneider said this first storm caused mild mayhem on the roads.

By around 3:30 p.m. Nov. 17 the sheriff's office had responded to 17 calls from motorists having crashed or lost control and landed in the ditch.

Scott Hankins, interim police chief for the City of Charlevoix, said his department responded to five traffic crashes that day, all of which occurred in the north curves where cars collided with the guard rail.

He said while it's common for the first signs of sloppy roads to bring traffic accidents there are precautions drivers can take to travel safely.

"The best thing to do is reduce your speed in inclement weather. You should also use your headlights as well as properly inflated snow tires. Tire pressure is really important in controlling your vehicle," Hankins said.

According to Mike Celliti, a meteo-

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Sheriff suffers heart attack and undergoes surgery

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater suffered a heart attack and underwent open heart surgery last week.

The heart attack took place around 3 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, while Lasater, 67, was at his home in Horton Bay. He drove himself to the emergency medical service post in Boyne City and was transported by Boyne City Ambulance to Northern Michigan Hospital.

Lasater, who has been sheriff for the past 29 years underwent surgery Thursday, Nov. 17 at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Following surgery, county undersheriff Don Schneider, said, "We expect him to make a full recovery and be back in the office in a short period of time. We ask everyone to keep him in their prayers."

Schneider is stepping into the sheriff's position during Lasater's absence.

He said sheriff's department officers are not required to participate in regular physicals during their employment. They are required to complete a physical when first hired.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Melissa Marie Wallace, 20, Alpena. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Brandon William Mead, 19, Boyne City. Operator no license/multiple license. Serve eight days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Tim Edwin Nyberg, 51, Grand Blanc. Motor vehicle without security, operating while license suspended. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 27 days; $650 in fines and costs.

Sarah Beth Tatroe, 25, Petoskey. Check, non-sufficient funds over $100 but under $500. Serve 20 days in jail; $505 in fines and costs.

Jose Angel Tristan-Baldonero, 31, East Jordan. Sex offender failure to comply with reporting. Serve 30 days in jail with credit for one day, 29 days held in abeyance; $350 in fines and costs.

Neil Alan Flower, 39, Charlevoix. Impaired driving, improper plates. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 12 days, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 64 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; $1,435 in fines and costs.

Sandra Ellen Pritchard, 51, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 62 days held in abeyance, 20 days community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Assumed Name

The following business recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Creative Lasting Solutions, 19766 Gennet Rd., Charlevoix, by Jeffrey A. Stevenson

Marriage

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Daniel Roy Trowbridge, 39 and Diane Elizabeth Psibopaidas, 56, both of Charlevoix

Births

Lincoln Thomas Parker weighing 8 pounds was born Nov. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Thomas and Michele Parker. He has a sister, Kennedy Parker. His grandparents are Phil and Diane Krueger of Owasso, Randy and Linda Justice of Laingsburg and Robert Parker of Bancroft.

Catera Jane Everett weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces was born Nov. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robert and Regina Everett. She has two older brothers, Tristan Edward, 6, and Ashton Dale, 3. Her grandparents are Dale and Cathy Everett of East Jordan and Leroy and Mary Kessinger of Petoskey. Great-grandparents are Walter and Deloris Goebel of East Jordan and Zephirhills, Fla. and Edward Gardner and the late Mary Dotson of East Jordan.

Benjamin David Matter weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces was born Nov. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kelly Tornga and Dawson Matter of Charlevoix. He has a brother, Alexander Matter. His grandparents are Ruth and Mark Murray, Susan Killam, David Matter and Linda Roznoski, all of Charlevoix.

Natalie Sue Hawkins weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born Nov. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Courtney and Stephen Hawkins of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Dee and Steve Hawkins of East Jordan and Barb Hurley of Boyne City. Her great-grandparents are Jerry and Jackie Hawkins of Boyne City.

Making the band

Courtesy photo

Two Charlevoix High School Band students were recently accepted in Honors Band. Peter Londgren and Jarod Kirby have been selected to play in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Honors Band. Auditions took place Monday, Nov. 7 at Charlevoix High School and included musicians from as far away as Benzie, Gaylord and Cheboygan. The students will rehearse with guest conductor Robert Spradling of Western Michigan University Bands on Dec. 3 to prepare for a concert to take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 in the Gaylord auditorium.

Former CHS student found guilty of falsely reporting a bomb threat

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A 15-year-old former Charlevoix High School student could face hefty fines, non-secure detention time, community service and years of probation after a jury found him guilty of reporting a false bomb threat Nov. 18.

"Nowadays we have to take every bomb threat seriously," Shaynee Fanara, Charlevoix County's chief assistant prosecutor, said.

The decision was handed down at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 following a two-day jury trial where 19 witnesses, including 15 students took the stand in Charlevoix County's Probate Court.

The incident occurred Feb. 28, 2005 at Charlevoix High School when the guilty party was a freshman. According to Fanara, the former student wrote, "The school will blow up at 1 p.m. March 1," in pencil on a men's bathroom wall at the school.

The student was charged as a juvenile and has not yet been sentenced. Fanara said sentencing may include non-secure detention time, community service work, probation up to the age of 19 and several thousand dollars in restitution.

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Timms 'flip flops' following clerk's comment

WIESNER

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Robert Timms

A majority vote was needed to unseat him.

While the outcome was in Wiesner's favor, prior to the vote, he urged council members to make a clear decision.

"Do your best to be sure where you're going — a 3-3 vote and we're back here in three months, that's not an easy way to live," he said.

After the vote came down, he said he doesn't plan to change his management approach but isn't entirely comfortable in his seat.

"3-3 definitely wasn't a vote of support," he said.

Ochs, an elected official who ran unopposed Nov. 8 to retain her seat, said Wiesner approached her recently and asked that she speak to his performance at Monday night's meeting.

She said when she needed to fill her petition to run for office she went door to door citywide seeking support. She said during that petition drive Wiesner was bad mouthed by some city residents.

But, after taking office, Ochs said she found those comments were false rumors.

Gabe Campbell

"Mike is a hands on manager," she said. "I don't take sides but I think if council decides to fire Mike it is the wrong decision morally and it's wrong for the City of Charlevoix."

Others, including city resident Tom Rankl told council to end the public witch hunt for Wiesner's job and referred to him as an indispensable asset to the city.

Shirley Gibson

"After 21 years of service to the city we are going to arbitrarily stand up and say, 'Thanks Mike but you're no good anymore,'" Rankl said.

Downtown Development Authority member Dan Barron spoke on Wiesner's behalf as well.

"Everyone makes mistakes. But there have been unbelievable accomplishments in this city over the past 20 years and those outweigh the negative aspects 20 fold," he said.

Gene Beer

While most of those in attendance cheered as the final vote was handed down, approval didn't come from city residents Birdie Whitley and June Cross who supported his dismissal.

During public comment Whitley reminded council that at the Nov. 8 election Wiesner's firing was an unspoken issue. Those who publicly supported his dismissal including Beer, Timms and Gibson were elected while Steven Bennett and Bill Bellows, who said they wouldn't support firing Wiesner, lost.

In an effort to smooth the choppy waters remaining from talk of firing Wiesner, council discussed introducing regular performance reviews of him. His last review was done in 1993.

Campbell said he hopes to see Wiesner conduct business in a more open fashion and wants to see city spending curbed.

Wiesner is completing a scheduled vacation and will be back in the office Monday, Nov. 28.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Former mayor Dave Novotny (right) thanks councilman Bob Timms for turning the tide. Timms' vote brought down a motion to remove Wiesner from his post. In the past, Timms has voiced approval for firing Wiesner.

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Good old fashioned Thanksgiving memories

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

Every few years I hear a new story on who actually invented Thanksgiving so please bear with me.

Although the first official Thanksgiving is supposed to have taken place Nov. 26, 1789 after New Jersey congressman Elias Boudinot proposed it, I also heard Abraham Lincoln started Thanksgiving during the Civil War. Perhaps it is the desire of historians to forget this holiday was sprung from the same Puritan minds of 1623 and all their religious intolerance — I can't say as I blame them.

All I really know about the holiday involves some rock band from Plymouth called the Pilgrims, who left the new world in search of spices. Upon landing in Poughkeepsie in 1492, the Pilgrims were able to survive their first winter when the Cleveland Indians taught them how to make popcorn and turquoise jewelry.

My knowledge of this poultry-centric holiday may be warped at best, but it seems ironic we celebrate a holiday rooted in a time when an enormous celebratory meal really was a once a year occurrence. I doubt this is the case in our contemporary and increasingly pathologically portly society.

Don't get me wrong, in the spirit of Will Rogers, I never met a meal I didn't like and that goes triple for turkey — this year it's a 21-pound monster.

Selfish as it sounds, I didn't grow up in one of those homes where everyone announced what they were thankful for before eating. Raised in a house of nine people, for us Thanksgiving was one of the few times a year no one left the table hungry. For us, Thanksgiving was a tradition, but the focus was the food.

What I really get a kick out of are the big families who converge during the holidays. Sure, there were nine of us, but that's nothing compared to my maternal grandmother's get-togethers. Even with nearly 35 mouths to feed she knew how to put on a spread.

Turkey day at grandma's meant spending Thursday in a house filled 10 times to the capacity allowed by fire code. It also meant eating dry turkey and soggy stuffing until we couldn't breathe.

I'm not sure anyone ever contracted worms from undercooked turkey. But, to stave off the possibility of larval infestation, mom, granny and a half dozen aunts awaken at 4:29 a.m., Eastern Standard Time to get the turkey in the oven by 6 a.m.

Around midmorning there come a series of whoops and hollers from the living room turned moose lodge as the patriarchs, preoccupied with cold beer and the upcoming football game, do a less than mediocre job of keeping the kids out of grandma's hair.

Strung out on a combination of black coffee and adults only holiday nog, the matriarchs aggressively defend their territory from no less than 20 marauding children who stampede the kitchen every 10 minutes to decry the inhumane treatment doled by the older kids and to inform grandma of impending starvation if the turkey isn't done soon.

It's early afternoon. The turkey has been in the oven for over six hours. During which time the bird goes from raw, to golden brown and juicy, to arid and crunchy. But, by the time dinner is ready, everyone is so hungry they'd be happy with an old boot dipped in gravy. And to be fair, at this point, they wouldn't know what to do with a succulent slice of bird anyhow.

The muggy, turkey scented air teases the nostrils as granny pulls the prize from the oven. The hungry horde hyperventilate with anticipation. Grandpa fires up his circa World War II electric knife while the uncles bicker over proper carving technique.

Years of grandma's signature stone turkeys dulled the blade beyond repair. In reality the only thing grandpa could cut is the can shaped, imitation jellied cranberry product now wobbling to the rhythm of the reciprocating blade.

It's time to eat. Everyone digs in. Everyone, that is, except aunt Lois who is resting comfortably on the couch after fainting from a combination of heat exhaustion and one too many cocktails.

It's not a Hallmark card, but it's Thanksgiving as I remember it. And for that, I'm thankful.

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Wild west winds move dead leaves this fall

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Almost 200 years ago an English poet named Percy Shelley wrote an "Ode to the West Wind." He might almost have lived in Charlevoix this autumn.

To briefly quote the beginning of his poem, "O, wild west wind, thou breath of autumn's being thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing, yellow, and black, and pale, and hectic red."

It goes on from there for another 67 lines, but you get the idea. For those of us living here who have both trees and lawn, autumn means somehow getting the leaves from where the trees dropped them to the curb, where the city graciously picks them up and carts them away.

I moved all my leaves from the lawn to the curb at least three times this fall. It was that wild west wind that Shelley wrote about. It got to the place where I was able to recognize some of the individual leaves because I had seen them so often.

I initially hauled three great tarp loads of dry leaves to the road edge. Two days later, before the city had opportunity to pick them up, one of those wild west winds moved them all back into the yard — not just some of them, all of them.

After waiting a few days, another magnificent fall day arrived and I took advantage of it to stack up the leaves and move them out to the curb again. There was more of them now, since the trees still had a few. A pile of leaves the size of two monster SUV's sat in the fall sun at the curb waiting to be carried away. Worried that there might be another wind, I had even walked back and forth over the whole pile to pack it down.

During the night I heard the wind beginning to howl. By the time the sun rose, and I looked out the window, most of the pile was gone from the roadway. Maybe this time it will blow another direction, I hoped. I was wrong. It was another wild, west wind. After breakfast, when I surveyed the roadway, all the leaves were gone. All seemed well until I tried to open our back door on the north side of the house. A pile of leaves at least 3-feet high had gathered all along the north wall, and I had to push them out of the way to open the door. At least now they were almost all in one place, even though that place was some distance from the curb where they belonged.

Shelley was right. "Leaves dead are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing."

And they certainly were, "Yellow, and black, and pale, and hectic red."

By now I had seen them often enough to be certain of their individual identities.

They are gone now, finally. I have read that if you have a wood stove and feed it yourself, you are warmed four times by the same wood — when you cut it, split it, carry it to the stove and finally are warmed when it burns. It is also true, at least this fall, that it is possible to be warmed at least three times by the same leaves, even without burning them.

I look forward to another fall, which I hope will be sunny, warm, calm and filled with dead leaves. At this point my imagination does not match Shelley's. I will not imagine another fall of wild, west winds. I don't imagine that poets spend much time raking and hauling leaves. If they did they might be less poetic about those wild winds.

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Letters to the editor

'Thank you' sheriff Lasater

Editor:

Louisiana suffered catastrophic losses following hurricanes Katrina and Rita. With entire communities decimated, the amount of damage is unparalleled in modern history. Over 100,000 buildings are severely damaged, and the death toll exceeds 1,000.

When the Louisiana State Police requested help through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), you responded promptly. Your agency's concern and willingness to assist is an uplifting demonstration that the law enforcement community is truly a family where jurisdictional boundaries matter little.

Conditions in the state, particularly immediately following the storms, were adverse. In many instances, your officers endured hardships working in oppressive heat in areas without electricity or other modern conveniences. They performed a variety of missions that helped in some way to ensure the safety of our citizens and preserve order.

Thank you for your invaluable assistance to our department and the citizens of Louisiana in our time of need.

Henry L. Whitehorn, Colonel
Office of State Police
Louisiana

Editor's note: This letter was written to Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater in recognition of relief efforts he and others from his office contributed to in Louisiana.

Column response

Editor:

After reading Roger Knutson's column on intelligent design (page 4 of the Nov. 9 edition of the Charlevoix Courier) I couldn't help but think that not only is his ear to the ground, but his entire head is buried in the sand.

Mr. Knutson cited an example in defense of intelligent design, this being a book written in 1802 by a priest with reference to a pocket watch. Not once did he mention the Cambrian explosion, which gave us most of our major animal phylit, and devoid prior Darwin transitions, or how non-living chemicals could somehow self-assemble into the first living cell.

No fossil record has ever been produced to confirm our leap from fish to amphibian to reptile. Or, "incredibly complex" molecular machines, such as cilia and bacterial flagella, which could not have been built piece-by-piece through the Darwin processes, because they had to be fully present in order to function. Or the 6-feet of chemical alphabet that spells out precise assembly instructions for all the proteins from which our bodies are made. Or that Haeckl's embryo sketches used by Darwin to show similarities in species were forged by using the same wood cut dye to print the embryos from different classes. Or that Java Man consisted of nothing more than a skullcap, a femur, three teeth and a great deal of imagination and a 342 page scientific report from a fact-finding expedition of 19 evolutionist demolished Darwin's claims and concluded that Java Man played no part in human evolution. Evolution, when put under the microscope of scrutiny, fails to provide consistent scientific facts.

All of these illustrations, and I could list dozens more, either provide a case for intelligent design, or cloud the facts of evolution. I'm not, nor should any of us be arrogant enough to claim that what we think is right is fact and close our minds and our children's minds to other scientific facts. It appears as though Mr. Knutson's atheistic or agnostic views on creation have clouded his intellectual thinking, and now he is trying to force his faith of evolution on the rest of us.

Ron Way
Charlevoix

Veterans dinner a success

Editor:

This note is a "thank you" for the U.S. Coast Guard's part in providing the Thanksgiving dinner at the annual Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs holiday dinner on Nov. 12, 2005.

It was a nice touch to have the dinner at the new VFW hall, to have a flag presented by Congressman Bart Stupak's aide and to combine the meal with a dedication.

The food, as before, was absolutely wonderful, and your staff did a superb job of preparing and serving it. It was nice, too, to have the beautiful flowers which decorated the tables and the hall.

It was a truly enjoyable outing for all of us. I wanted you and your crew to know how much we appreciated the extra effort it took to provide that special time for us.

We were talking at our home about going to this dinner three or four years ago (when you're old, you aren't precise anymore) and how there were about 20 there. This year there appeared to be more than 100.

We enjoyed the picture-taking part of the program — it was very interesting to see how many World War II vets were there and the large contingent from the Korean War era. Our grandchildren last year received the newspaper and were tickled to pick out grandpa in the Korean War group.

Again, thank you also for the good work you do as members of the U.S. Coast Guard. We are pleased and proud to have you as a part of the Charlevoix community, and we shall miss the Acacia next year.

However, we were glad to hear at the dinner that the station and the contingent there will stay.

Again, thank you so much, and I wish you and your crew a most Merry Christmas and a peaceful, blessed new year.

Howard D. Horton, Member
Charlevoix County Veteran's Board

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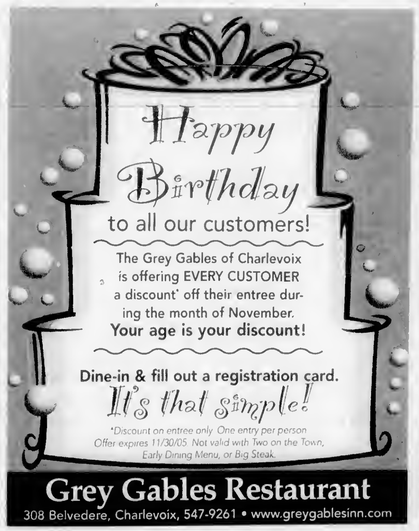

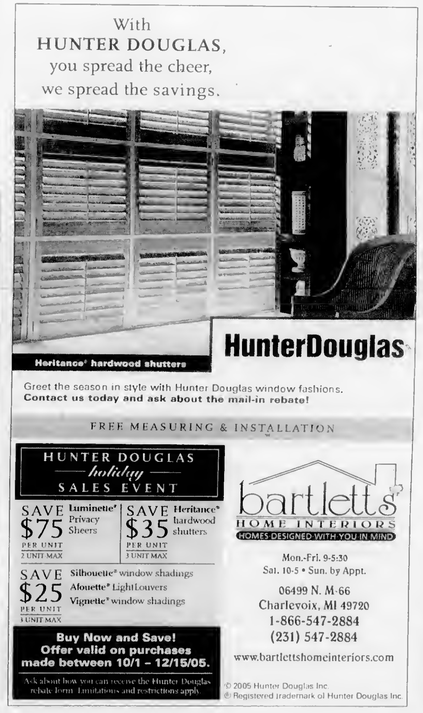

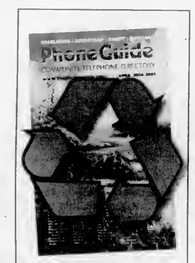

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Holiday tree lighting and decorating contest

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Charlevoix Children's House students Jake Conway and Max Hinkle create ornaments for the community Christmas tree lighting to take place at 6 p.m. Nov. 25 in East Park. At 4 p.m. Children's House representatives will be at Santa's House at 222 Bridge Street with ornament making supplies for those children in need of a homemade ornament.

Charlevoix will ring in the Christmas season with two signature events.

The annual Charlevoix Community Christmas Tree Lighting will take place Friday, Nov. 25 in downtown Charlevoix's East Park.

Beginning at 4 p.m., children are invited to visit Santa Claus at Charlevoix Santa's House located at 222 Bridge St. and have a free photo taken with him compliments of Charlevoix Camera.

Decorate the community Christmas tree with handmade ornaments from 4 to 6 p.m. in East Park. Children who don't have an ornament can make one at Santa's House thanks to the staff of the Charlevoix Children's House who will help children create spectacular decorations.

The tree is decorated thanks to the City Electric Department crew who provides a bucket truck and places the children's ornaments where they wish on the tree.

Everyone is invited to watch the children decorate the tree while enjoying music provided by the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful petunia truck and warming up with free hot cocoa and cookies.

At 6 p.m. Santa Claus will officially light the Christmas tree.

On Dec. 1 Charlevoix businesses will participate in a Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Business owners are encouraged to decorate their store fronts and light their windows for judging to take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. Judges will look at the entire business front.

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50th Anniversary

Edward Sr. and Joan Buday

Edward Sr. and Joan (Kroetsch) Buday, Charlevoix residents of over 40 years, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Thursday, Nov. 24.

Edward and Joan were married Nov. 24, 1955 at St. Francis Church in Traverse City. Father Joseph Kohler performed the ceremony.

They are both graduates of Traverse City High School.

Edward worked for 13 years at Puff's before beginning his own business, Buday's Sound Advice, in 1976. He is active in Charlevoix Kiwanis, the Knights of Columbus and is on the Board of Directors at the Bergmann Center.

Joan is active in Zonta.

Both are members of St. Mary's parish of Charlevoix.

On Thanksgiving, the family will celebrate with an anniversary mass at St. Mary's, followed by dinner. The couple's children will host a private anniversary party on Saturday, Nov. 26 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlevoix.

Their children are Edward (Kathy) Buday Jr. of Portage; Ann Madison of Traverse City; Mary Jo Zazueta of Traverse City; Douglas (Michelle) Buday of Charlevoix; Marie (Tim) Volovsek of Charlevoix; David (Gwen) Buday of Kalamazoo; Daniel (Deborah Smith, M.D.) Buday of Charlevoix; Maureen (John) Kozieki of Rochester Hills; Kathleen (Richard) Koenig of Kalamazoo; and Angela (Chad) Peterson of Big Sky, Mont.

They also have 22 grandchildren.

Parking regs to take effect in city Dec. 1

Winter parking regulations in the City of Charlevoix will go into effect Dec. 1.

Starting Dec. 1 parking on city streets is not permitted from 2 to 6 a.m. to allow for snow removal by the city street department crew. This regulation is in effect through April 1.

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Obituary

Weldon "Corky" Price, Jr.: July 28, 1952 - Nov. 17, 2005

"Corky" Price, Weldon Wales Price Jr., 53, died Nov. 17, 2005, at his home in Charlevoix.

Corky was born July 28, 1952, in Detroit, the son of Weldon Wales and Ruth (Anderson) Price. He graduated from Groves High School, in Birmingham, and then went on to ferrier school to become a blacksmith.

Corky's greatest love was owning, training, boarding and working with horses.

This love started in 1964 when the Price family bought a small farm on Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. At the annual Franklin Village Horse Show, Corky was the small guy on the big horse named Buttermilk racing in the barrel bending event. Years later his family bought a horse farm in Charlevoix and Corky spent the rest of his healthy life working with horses.

He had a good ferrier business and hosted annual horse shows as well as the 4-H Handicap Riding Club at Lake Charlevoix Farm. He was an active member of the local "Quarter Horse Association" and the Charlevoix Sheriff's Posse.

Unfortunately, Corky became a diabetic at the age of 12.

This disease, overtook his body and he became unable to do much in his last years. If you would like to donate in Corky's memory, please do so to the American Diabetes Association P.O. Box 1131 Fairfax, VA 22038-1131.

Corky's family knows he's now healthy and happy in heaven for eternity, because last summer he accepted the free gift of salvation offered by God through Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his father, Weldon W. "Bill" Price; sisters Cindy (Ben) Benson and Sara (Robert) Yarrow; his step-daughters, Marty Wells and Rebecca Wildman; and his beloved granddaughter, Olivia Wells.

There will be no services at this time.

Corky's family will be gathering in Charlevoix in June for a memorial get together. Those interested, e-mail spyarrow@earthlink.net.

Annual Cookie Walk set for Saturday, Dec. 3

(Left) Jan D'Alcorn and Joan Robinson are busy baking cookie houses for the annual Cookie Walk which will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park and State streets. Thousands of homemade cookies will be sold by the pound along with ready-to-decorate cookie houses.

Courtesy photo

County residents attend Nov. 3 mental illness recovery seminar

On Nov. 3, 71 individuals from 13 counties in northern Michigan, including Charlevoix County, came together at Treetops Resort in Gaylord to learn about and celebrate recovery from mental illness.

Joanne Rackow, Consumer Relations Specialist from North Country Community Mental Health, organized this "Day of Education" with the theme, "recovery from severe mental illness is not only possible but achievable."

During the day, there were several educational presentations on topics including: Medicare Part D, Psychiatric Advance Directives, Kevin's Law, Individual Development Accounts and substance abuse. The speaker was Leslie Sladek, who offered a very moving and insightful talk about the "roller coaster of recovery."

In addition to these educational topics, Rackow led a discussion on recovery. Having the personal experience of living with a mental illness, Rackow is well equipped to do so. She said with hard work, professional support, medication, and support from family, friends and peers, she is successfully managing her illness and leads a full and rewarding life.

"Persons with disabilities experience many losses and challenges that are different from those of others. I do not mean to minimize the challenge that all humans experience in life or to glorify the unique challenges of persons with disabilities. But there are differences that need to be appreciated from both perspectives." Rackow said.

There are plans to hold more recovery education events in northern Michigan in the future.

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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Charlevoix Public Schools budget committee meets

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The first of four scheduled meetings occurred last Thursday with the intent to search for proactive solutions to the Charlevoix Public Schools' impending budget crisis.

The Charlevoix Public Schools Budget Steering Committee, which consists of four school staff members and 19 community members, spent their first meeting learning some vital information concerning the state of the district's budget.

"With the state of the economy in Michigan not being a bright picture, where are we going to go if the money doesn't come in," Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock, said. "We want to explore options for both increase of revenue and decrease in expenditures and we want to do it before we get to the point where we have our backs up against the wall."

According to Sturock, this steering committee will play a vital role in the school board's budget decisions.

"The charge of the committee is to prioritize expenditures. We don't want to put (them) in the position of having to make hard-line decisions," Sturock said. "Hopefully, with the help of the committee, we can come up with some options which are beneficial to the kids both on a revenue as well as an expenditure side."

Committee members were chosen for the unique part they play in the community.

"We have a nice cross-section of people on the committee. The community is well represented," Sturock added.

During the meeting, Sturock emphasized that all school districts in Michigan are facing financial hardships.

The 2005-2006 Charlevoix Public Schools budget, which passed with a little over a half million dollars in cuts earlier this year, made its largest savings in the form of not rehiring three-and-a-half of five retiring teachers in the amount of $390,000.

Projected expenditures for the 2005-2006 school year are $13,014,706 with an income of $12,239,145 which forces the school to use $775,561 out of its rainy day fund.

"We're marching toward the edge of a cliff, it's just a matter of how close we are to the edge," Sturock said.

According to Sturock, if a solution isn't found within the next few years, by 2008 fund equity will be spent and the schools could be forced to make cuts in the operational budget.

"That means that everything funded under the general operational side, anywhere we spend money, would be subject to cuts. By law you have to operate on a balanced budget," he said.

Projected revenues for 2006-2007 school year are $11,946,901 while expenditures are expected to be as much as $13,691,436. The 2007-2008 school year shows a possible discrepancy between revenue and expenditures of $12,001,335 and $14,290,652 respectively. And, the 2008-2009 school year budget is projected with revenue of $11,990,498 and expenditures of $15,097,670.

While the school board was not at the meeting in an official capacity, Sturock and Charlevoix Public Schools business manager, Shawn Biddle, facilitated the meeting by supplementing information through a presentation.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix Public School board member Dean Spencley attended the first of four scheduled meetings of the Charlevoix Public Schools Budget Steering Committee Nov. 17 at Charlevoix High School.

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BUDGET

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Biddle explained some of the steps the board has already taken to stave off fiscal distress, including reducing staff over the last couple years and implementing an all-day kindergarten program.

Biddle told members of the steering committee that, despite the $175 per pupil increase in state aid for the 2005-2006 school year, the increase in health care premiums, among other things, outweigh the incoming dollars.

"It is certainly welcomed, but it's not getting us where we need to be and any future increases by the state will not put us where we need to be," Biddle said.

According to Sturock, it is imperative the new committee look at the financial picture of the district and share that information with parents as well as students.

Steering committee member, Zita Winn, said she was a little hesitant to join the committee at first, but now she is proud to be a part of it.

"I think it was very well organized and there were some very well thought out questions by the committee members," she said. "And there was an even broader range of subjects covered than even the superintendent thought there would be."

The steering committee meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Charlevoix Middle School. Its Dec. 15 meeting will focus on expenditures; Jan. 12 on revenue; and on Jan. 26 members will work to summarize findings, prepare a report to the school board and possibly host a public input session.

Zita Winn

Community members on the Charlevoix Public Schools Budget Steering Committee are: Nancy Rajewski, Lee Barta, Zita Winn, Linda Bradley, Tim LaBlanee, Tom Barnes, Dan Koffman, Lisa Faust, Jeff Stevens, Christine Cole, Treasure Eggers, Joe and Christie Vogelheim, Bob Heath, Chuck Mason, John Kurtz, Jim Rudolph, Jay Balasz and Beth Teuscher.

Staff members on the committee are: Cindy Whitley, Coreen Henry, Roger Gowell and Doug Drenth.

Charlevoix man arrested for shooting at his wife

Deputies with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office arrested a 62-year-old Charlevoix man for assault with intent to murder and possession of a firearm while intoxicated.

The incident occurred in Marion Township at approximately 6 p.m. Nov. 14. The suspect had been involved in a verbal altercation with his wife, when he grabbed a .357 caliber revolver, pointed the gun at his wife and shot at her inside their house.

The wife fled the scene and came to the sheriff's office for assistance.

Sheriff's deputies later arrived at the house and the male suspect was arrested without incident. The wife was uninjured in the incident.

The name of the man arrested is being withheld pending court appearance.

Historical Society to host holiday home tour

Area residents and visitors will experience the beauty of the holiday season in Charlevoix during the Festive Settings Home Tour.

The event will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. Dec. 14. The Charlevoix Historical Society is organizing the tour which will take participants inside homes located at 105 and 507 East Dixon as well as 109 Prospect Street and 113 Michigan Avenue to view festive decorations.

Refreshments will be available at the Depot and caroling will take place along the route.

Tickets are $15 each and are available at Bridge Street Book Shop, Don's Market and Shop of the Gulls or by calling (231) 547-0373. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Charlevoix Historical Society.

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BUSINESS

Chili cook-off Friday at Methodist church

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Rosie and Richard Parton of Charlevoix are steering the First Annual You Judge It Chili Cook-off to take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

Shoppers, residents and visitors ready to take a break from turkey and try some of Charlevoix's best chili are invited to the First Annual You Judge It Chili Cook-off.

The chili cook-off will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25 in the fellowship hall at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street in Charlevoix.

Participants will pay $5 for samplings of six chili masterpieces created by area chefs from the Flap Jack Family Restaurant, Scovies Gourmet Deli, Weathervane Restaurant, Nanny's, Village Inn Pizza and Whitneys of Charlevoix.

Event tickets are also ballots. Votes will be tallied that day and the chef of the favorite chili will be awarded a plaque proclaiming their chili concoction, Charlevoix's best.

Chili will be complimented by servings of macaroni and cheese, muffins and ice cream.

Event coordinators Rosie and Richard Parton, who are members of the local Methodist church parish and its finance committee, commended participating restaurants who are donating chili on one of the busiest shopping days of the year.

"This contribution by area restaurants is a generous display of community spirit," Richard said.

Proceeds from the event will benefit community outreach efforts by the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

For more information contact the Partons at (231) 547-6360 or (231) 675-1672.

Crown Motors supports Iacocca's diabetes research

In honor of National Diabetes Mouth in November, Crown Motors of Charlevoix, Ltd. will contribute $1 for every Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge vehicle sold to the Iacocca Foundation's JoinLeeNow fund-raising campaign to raise money for diabetes research.

This partnership will run through the end of 2006.

"Diabetes strikes all demographics, from those living in Charlevoix, nationally and around the world," said Robert Ferguson of Crown Motors of Charlevoix, Ltd. We are proud to do our part to help this great cause and find a cure for those suffering from this devastating disease."

Crown Motors of Charlevoix, Ltd. will help the Iacocca Foundation achieve its goal of finding a cure for diabetes, a disease that kills more than 200,000 people in the United States annually and causes health complications including blindness, amputations, heart disease, nerve damage and kidney failure.

The Iacocca Foundation's JoinLeeNow initiative is halfway to reaching its goal of funding a clinical trial for a potential cure for type 1 diabetes, a treatment that has been found to successfully cure diabetes in mice.

Lee Iacocca, Chairman of the Iacocca Foundation, said, "I promised my late wife that I would help to find a cure for type 1 diabetes in my lifetime. I feel like we are finally close. I'm very grateful for everything Crown Motors of Charlevoix, Ltd. is doing to help us reach our goal."

Launched in August of 2004, JoinLeeNow has raised six of the $11 million it needs to fund a clinical trial at Massachusetts General Hospital that will be conducted by Dr. David Nathan and Dr. Denise Faustman.

The first phase of the clinical trial program will test a potential cure for type 1 diabetes.

For more information about the Iacocca Foundation and diabetes, or to make a donation, go to www.joinleenow.org.

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WATCH members to visit Florida cement plant

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Four of the 300 members in the local environmental group, Water and Air Team Charlevoix (WATCH), will travel to Florida next week to tour a new, state-of-the-art cement plant.

Charlevoix's St. Marys Cement Company is footing the bill for the trip, to give WATCH members Michelle Rick-Biddick, Joellen Rudolph, Jerry Puhl and Bill Henne a look at the latest and greatest technology in cement manufacturing.

The group will arrive Nov. 28 in Branford, Fla. During their four-day stay they will tour the St. Marys Cement Plant there, which went on-stream in 2003.

"I am going down there to learn. We will tour a state-of-the-art facility and see what we hope Charlevoix will achieve at some point down the road," Rick-Biddick said.

Construction on the $130 million Branford production unit, which produces about a million tons of cement annually, started in 1999.

It is smaller than the Charlevoix plant which produces about 1.5 million tons but shares similar topography. The Branford, Fla. plant is located along the Suwannee River in a pristine, wilderness area. The local plant is located off Bell's Bay Road and borders Lake Michigan.

Dirk Cox, Charlevoix plant manager for St. Marys Cement Company, said the company's Branford, Fla. plant project faced serious environmental opposition during the planning phase.

Project opponents there launched a major anti-permitting campaign claiming the plant would produce dangerous emissions and would destroy the area's environment.

Cox said now that production has been underway for over two years, the complaints have stopped.

He credits the environmentally friendly technology used there for its success.

WATCH representatives will meet with people from both Florida's environmental regulatory body, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the area citizens group, Save Our Suwannee, during the upcoming trip.

Charlevoix's cement plant which has changed ownership four times in its existence has been plagued with environmental criticism. Prior to St. Marys purchasing the local plant from Cemex in April, air quality violations from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality were a common occurrence.

Other concerns stemmed from cement kiln dust pile leachate making its way into Lake Michigan and resulting in changes in the pH of the water as well as noise and dust from limestone harvesting blasts in the quarry.

According to Dave Thorley, an environmental engineer with the Air Quality Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, since St. Marys took over, early this spring, major changes have been made to improve the plant's relationship with the environment.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix's St. Marys Cement Company is sending four representatives of the local environmental group WATCH to visit the company's new Branford, Fla. plant. (Above, from left) Charlevoix's St. Marys Cement environmental manager Courtney Schmidt, WATCH member Jerry Puhl, cement plant manager Dirk Cox, WATCH member Michelle Rick-Biddick, cement plant maintenance manager Ralph Denoski and WATCH member Bill Henne. WATCH member Joellen Rudolph, who is going to Florida, is not pictured.

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New cement plant owners making environmental strides

WATCH

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Plant owners are in the process of investing in a new $9 million dust collection system called a bag house, Cox said he anticipates a 90 percent decrease in particulate emissions as a result of installing the new bag house.

"It's like a $9 million vacuum," he explained.

An $8 million indirect firing system is also being planned to reduce emissions by 10 percent.

Administrative representatives have also improved vibration issues from blasts by using different, more expensive explosives and having a noise consultant follow-up with nearby residents to field reactions.

"The reaction is way down," Cox said.

The consultant has also been measuring the frequency of motor, machines and fans.

About 180 trees have been planted along the burm areas at the facility's entrance, bordering the quarry.

"This place has a lot of opportunity. From an environmental perspective, from an operational perspective, from a performance perspective and from a quality perspective — this place has a lot of room for improvement," Cox said.

Puhl, a member of WATCH who lives near the plant, said the changes thus far are "beyond his wildest dreams."

"Owners have come through before and done a lot of talking with no results," Puhl said. "I am totally amazed at what is being done. It's precedent setting. I've spent more

Charlevoix harbor receives $80,000 for maintenance

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's harbor got a leg up last week when word came from Michigan's United States senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow that $80,000 in funds will be allocated here for harbor maintenance.

The funds are used by the United States Army Corps of Engineers for maintenance and operation of the harbor, but cannot be used for construction projects such as deepening ports or channels or expanding them in any way or the marina dock project.

According to Stabenow, this appropriations bill, which was proposed in July of 2005, is aimed at facilitating shipping and recreation.

The bill also includes strong support for bringing to Michigan the Rare Isotope Accelerator research facility which will be dedicated to exploring and producing new isotopes which aren't found on earth.

If built, the Rare Isotope Accelerator would be the most powerful research facility of it's kind, in the world.

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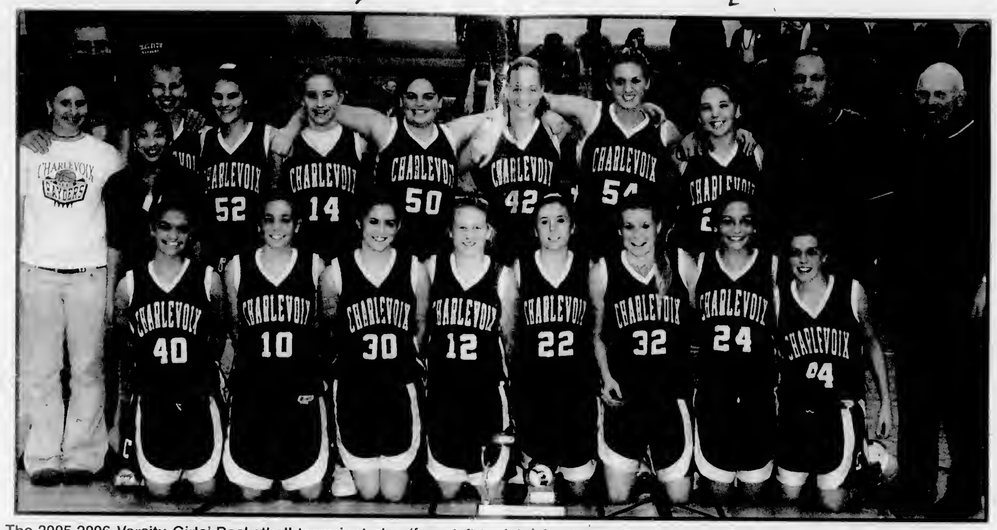

The 2005-2006 Varsity Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) front row: Zita Anderson, Genevieve Kochanny, Shannon Dibble, Madison Ramsey, Liz Jadwin, Lori Zimmerman, Sasha Spencly, Robyn Petzak. **Middle row:** manager Teresa Potter, manager Chelsey Haske, Charisse Rogers, Laura Nitchman, Caitlin Cole, Ashlie Bradley, Bethany Pearson, Stevie Murray, coach Keith Haske, assistant coach Jim Gels. **Back row:** assistant coach Bret Erskine and Sally Haselschwardt.

Junior Varsity

The 2004-2005 Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) front row: Leah Kelly, Emily Foster, Caitlin Mitchell, Brooke Whittaker, Desi Faust, Ariel Ramsey, Kaleigh Blanchard. **Back row:** head coach Lis Grunch, Jessica Gauthier, Megan Cross, Becca Madison, Murphy Gillespie, Kandy Way, Emily Colvin.

Freshmen

The 2004-2005 Freshman Girls' Basketball team includes (from left to right) front row: Amber Hoffman, Ericka Faust, Tanya Wynkoop, Shauna Spencley, Alyssa Smith, Rachel Gilmore. **Back row:** Marnie Greene, Kristen Bradley, Bridget Peters, KC McCary, Katie Withrow, Meredith Rich, Lauren Mielke, head coach Sara Muladore.

8th Grade

The eighth grade basketball team for this year is: (front from left to right) front row: Ashley Kosturock, Taylor Storm, Megan Klooster, Madison Way, Chelsea Haske. **Back row:** coach Don Potter, Sarah Potter, Madeline Jeakle, Celina Wanek, Krista Pischner, Megan Menosky.

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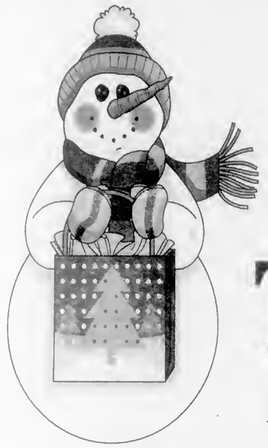

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Community Lunch Program in jeopardy

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Times are dire for the local Community Lunch Program as volunteer workers drop to an all-time low.

For nearly two decades the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix has provided people in Charlevoix with a hot midday meal. But, according to Community Lunch Program volunteer Pat Phillips of St. Mary's parish, without much needed volunteers, those benefiting from the meals and fellowship may find themselves out in the cold when the noon whistle blows.

"The volunteers cook the food, but we have don't have enough volunteers right now," she said. "A lady named Susan Mossman, who is cooking at least eight to 12 times a month, is doing the food preparation and buying some of the food."

If concerned citizens don't step forward, Phillips said, "They're going to be without a lunch that day. And they're going to miss the socialization. It's a nice place where people can come and share a meal together."

Mossman said, "We don't need donations. We would just love to have some volunteers who feel the same way we do."

Mossman stepped in when she found the program in jeopardy.

"There are lots of folks in this town unemployed or barely hanging on," she said. "When they were going to dispose of it my husband and I said we're not going to let that happen."

According to Phillips, the Charlevoix Ministerial Association started the lunch program so those in need would have one less thing to worry about.

"The program (goal) is to provide a hot meal to people because there was a need to feed the hungry," she said.

While the program is aimed at those in need, Mossman said, "This program is for anybody. If you breathe and walk through that door we'll serve you."

As it stands right now, the program will close in the middle of December and reopen when Mossman and her husband come back to Charlevoix in May.

The best part about working the lunch program, Mossman said, "Is that we get to love and serve anyone that sits at the table."

According to Phillips, the amount of people who come to lunch is representative of a much larger number who need to be served.

"Right now it's anywhere from 16 to 20 (people) a day — the numbers are really up," Phillips said. "I've been doing this for several years and only one or two would come for lunch when I started, but more consistently the numbers are getting greater and the need has increased."

According to Phillips, she doesn't understand why there is such a lack

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis – November 9, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on November 9, 2005. All Commissioners were present. Minutes of the October 26, 2005 meeting were approved as corrected.

Motion approved Resolution #05-097, National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week.

Motion defeated Resolution #05-098, Clean Air Regulation.

Motion approved Resolution #05-099, Clean Air Regulation but exempted Charlevoix County from the resolution.

Motion approved Resolution #05-100, Opposing Transfer of Remonumentation Funds.

Motion approved Resolution #05-101, Floor Buffer.

Motion approved Resolution #05-102, Employee Handbook

Motion approved Resolution #05-103, Employment Contract and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said document.

Motion approved Resolution #05-104, Employment Contract and authorized COA Board to amend their By-Laws.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Volunteers are needed for lunch program to continue

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of help in this area.

"This is almost sickening," she said. "I have called almost every church in Charlevoix and only one person has responded."

According to Phillips, the work isn't difficult. In fact, she said, one volunteer can handle 20 people without any problem if the person prepares the meal in advance. And lunch can be anything from stew and biscuits to soup and sandwiches.

Without volunteers to work the program, "It's going to shut down," Phillips said.

She added, "And I've heard different comments that people can go elsewhere or to the senior center for $3 a day, but $3 can be a lot of money for some people."

In addition, Phillips said, people feel welcome when they come in for lunch and that is something that cannot be replaced.

Lunch is served between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix located on 104 State St.

Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Mossman at (231) 582-6539.

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Pictured above are volunteers Martha Potter and Mary Lakies who both give time monthly to help out at the Methodist Church for the Community Lunch Program.

Quilts, cookies and gifts

Courtesy photo

At 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in the gift shop at Charlevoix Area Hospital, the hospital guild will host its annual Customer Appreciation Day and Bake Sale and will raffle off the queen-size batik quilt pictured above created by guild member Cass Williamson. Raffle ticket sales have exceeded $3,500 so far. Guild members and volunteers will gift wrap your purchases free of charge. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the bake sale and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the gift shop sale. (Above, from left) Guild secretary Anne Marie Barnes, president Chris Unbehaun and Williamson.

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SPORTS

Lady Rayder basketball suffers loss at regional

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

It was a bittersweet end to a great season for the Charlevoix Rayders as their comeback fell short against Kingsley, 66-63 in regional play.

The Rayders trailed by 12 headed into the fourth quarter but they cut the lead to one with 10 seconds remaining and Laura Nitchman's three-point shot at the buzzer just missed.

"We competed at the highest level in the state," coach Keith Haske said. "If (Kingsley's) not in the state finals, it will be an upset. I'm just so proud of our team, to be down like we were and have a chance to go into overtime against those kids, I was super impressed."

Shannon Dibble keyed the Rayder rally, as Kingsley led by double digits with four minutes remaining. The surge started after a Kingsley missed layup and Dibble took advantage with a three-point shot. In all, Dibble sunk three three-pointers in the last four minutes of play, including one with 10 seconds left to cut the lead to one.

"It was a great way for her to go out," Haske said of Dibble. "It was definitely one of her better games."

Dibble finished with a career high 18 points, all on three pointers. Nitchman finished with 15 points, six assists and five steals.

Lori Zimmerman and Bethany Pearson each had eight points. Stevie Murray pulled down nine rebounds.

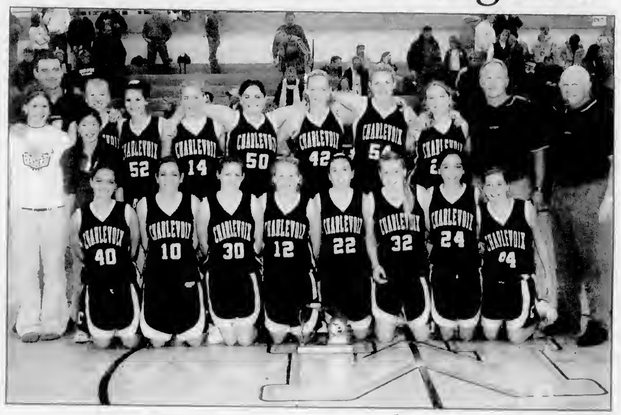
"When it's all over, even though we didn't win, we took it to the highest level," Haske observed. "That's something you can hang your hat on. This team came a long way this season."

The Rayders were done in by 4 for 19 shooting in the third quarter when the Lady Stags (22-1) built their cushion.

In district play, Charlevoix took their second straight title, defeating Inland Lakes, 65-35 in the second round and Boyne City, 64-44 in the district championship. The Rayders, who finished their season with a 20-4 record, also have won two straight Lake Michigan Conference crowns.

Against Inland Lakes, Pearson led the Rayders with 10 points. Pearson scored nine. Madison Ramsey and Murray each had eight.

Nitchman paced the Charlevoix attack against Boyne with an 18 point, six rebound, three assist and seven steal effort. Ramsey scored nine.



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Charlevoix's varisty girls' basketball team took the district title last week. They are: (front, from left) Zita Anderson, Genevieve Kochanny, Shannon Dibble, Madison Ramsey, Liz Jadwin, Lori Zimmerman, Sasha Spencley, Robyn Petzak. (Middle) Teresa Potter (manager), Chelsey Haske (manager), Charisse Rogers, Laura Nitchman, Caitlin Cole, Ashlie Bradley, Bethany Pearson, Stevie Murray, coach Keith Haske, assistant coach Jim Gels. (Back) Assistant coach Bret Erskine and Sally Haselschwardt.

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St. Mary's of Charlevoix	26	14
Paul Bunyan Lanes	22	18
J Arnold Painting "A"	21	19
J Arnold Painting "2"	19	21
Ken's Racing	15	25
Selph Trucking	15	25
The Flight Deck	15	25

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kleman	713	254
John Fiedorek	681	234
Bryan VanLoo		220
Chris Putman	620	

Young at Hearts League - Nov. 17, 2005

	W	L
Alley Cats	33	11
Irish Rollers	28	16
Sparetime	23	21
Half & Half	23	21
Misfits	21	23
Past Timers	19	25
Has Beens	16	28
Twilighters	13	31

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bud Lee	584	232
Art Ruis	470	172
Mo Dixon	473	172
Shirley Flower	425	183
Irene Cellner	437	182
Theolg Eltinga		153
Audrey Trimble	393	

Tuesday Night Ladies - Nov. 15, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	27.5	16.5
Great Lakes Concrete	27	17
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	26	18
Paul Bunyan Lanes	21	23
Oleson's Food Store	20	24
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	19	25
DM Construction	18	26
Central Drug Store	17.5	26.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	565	222
Carol Kerr	520	209
Cathy Sullivan	556	
Marlene Evans		204

Church League - Nov. 16, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	318	222
State Farm Insurance	286	254
Ferguson & Chamberlain	293	257
Lutherans	276	274
R & C Roofing	268	282
Lakeshore Tire	266	284
Mark White Paint & Stain	252	298
St. Mary's	231	319

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Tom Scott		243
John Fiedorek	622	
Dick Putman		232
Roger Crain	585	
Scott Kehrer	583	222

Gutter Gals - Nov. 17, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	121	99
Argonne Supper Club	116	104
Burger King of Charlevoix	116	104
Express Yourself	87	133

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

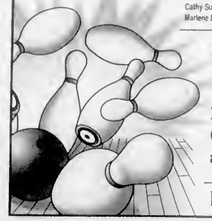
	Series	Game
Connie Pischner		195
Mary O'Brien	512	188
Diana Speigl	483	177
Jane Holm	468	

Double Deckers Mixed League - November 13, 2005

	W	L
Sladek	15.5	4.5
Russell A & J	15	5
Webb	12	8
Russell C & R	12	8
Stein	12	8
Blanchard Crain	11	9
Fitzpatrick/Bindl	11	9
Spencer	11	9
Ferguson	10	10
Kelfman	10	10
Browe	9	11
Thomas	8	12
Bradley	8	12
Nordman	6	14
Wells	6	14
Parton	3.5	16.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mike Webb	536	223
Ed Holm	553	202
Roger Crain	510	183
Mary Jane Grunch	481	192
Laural Sladek	433	177
Jackie Stein	404	150



Paul Bunyan Lanes

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Oz came to the stage at Charlevoix High School

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Dorothy, played by Suzanne Curtis, gets a dancing lesson from the clumsy Scarecrow, played by Sam Kantola at the Nov. 19 Charlevoix High School performing arts presentation of The Wizard of Oz.

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Left) Toto, played by Autumn Atkins, looks up at Glinda the good witch, played by Michelle Lemond, shortly after Glinda's appearance in Munchkinland during the Charlevoix High School performing arts presentation of the musical, The Wizard of Oz on Nov. 19 and 20. (Right) Members of the Lollipop Guild show their appreciation to Dorothy Gale with a little song and dance.

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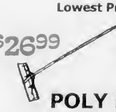

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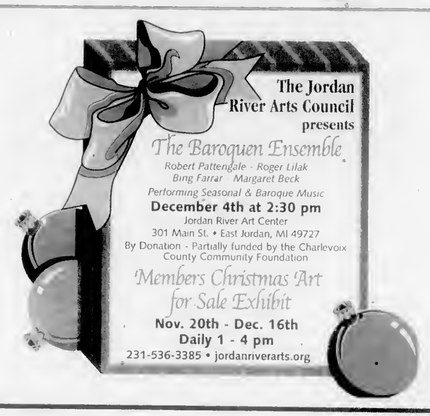

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Dismantling Big Rock's trademark sphere

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Those familiar with the giant steel sphere which once housed the nuclear reactor at Big Rock Point might have noticed a change — it's nearly gone.

According to Big Rock Point decommissioning project manager, Bill Trubilowicz, deconstruction of the sphere is nearly complete.

"It's probably about 80 percent complete," he said. "You can't see it in the park anymore."

The sphere, which used to stand 120 feet high and 130 feet in diameter is now down to one ring above grade.

"There were eight rows of pieces that came down and now we're down to row one," Trubilowicz said.

The 2 million pound sphere, which is made of three quarter of an inch thick steel welded together, was designed to contain any release of steam inside the 30 foot high reactor which was removed in 2003.

Currently, nearly 20 people from the demolition crew Berlein of Midland, are working to dismantle the sphere with cutting torches in a hanging crane. Once the sphere is cut into pieces, lowered to the ground, cleaned and decontaminated, it will be cut into smaller pieces for disposal at an industrial landfill in Waters.

The below ground portion of the sphere's foundation, which consists of poured concrete reinforced with steel re-bar runs about 30 feet and should be removed by the second half of 2006.

According to Trubilowicz, the recent days of high winds haven't been a boon to productivity.

"It's a pretty intense job. The dangerous part about it is working aloft — as high as 120 feet in the air," he said. "Obviously, you have a very strict safety protocol in place. Because when you're working aloft, you cannot work in winds 25 miles per hour and above."

He added, "We haven't been cutting any pieces the last few days. But we planned weather delays into the schedule."

Trubilowicz said as the sphere begins to disappear, the Big Rock Point site doesn't look the same.

"If there was ever any of our buildings that defined us and our plant, it's that we had a sphere sitting on the ground," he said. "The sphere was literally the image and symbol of Big Rock Point, not only to our employees, but also to the community."

He added, "It is a stark visual and emotional feeling you get when you pull into the site and see it gone now. It really brings to home that the decommissioning is coming to a close."

According to Tim Petrosky, Big Rock Point public affairs director, decommissioning of the plant property should be done by fall of next year.

"A vast majority of the site will be free for unrestricted use," Petrosky said.

While that use has yet to be determined, the dry fuel storage facility will remain for a few years.

"The estimate remains that we hope to begin shipping fuel in to Yucca Mountain (Nev.) in 2010 and that would wrap up in 2011," he said. "The hope is that Big Rock Point would be to greenfield status by 2012."

Greenfield status is a term used by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission which basically means that a location which once housed a nuclear plant can have it's radioactivity levels lowered to the point that the property can be released for public or private sale.

Petrosky said the hope is the final site survey will occur in 2006, which should yield about 1.5 miles of lakefront property for a total of 530 acres of Big Rock Point's 560 acres of land to be salable.

The other 30 acres will house the dry fuel storage facility which is approximately the size of a basketball court.

At 35 years, Big Rock holds the record as the longest running nuclear power station in the country and is one of 19 nuclear plants either decommissioned or in the process of doing so. The plant officially ceased providing power in 1997 because it was deemed no longer economically viable and efforts have been taken since it's closing to decommission the landmark.

When all the work is complete, the Big Rock decommissioning should take less than two decades.

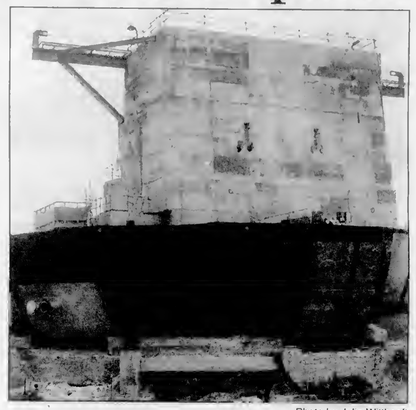

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

According to Big Rock Point decommissioning project manager, Bill Trubilowicz, deconstruction of the sphere pictured above which once contained the nuclear reactor is about 80 percent complete.

By federal law, nuclear power plants have up to 60 years to decommission.

The projected budget was $366 million with the project at $325 million last May.

Incremental fuel storage costs

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by **ROY KITSON** and **SHARON MOUNT**, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to **COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE**, Mortgagee, dated January 9, 1998, and recorded in the Office of te Register of Deeds for the county of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, on January 14, 1998, in Liber 330, beginning on Page 1, and assigned by said Mortgagee to **THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC.** by an assignment dated January 9, 1998, and recorded on June 30, 1998, in Liber 340, beginning on Page 993, Charlevoix County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Four Thousand four Hundred Eighty Five and 32/100 ($64,485.32) Dollars, including interest at 11.870% per annum. **No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on **Friday, December 9, 2005, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.**, inside the front door of the Charlevoix County Building located in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place for holding the circuit court for Charlevoix County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or venue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 11.870%, all allowable costs of sale, taxes and includible attorney fees, the lands and premises situated in the city of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, described as:

LOT 2251, BLOCK 7, NICHOLL'S AND MORGAN'S SECOND ADDITION TO SOUTH BOYNE, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 11, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 811 DOUGLAS STREET, BOYNE CITY, MICHIGAN 49712-1414. TAX PARCEL NO. 051-467-251-00.

The redemption period shall be **six (6) months** from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241 (1), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: October 24, 2005

THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Assignee of Mortgagee

By: Brian L. Groen (P-56673)
Wardrop & Wardrop, P.C.
Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee
300 Ottawa Avenue NW; Suite 150
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-1225
L(10-26, 11-2, 11-9, 11-16, 11-23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ian Matthews, a single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lendsource, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2004 and recorded September 3, 2004 in Liber 634 Page 892, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents ($100,943.76) including interest 8.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, December 16, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the Southwest side of Boyne Avenue 114.01 feet East of the North and South 1/4 line of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Boyne Avenue 151.38 feet being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Boyne Avenue 70 feet; thence South 44 degrees West 74.9 feet, more or less, to the E. Alstine Dunlop and Imogene McCulloch property as recited in the deed recorded in Liber 173, page 30, Charlevoix County Records; thence North 72 degrees 45 minutes West 46.5 links (30.69 feet); thence South 44 degrees West 26.4 feet; thence North 71 degrees 15 minutes West to its intersection with a line which is South 44 degrees West of the point of beginning; thence North 44 degrees East to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 6 West. Commonly known as 610 Boyne Ave, Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: SEPTEMBER 29, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lendsource, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-38994 ASAP 733242
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010872-DE

Estate of David N. Mikhail, M.D., deceased.
Date of birth: May 30, 1930

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, David N. Mikhail, who lived at 01289 North Shore Drive, Melrose Township, Michigan, died March 28, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Samia T.S. Mikhail, 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

November 16, 2005

Harry L. Lapham, Jr. P24342
32523 Grand River Ave.
Farmington, MI 48336
(248) 478-5606

Samia T.S. Mikhail
P.O. Box 279
Walloon Lake, MI 49796
L(11/23)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 6th day of February, 2004, by Rocky A. Giddings and Faith Giddings, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on February 16, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 598, page 126, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 11/100 DOLLARS ($74,891.11) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, January 6, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 33 North, Range 4 West, described as : Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 00 00'00" West along the West line of said Section a distance of 670.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 15'40" East a distance of 451.60 feet; thence South 00 07'21" East a distance of 334.12 feet; thence North 89 21'20" West a distance of 452.30 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 00 00'00" East a distance of 334.86 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in the Township of Chandler, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale.

November 6, 2005 Northwestern Mortgage Company, Mortgagee

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Thanksgiving service
A Thanksgiving Day service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Christian Science Society, located at 205 Clinton St. Childcare will be provided and no collection will be taken.

Preservation Society meeting
The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society's November membership meeting will begin with dinner at 6 p.m. and a program at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 28 at the Horton Bay General Store in Horton Bay. Dinner is $8.50 and will include a choice of chicken salad, panini sandwich or soup and chips as well as dessert. The program will highlight the Horton Bay General Store and the people who have owned and enjoyed the store. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact society president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042 or via e-mail at charlevoixchps@yahoo.com.

Christmas project meeting
Members of the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project will meet at 2 p.m. on Nov. 29 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rosemary Horton at (231) 547-2359.

Hisotrical Society open house
The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual open house from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Harsha House Museum located at 103 State St. in Charlevoix. Refreshments will be available. For more information call (231) 547-0373.

St. Mary's craft show
The St. Mary's Parish Annual Craft Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at St. Mary's Parish. There will be raffles, concessions and a cookie walk. For more information call (231) 547-9441.

Entertaining tips
From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 Friske's Farm Market will host Holiday Entertaining Tips and Treats by Dawn Wilhelm. The market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31.

Children's Christmas event
Friske's Farm Market will host a Children's Christmas event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa will be on-site to have breakfast with children.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. edible craft activities will take place. And story time will take place at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Bill Stevens will present old fashioned Christmas music from 1 to 3 p.m.

Children will have the opportunity to draft letters to Santa from 1 to 4 p.m. The market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31.

Christmas musical
The Ellsworth Community Choir will present, "We Seek the Lord," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church, located at 9323 Main St. in Ellsworth.

The musical will be directed by Pastor Chris Wallace of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and performed by volunteers from several local churches.

Donations of nonperishable food items or baby diapers and wipes will be accepted at the door.

Proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan and Moms and Tots Center in Ellsworth.

Fire department hosts Santa
The Charlevoix Fire Department will host a fun day for kids. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 17, Santa will be at the fire station, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix. There will be candy bags for the kids, a movie or two, hot dogs and popcorn, tours of the newly renovated fire station and most important of all, a visit with Santa.

Holiday food tips
Judy Friske Kehr of Friske's Farm Market will host Easy Gourmet Holiday Food Tips from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at the market, located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31. The day will include hourly prize drawings and recipe handouts.

Tai Chi for Arthritis
Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is $12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is $40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour
Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Divorce Care
Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry
The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Winter museum hours
The Harsha House Museum's hours of operation from Jan. 1 through April are from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Special openings or visits can be made by appointment by calling (231) 547-0373.

Historical Society's annual Christmas dinner

Charlevoix Historical Society members and their guests are invited to gather in the spirit of the season at the society's annual Christmas dinner.

The event will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the Depot.

A gourmet buffet catered by Terry Left, owner of Terry's Place Restaurant will be served. Menu options include beef stroganoff, baked chicken or one of Terry's five dishes. Side dishes are rice, vegetables, salad and rolls. Dessert and coffee are also included.

Participants are asked to RSVP by Dec. 3 with a confirmed number of those attending and meal selections. To respond, call (231) 547-0373 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or leave a message.

The cost is $22 per person, tax and gratuity included.

Area meetings

Addiction help groups —
A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Adolescent groups —
BASES Teen Center is open from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located at 208 West Lincoln. Call 547-1144 for more information.

Community activities —
There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is an additional open swim from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Big Rock acreage expected to be salable in 2006

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The decommissioning process at the local nuclear power plant, Big Rock Point, is proceeding quickly as. Of the site's 560 acres, 530 are expected to be salable in 2006. Above, project progression is marked at the site

BIG ROCK

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were estimated at $74 million dollars and since May of this year the cost was $51 million. Waste disposal is approximately 17 percent of the cost of this decommissioning projected at about $62 million.

Big Rock was the fifth nuclear power plant in America and the first high-power-density boiling water reactor in the world and cost $27 million to build. And, Big Rock Point will be one of the first nuclear plants in the United States to decommission back to greenfield status.

According to Petrosky, the criteria issued for greenfield status is that a person may not pick up more than an additional 25 millirem of radiation from the property.

Michiganders annually pickup 100-200 millirem from cosmic rays and other naturally occurring sources. One would need a one-time dose of 50,000 millirem for ill health effects.

Since 1982 the federal government has been talking about building a site to store high-level nuclear waste, but despite spending billions of dollars over a couple decades there is no place to ship the waste.

Low-level waste can be removed from the site. But, the spent fuel or high-level waste located on site must stay put until an appropriate disposal area is constructed.

There is clean building debris in the amount of 110 million pounds, while radioactive waste accounts for about 17 million pounds.

Much of the low-level radioactive waste has been shipped to Utah, South Carolina and Tennessee in 475 shipments of 13 million pounds. Clean building waste shipped so far is 551 shipments of 29.8 million pounds.

Until Yucca Mountain in Nevada, or some other site is built for high-level waste, the spent fuel will sit in the Spent Fuel Storage Installation ISFSI, also known as dry fuel storage. An ISFSI is a large dry storage container located on the site of the plant which are used to store the used fuel when spent fuel pools become full.

The last amount of spent fuel was loaded into dry fuel storage in 2003.

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Slippery roads lead to accidents across town

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Kindergartner Levi Carson spent part of his Friday afternoon shoveling snow. More squalls are expected to roll through Charlevoix this week.

WEATHER

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rologist with the Gaylord post of the National Weather Service, in all the storm spilled about 6 inches of snow on Charlevoix.

He said a weak, low pressure system that drifted into the area Wednesday night, Nov. 16, brought light snow with it and passed through. But later that night northwest winds hit the light storm's back side and kicked up lake effect snow that lasted into Thursday morning.

A second lake effect snow band along the Lake Michigan shoreline swept through Friday, Nov. 18. Schneider said incidents were reported but the number of motorist mishaps, "wasn't anything like Thursday."

Celliti said this first storm is a taste of what is to come this week. He said traces of light snow are expected throughout the week with another round of lake effect storms in store for Friday.

While some cringe at the thought of gnarly commutes, snow lovers at Mt McSauba are gearing up for an early start to the ski season.

Mt. McSauba manager, Bo Boss, said snow guns were blowing snow at the local ski hill Nov. 17 and 18. He added that all systems are go and he expects to continue blowing snow full-time this week with a projected Dec. 19 or 20 opening date.

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Will Charlevoix make the Cool Cities cut?

DDA fields state Blueprint Program pitch

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority members were receptive to a pitch from city manager Mike Wiesner and city planner Gerry Harsch to pursue the state's Blueprint Program, an offshoot of the popular Cool Cities initiative.

"Our best chance is the Blueprint Program. It's more of a marketing program that looks at a mix of factors including business improvement, the longevity of businesses and bringing businesses in," Harsch said.

Harsch said Charlevoix's two major economic issues area lack of vacant space in downtown and the seasonal nature of business.

The Blueprint Program is steered by The Michigan Economic Development Corporation which has its headquarters in Lansing.

This same program, aimed at boosting Charlevoix's economic climate, was presented by representatives of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce in February of 2003 but Wiesner told the authority the political climate at the time squashed it.

"Plans and studies were not a good thing then politically. I didn't feel it would be well received and said I couldn't support it. It was a different political environment," he said.

Studies he alluded to include one that looked at a conference center locating in town, another aimed at solving the seasonal traffic problem and a third to develop a strategic plan for the chamber.

Wiesner said now he hears citizen groups, members of the chamber and representatives of the city staff discussing ways to improve the local economy and it's time to present a united front.

"The cities that have done it have felt good about it. I think it really has the potential to focus us," Wiesner said.

The Blueprint Program which was pursued in Chehoygan is less intensive than Main Street which has been underway in Boyne City since 2003.

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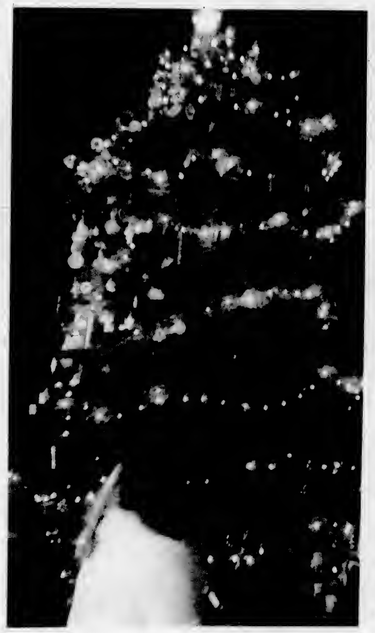
Wonders of the holiday season



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(Left) Onlookers at the annual community Christmas tree lighting watch as Charlevoix's trademark tree, which stands at Clinton and Bridge streets in East Park, is lit Nov. 25. (Above) Bright eyed Isabel Shook of Ann Arbor gives Santa a hand shake as he greets visitors in East Park before hitting the breaker and lighting the tree.

Acacia crew to distribute 200 Christmas trees locally

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The crew of the Acacia will spend their last scheduled Christmas in Charlevoix's Round Lake harbor distributing 200 live trees to those in need.

According to Kathy Lott, executive director of the Harbor Springs Chamber of Commerce, since 2000 the Cheboygan based cutter Mackinaw has revived a tradition reaching back to the late 1800s when ships traversed Lake Michigan's rough winter waters to deliver Christmas trees to fire decimated Chicago, Ill.

While times have changed, the spirit of that mission, now carried out by the largest and oldest ice breaking vessel in the Coast Guard's ninth district fleet, the Mackinaw, hasn't. This week, the ship's deck will be packed with 1,000 trees waiting to brighten the lives of the deprived during the holiday season.

This is the first year in the past five that the Mackinaw's load will be lightened before reaching the windy city. The plan is to distribute 200 trees to Emmet County residents and another 200 to Charlevoix area residents before continuing on to Chicago, Ill.

Members of the Acacia crew will

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Holiday oven fire

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

City of Charlevoix Fire Department shift commander Bob Roloff speaks to his men while on scene at a small kitchen fire early in the afternoon on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24. The fire was contained in the oven and no one was injured.

On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Michael Thomas Kucera, 28, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail, to serve 90 days, 275 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess controlled substances; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Derrick Aaron Burris, 25, Beaver Island. Use of marijuana. Serve 90 days in jail, to serve 10 days, 80 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; submit to urine test; not to consume/possess controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes.

Thomas Patrick Matela, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Lori Jean Bumstead, 48, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated-second offense; and attempted resisting and obstructing. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for 23 days, 60 days on electronic monitoring device, 252 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $2,580 in fines and costs.

Cyril Anthony Charron, 52, Commerce. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Ryan Jeffrey Sewel, 18, Gaylord. Violation of restricted license. Serve six days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Faith Marie Giddings, 23, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Assumed Name

The following business recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charlevoix Jung Shin Do, 06220 Maple Grove Rd., Charlevoix, by Christopher Demanaeus and Rene Demanaeus.

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Carlos Antonio Smith, 21, Detroit and Heather Marie Lacroix, 21, Boyne City

Peter H. Knudsen, 62 and Shari Kaye Gee, 62, both of East Jordan

Divorce

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

George Thomas Lasater vs. Laura R. Lasater

Births

Lincoln Thomas Parker weighing 8 pounds was born Nov. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Thomas and Michele Parker of East Jordan. He has a sister, Kennedy Parker. His grandparents are Phil and Diane Krueger of Owasso, Randy and Linda Justice of Laingsburg and Robert Parker of Bancroft.

Catera Jane Everett weigbing 7 pounds, 6 ounces was born Nov. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robert and Regina Everett. She bas two brothers, Tristan, 6 and Ashton, 3. Her grandparents are Dale and Cathy Everett of East Jordan and Leroy and Mary Kessinger of Petoskey. Her great-grandparents are Walter and Deloris Goebel of East Jordan and Zepherhills, Fla. and Edward Gardner and the late Mary Dotson of East Jordan.

Carter Davis Udy weighing 8 pounds 12 ounces was born Nov. 16 at Women's Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. to Kevin and Rachel (Newcomb) Udy. His grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Edward Newcomb of Charlevoix and Dave and Linda Udy of Harrison Townsbip.

Miranda Ruth Knight weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born Nov. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chris and Danette Knigbt of Boyne City. Sbe has a brother, Cameron, 3. Her grandparents are Mary Knigbt of Boyne City, Leo Batog of Petoskey and Ron and Jackie Knight of Charlotte.

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Coast Guard to participate in historic Christmas Tree Ship project

TREES

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pick up tbe local load of 200 trees, from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Nov. 30, at the Pier Dock in Little Traverse Bay in Harbor Springs.

After an overnigbt filled with festivities including dockside caroling, excerpts from the Little Traverse Civic Theatre's "Tbe Christmas Schooner" play and a crew member reception at Stafford's Pier Restaurant, tbe Acacia will return to its port in Charlevoix to unload.

According to United States Coast Guard ensign George Columbic, the trees will be unloaded near the Beaver Island Boat Company storage area on Thursday.

Columbic said the quick turn around time is necessary so the Acacia crew can set out on a buoy tending mission near St. Ignace.

"We can't put buoys on tbe buoy deck wben we bave 200 Cbristmas trees aboard," he said.

Tbe crew will return from its mission late next week and will distribute the trees at tbat time.

Both the Acacia and tbe Mackinaw are scheduled to be decommissioned in 2006 making tbis the final Christmas Tree Sbip voyage both will participate in.

For more information, crew members of the Acacia can be reached at (231) 547-4447.

Decorating duo

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Taylor and Megan Enyart of Royal Oak hand craft ornaments for the community Christmas tree at the North Pole, at 222 Bridge St. for the tree lighting event Nov. 25 in East Park. Ornament materials were provided by the Charlevoix Children's House.

DDA discusses application for state Blueprint Program

BLUEPRINT

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Under the Blueprint Program, a consultant does a week-long market study of the downtown, including visits from the state preservation group and the housing authority. From tbe results of tbe study, goals are establisbed and an action plan is developed to meet those goals. About 11 of these programs are done tbrougbout the year in Michigan.

In a previous interview, Laura Bower, a team specialist with the state development group, said funding for the Blueprint Program depends on tbe community's population but is generally a match with the development corporation footing tbe bill for balf and the community paying the other half.

Wiesner told the authority tbat the program cost is about $30,000 and if an applicatjon the city plans to submit in March of 2006 is denied, funds will have to come from elsewbere but the model of tbe program should still be pursued.

Authority member John Yaroch questioned why the city should wait until March to act and suggested hiring tbe consulting firm used by the Blueprint Program, HyettPalma, now.

"We are about three years bebind the eight ball here," he said. "Let's not sit here and wait for the cart to lead the horse."

Mayor Norman Carlson told Yaroch that by going through tbe grant request process Charlevoix is eligible for Cool Cities status.

Bower said that in evaluating Blueprint applications tbe development group is looking for someone in tbe community who will implement the action plan.

There was no discussion as to who this would be.

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Ring in 2006 with cheers and jeers from 2005

Julie Witthoeft

'Just a thought'

Charlevoix is a hotbed of political controversy, fun-filled events and community outreach efforts.

In the midst of all the hustle and bustle are residents and visitors, each of who hold strong opinions as to how things could and should be.

As we slide into 2006, the courier staff and I want to get your gears turning. It's time to look back at the highs and lows of 2005.

I am compiling a list of those moments in 2005 that made readers smile, sweat, tear, cheer and jeer. Those things that make Charlevoix the sweet treat that on occasion leaves a nasty taste in your mouth.

In the form below, jot down what made you cheer or jeer and why. We will run the results in the first paper of the new year to be published Jan. 4, 2006.

A few political highlights to jog your trampled memory from this busy year include the banning of dogs from most of East Park and intense elections where East Park changes were approved and a Charlevoix Township "big box" ordinance passed.

The big meal the election served up was followed by a cherry-topped sundae when three members of Charlevoix's City Council set out to oust city manager Mike Wiesner.

While political struggles plagued 2005 and I'm sure will continue to pepper the paper in 2006, there were also plenty of projects that were completed. City council voted to save Brookside Chapel, the city hall renovation project wrapped up, the Charlevoix Skatepark and the new Charlevoix Public Library continued their courses toward completion and a new VFW hall rose from the ashes of its predecessor after burning to the ground.

Reflections of the community's selflessness and caring were shown in outreach efforts that took place in January of 2005 when a tsunami hit Indonesia and again this fall when hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the southern United States.

Event success stories include the country kick-off to the annual Venetian Festival which took place at the Castle, art and craft fairs, Apple Fest and Symphony on the Green.

My jeer for the year is the event that never was when the city turned 100 this summer. City officials said a summer ice-cream social would take place but it never did—City administrators dropped the ball on that one. A fantastic opportunity to celebrate our community came and went.

With that off my chest, I look forward to reading your cheers and jeers as they filter in during the month of December.

If clip and send isn't your thing, feel free to e-mail me your thoughts.

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2005 Cheers and Jeers

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Letters to the editor

Wiesner should be kept

Editor:

The mayor and city council of Charlevoix. Please permit me to express my very grievous concerns regarding your consideration of terminating the services of Mike Wiesner, city manager. I cannot attend the meeting (Nov. 21 Charlevoix City Council meeting) because I have the duty to attend a county parks and recreation meeting also scheduled for 7 p.m.

Mike has been the major contributor to the greatly improved appearance, functionality and infrastructure of our fair city. He has been instrumental in obtaining funding, gaining approvals and implementing successfully such projects as Bridge Park, the golf course, the ongoing improvements to the municipal airport, the city hall, the electrical system and substation, the in-progress work to beautify the waterfront and replace the shabby docks and restrooms. Prior to Mike we changed city managers too frequently and ended up with few major improvements.

Our strong manager form of government has the major asset of keeping continuity by using the leadership of a professional, relatively free from political influence. To undo that is to put the vitality of Charlevoix at risk.

To avoid the appearance of conflict of interest each council person voting for removal must declare that they will not, under any circumstances, be a candidate for the office of city manager.

Before voting, each person needs to be aware that the issues regarding the treatment plant were brought to the attention of the DEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) by this city manager, not the other way around. A very bad situation was mitigated, wrongdoing was punished. In short, it was perfectly handled.

Blaming the city manager (or the treasurer) for not foreseeing and avoiding criminal activity on the part of a third party is akin to making a homeowner responsible because an unknown drunken snowmobile operator kills or injures someone while trespassing on that property. But, if you do consider them responsible, how can you consider firing one and putting the other in his position? I do not consider either to be responsible but, instead, looked for faster criminal action and fund recovery by those in our legal system.

Josh Barnes
Charlevoix

Editor's note: This letter was submitted prior to the Nov. 21 Charlevoix City Council meeting when a motion to fire city manager Mike Wiesner failed in a tie vote.

Successful blood drive

Editor:

I want to express huge and heartfelt thanks to all of you who braved the first taste of winter in Charlevoix to attend the American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, Nov. 17.

"You" include not only the staff of the Community Reformed Church, who provided a warm, bright sanctuary, but also my staff of remarkable volunteers whose friendly and sincere smiles welcomed close to 100 donors inside from the frigid (25 degrees) outdoors.

I am also imagining how grateful the up to 300 recipients of the blood must be.

A total of 102 pints were collected between the Type O drive on Nov. 15 hosted by Bethany Lutheran Church and Edith Dale's staff, and the community blood drive on Nov. 17. Each pint can be separated into as many as three blood products to help the sick and injured.

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Chris Cole
2005 All Night Senior Party Committee Member
Charlevoix

'Thanks' tea supporters

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all those who attended the Advent Bazaar and Tea at Christ Episcopal Church. This was our second year and we were so pleased with the attendance and generosity of all those who came. It is our hope to make this an annual event and we hope you will as well. Proceeds from the Bazaar and Tea will benefit the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and BASES. Your support of these ministries is greatly appreciated.

Lynn Carson
Advent Bazaar and Tea Chairperson
East Jordan

Senior party donations needed

Editor:

It certainly takes a community to raise a child and our community does a great job thanks to your generosity. The All Night Senior Party Committee is in the process of planning a fun, safe and memorable after-graduation party for the class of 2006 to celebrate their accomplishments and we need your help.

Planning an event of this magnitude for a class of 100 seniors takes a lot of time and money. We have a dedicated committee that has committed the time but need your help in our efforts to raise the needed funds to host this event. The committee has planned several fund-raising events such as a spaghetti dinner, student-faculty basketball game, raffles and more.

We hope that you can help out by contributing a cash donation or merchandise for silent auctions or raffles. Your contribution will be much appreciated and will not go unrecognized. With your donation your business will be acknowledged at all of the fund-raising events held throughout the year.

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Chris Cole
2005 All Night Senior Party Committee Member
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Letter response

Editor:

Bill Supernaw wrote an interesting timely letter "Support East Park," page 5 of the Nov. 2 edition of the Charlevoix Courier. In response:

East Park — the City of Charlevoix approved 2005 to honor the Neff Bros. for their 1954 gift of docks and land on the Charlevoix harbor with an appreciation plaque to be installed at the new marina building to be constructed at the foot of Clinton Street.

In the city's researching the sale of land to the city on the harbor from Clinton Street to Antrim Street, 1896 to the present, it will be interesting to see who, if any others gifted harbor property and docks to the city.

Memorial Day — In 2005, I watched the Memorial Day Parade in front of Bill Supernaw's "Aunt Dodo's" house. The Memorial Day parade was memorable complete with an oversized U.S. Army truck carrying a few veterans not walking to town. This U.S. Army truck with room for many more could have easily driven amongst the Memorial Day Parade to Charlevoix's Brookside Cemetery.

To cease the traditional observance on Memorial/Decoration Day at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix, there is no excuse.

There is something special about the services in Brookside on Memorial Day including the cemetery, the cannon, the Gettysburg Address, Charlevoix High School Band, scouts and others speaking from the portable stage with U.S. flags placed one by one at markers, many flowers from those who remembered especially our war dead. This is important for all generations, respect.

Memorial/Decoration Day is not Venetian, Craft/Art Fair, Applefest. The City voters had no voice in moving Memorial Day to East Park.

C. Marilyn Neff-Gibbons
Charlevoix

Grieving family's gratitude

Editor:

It is with much gratitude that I write this letter. Our family is most appreciative for the outpouring of sympathy and support shown to us during the last two weeks.

Dinners, flowers, cards, donations, kind words, shared remembrances and kindness of all sorts have flowed through our home and into our hearts. I know that Rich would have been overwhelmed and forever grateful for this tribute, as is all of his family.

Visiting family and friends were amazed at the community response. We are so fortunate to be part of town that wraps its arms around you as you grieve.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

Water-ski champion

Troy Smith, 22, took first place at the INT U.S. National Water-ski Competition which took place Oct. 12-15 in Bakersfield, Calif. He represented central California in the competition's expert slalom division, beating six competitors for the title. He reached a speed of 36 mph with a rope line of 22 feet. Troy is the son of MaryLou and Steve Smith of Charlevoix and is a student at the University of Nevada — Reno. He is set to graduate in May of 2006.

Boat attendant scholarship

Kathleen Degenhardt, daughter of Ted and Colleen Degenhardt of Charlevoix and Troy was chosen as the Northwest Marine Yacht Basin Association 2005 Dock Attendant of the Year. Kathleen, a freshman at Grand Valley State University, received a $500 scholarship from the boaters of Charlevoix's Northwest Marine.

Staffel presents at potter's conference

Bonnie Staffel, Charlevoix area potter, recently was a presenter at the two day Michigan Mud Conference hosted by Albion College, in Albion. Staffel was one of over a dozen upper Midwest professional potters who demonstrated their particular art skills to Michigan potters. This year's event was held Oct. 7 and 8. Staffel demonstrated the intricacies of Smoke and Trash Can Firing for special effects on clay. Many art teachers were in attendance who learned the technique so that they could pass it on to their students. The Conference is held every two years in Michigan Colleges by the Michigan Clay Artist Association of which many Michigan potters are members.

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A collage concert is a continuous presentation of many varied pieces of music and will include instrumental and vocal soloists, a recorder ensemble, church choir, men's chorus, bell choir, the Alternotes and other small ensembles. Violist Andy Tuck will be returning from Interlochen to play in the concert.

The second half of the program will be Christmas carols, sung by the audience and soloists and will include carols for children.

Admission is by donation and all proceeds will go to the church's organ fund.

Refreshments will be served in Ransom Hall after the concert.

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Lions Club Christmas tree sale on now in East Park

The Charlevoix Lions Club will kick off its annual Christmas tree fund-raiser sale today, Nov. 30 at the foot of Clinton Street in Charlevoix's East Park.

This year the Lions will feature Fraser Firs, Black Hills Spruce and Blue Spruce.

Since these trees are going to be short-term "centers of attention" in many homes over the Christmas season, here is a little background information about each variety which might add to its particular status and "pedigree."

The Fraser Fir was named after John Fraser, (1750-1811), a Scotsman horticulturist and plant hunter, who traveled in North Carolina's western Appalachians in the late 1780s to early 1800s. He collected and introduced specimens to European, particularly English, gardeners, all of whom avidly sought to outdo each other with rare items from the "New World." Lions' Frasers are grown locally and have been bred to withstand more northern colder weather.

The Black Hills Spruce is the state tree of South Dakota. It is a unique variety of the white spruce and its ancestry has been traced back over 500,000 years. Lions' trees, of course, are off-shoots of the originals and are grown in local tree farms.

The Blue Spruce is the state tree of both Colorado and Utah with a long heritage of growth in the snowy Rockies. The trees to be sold in East Park were grown locally.

Charlevoix Lions Club members will staff the Christmas tree sale from 4 to 8 p.m. weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Charlevoix Public Schools bands to perform December holiday concerts

Charlevoix Public Schools holiday band concerts will take place in December in the Charlevoix High School auditorium.

Concert bands, jazz bands and individual solo and duets performances will be presented during these special holiday music concerts.

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Admission is one gift per person to be donated to a community child in need. All gifts are to be wrapped and identified for a boy or girl. Please include an age recommendation for each gift.

Anyone who is unable to attend is welcome to drop off donations at the club between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. through Dec. 4.

Children will be treated to great dance tunes, a light show, fog and bubble machine, a wide array of finger foods, prizes and a visit from Santa Claus.

For more information call (231) 547-9796.

Courtesy photo

The Dennis O'Leary family of Charlevoix including Page and daughters Madison, Mackenzy and Kyle Anne and Dennis at last year's Teddy Bears and Eggnog event at the Charlevoix Country Club.

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December 29 and 30 - Open for dinner

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Obituaries

Mabel Archer: April 8, 1929 - Nov. 6, 2005

Mabel Archer, 76, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Nov. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Rite of Christian Burial took place Nov. 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Fr. Jerry Hunko officiated and internment took place in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix.

She was born April 8, 1929, in St. James, the daughter of William Frank and Agnes (Bomway) Wasageshik. Mabel lived most of her life in Boyne City. She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her sister Elizabeth T. Jordan of Hood River, Ore. and many nephews and nieces.

Mabel was preceded in death by her sister Edna Duley and brother Enos Wasageshik.

Visitation for family and friends was on Nov. 9.

Arrangements were handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Dorothy Laurent: Feb. 26, 1924 - Nov. 21, 2005

Dorothy C. Olach Laurent, 81, of Charlevoix, died Nov. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Rite of Christian Burial took place at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Father Jerry Hunko officiated.

Dorothy was born Feb. 6, 1924, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Edward and Marie (Prekale) Olach. She attended St. Mary's School, then graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1942. Dorothy earned her Registered Nurse certification from Mercy School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. Dorothy began working as a Registered Nurse in 1947 in Cadillac, then Muskegon, retiring in 1986, from Hurley Hospital in Flint.

On March 10, 1948, she married Robert R. Laurent in Cadillac who preceded her in death in 1989. In 1992 she moved to Colorado Springs, Colo. and returned to Charlevoix in October 2003.

Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Diana (Dick) Enga of Colorado Springs, Colo., Cynthia MacDonald of Canon City, Colo., Denise (Bill) Damore of Freeland, Michele Laurent and Jodi Laurent both of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Dan (Andrea) Enga of St. Paul, Minn., Kirsten (Marcus) Van Ooyen, and R.J. (Katie) Enga all of Colorado Springs, Colo., Melanie (Eric) McFarland, and Christopher Damore of Warrensburg, Mo., William MacDonald of Canon City, Colo.; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Edith Olach Close of Charlevoix; brothers, Clement (Betty) Olach of Charlevoix, Vincent (Jan) Olach of Ellsworth; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Church in Charlevoix. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is in charge of arrangements.

Death notice

Webster S. Francis, 98, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Nov. 18 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. He is survived by his wife Ruth and daughter Catherine, both of Charlevoix. No services are planned. Burial will be in Norwood Cemetery. Winchester Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Chili cook-off winner

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Whitneys of Charlevoix took home bragging rites as creator of Charlevoix's best chili during the first annual You Judge It Chili Cook-off at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church Nov. 25. (Left) Chris and Lesli Nyland of Charlevoix sass up their chili with fixins including onion and cheese.

Car accident results from icy road conditions

Officers with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office are investigating a one-vehicle crash that occurred on U.S. 31 North near 9 Mile Point Drive in Hayes Township at 4:23 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Donna Russell, 53, of Charlevoix, was traveling west on U.S. 31 when she lost control on snowy, icy roads and broadsided a tree on the driver's front door.

Russell was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Allied EMS for a head injury.

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Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

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Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlhut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Toys for Tots holiday gift drive underway

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

For nearly 60 years the Toys For Tots program has brightened the lives of needy children during the Christmas season.

According to Charlevoix area Toys For Tots coordinator, Russell Bolt, thanks to local volunteers, the program continues to grow each year in Charlevoix.

"I feel it's like giving back to the community. I like to do that from a service work perspective," he said. "And anyone who was in the armed forces can be a regular member.

According to Bolt, the main reason he works with this program year after year is because he was so fortunate when he was younger.

"I had a wonderful childhood with a lot of wonderful Christmas' and that's maybe what got me into this," he said. "There are an awful lot of kids who don't have what we had and don't ever get the opportunity to have the things we had."

Bolt said the local Toys For Tots group is affiliated with the Northern Michigan Marine Corps League Detachment and services Charlevoix, East Jordan, Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Alanson, Cheboygan, Indian River, Burt Lake and Boyne City.

"Last year I think we raised over 4,000 toys," Bolt said. "The toys which are collected and sorted in each of those areas are kept in those areas and redistributed."

According to Bolt, all the toys donated in the county are sorted by a group of dedicated people from the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project.

"Plus many other wonderful volunteers from local churches, schools and the Coast Guard," he said.

Bolt said, in addition to the many drop boxes located in the Charlevoix area, some of the Charlevoix Elementary School students plan to help.

This will be the third year Nicole Sterret's second grade class will collect pennies and use the money to buy toys for the Toys for Tots program at Kmart. Last year, the class raised over $400. The penny dive runs from Nov. 28 through Dec. 9.

"The kids not only feel good about volunteering, but also about going out and purchasing the toys, so it's a good learning process for them," he said.

New, unwrapped toys can be donated at any of the following drop boxes up to Dec. 12: Kmart; Dollar Tree; Ace Hardware; Rite Aid; Copy Plus; Altel; Glens Markets; Bolt's Studio; Pat McKeown Ford; Harbor Industries; Holiday Gas Station; Oleson's Farm Fresh Markets; The Clothing Company; and LexaLite International Corp.

"The Toys For Tots program helped nearly 500 people in the Charlevoix area last year," Bolt said. "I think a lot of families can't afford an awful lot of extra gifts, without this program they just wouldn't have (them)."

Anyone wishing to help with monetary donations can mail them to Russell Bolt, P.O. Box 427, Charlevoix MI, 49720.

Anyone else who needs a collection box can call Bolt at (231) 547-4855 for more information.

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Charlie Butcher, Russell Bolt and Ken Staley of the Marine Corps League, Northern Michigan Detachment are just a few of the many Toys for Tots volunteers in the area.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Synopsis
Monday, November 21, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving authorizing a letter of interest to pursue an Historic Property Lease for the South Pier lighthouse pending from the United States Coast Guard in order to qualify for grants while waiting the actual transfer of title, which could take up to two years.
- Motion passed endorsing the Senior Citizens' Center's application for a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion passed accepting the election results from the Charlevoix County Board of Canvassers.
- Motion passed appointing Councilmember Gabe Campbell as Deputy Mayor.
- Motion passed appointing Councilmember Gabe Campbell to Board of Review.
- Preliminary Resolution to dismiss the City Manager failed.

Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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BUSINESS

Trademark to close its doors in January

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Kris Way, owner and operator of Trademark Gifts & Collectibles located at 113 Bridge St. in Charlevoix plans to close the store shortly after Christmas. Way originally bought Trademark in October 1996.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A long-time Charlevoix landmark will soon close it's doors for good.

Kris Way, owner and operator of Trademark Gifts & Collectibles located at 113 Bridge St. in Charlevoix plans to close the store shortly after Christmas.

"We are going to close the first week of January. We're liquidating the merchandise right now," she said.

According to Way, she wants to spend more time with her children and help her husband with his new business, Pine River Logs, where she will work part-time. She and her husband Barney have two children in college and three at home who are active in school.

"We have five children and my husband is starting a new company south of town making manufactured logs in the old Hoskins building," she said. "Pine River Logs will hopefully employ about 40 people eventually."

Way originally bought Trademark from Fred DiMartino in October 1996.

"Then we moved to the 113 Bridge St. location, but it has been Trademark of Charlevoix for a long, long time," she said.

According to Way, while she is excited to spend more time with the family, there are some things she will miss about operating her own store.

"Really it's been a great learning experience," she said. "I learned all about the retail business."

And, she added, "The best thing for me was meeting the different people. I really enjoyed the people that came back year after year. That's something I'm going to miss."

Anyone looking for savings on Trademark's jewelry, ladies apparel and collectibles has about six weeks to enjoy shopping there.

"We will be doing progressive sales," which, she said, began the Friday after Thanksgiving and will run through the holidays.

Once Trademark's doors are closed in January the building will be available for sale or lease.

"We have it up for lease and had a couple inquiries on both ways," she said.

While Way has no plans to open another retail business in the near future, it is always a possibility.

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BUSINESS

Community pledge retail event earns $850 for non-profits

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

On Monday, Nov. 28 the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, led by president, Jacqueline Merta, dispersed checks to nonprofit organizations benefiting from the recent retail event "A Community Pledge."

A Community Pledge took place on Saturday, Nov. 5 with participating local retailers donating 10 percent of certain sales to nonprofit organizations.

"It was $850 for our first year attempt, which I think was a great way of giving back to the community," Merta said.

According to Merta, this event gave people the opportunity to do some Christmas shopping with the knowledge they are also helping their favorite cause.

"This $850 represents 10 percent of what was spent that day," she said. "We thought this was a win-win situation and a win-win project for nonprofit organizations and the business community."

Some of the businesses which participated include: American Spoon Foods, Bridge Street Book Shop, Brittany's, C2 Gallery, Central Drug Store, Charlevoix Harbor Wear, The Clothing Company, Elements, Halfway to the Top, Kilwin's, Marvin's Gardens, Rocking Horse Toy Company and Shop of the Gulls.

"I think it went over really well for the first year. We have made a commitment to do it the first Saturday of November (through 2007)," she said. "We're hoping everybody will put this date on their calendars and shop that day to raise money for their favorite nonprofit organization."

The event was sponsored by the Retail Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce as a means for retailers to increase holiday sales and support local charities and nonprofit organizations.

The following people were present Monday to collect donated funds on behalf of their nonprofit group: Barb Godwin-Shulick for the Charlevoix Children's House; Elke Maierhofer for Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home; Tom Carey for the Northwest Shrine Club; Patti Barraw for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation; Roger Nesburg for Charlevoix Cub Scouts, Pack 11; Cheri Leach for Raven Hill Discovery Center; Jacqueline Dipert Chairman of Retail Committee; Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Jim Berlage; Celia Kelly for BASES; Pam Barnes with the Charlevoix Schools Enrichment Foundation; Gary Stutzman of Northwest Academy; Suzanne Muma of The Bergmann Center; Al Gooch for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool; and Gregory Tate for the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Above, from left) Some members of non-profit organizations who benefited from A Community Pledge, a program for retailers to increase holiday sales while aiding local non-profit organizations are Barb Godwin-Shulick, Elke Maierhofer, Tom Carey, Patti Barraw, Roger Nesburg, Cheri Leach, Jacqueline Dipert, Jim Berlage, Celia Kelly, Pam Barnes, Gary Stutzman, Suzanne Muma, Al Gooch and Gregory Tate.

Merta said as long as this program is appreciated by merchants, customers and nonprofit organizations she will support it.

"We will evaluate this program at the end of three years and if this is a successful program we (may) want to continue doing it for more than three years," she said. "Hopefully we have more stores next year and more nonprofit (organizations)."

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Christmas Open House offers new features

Charlevoix businesses will participate in the annual Christmas Open House from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

At noon, Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive in East Park by City of Charlevoix fire truck.

At 1 p.m. children are invited to Charlevoix Cinema for a free full-length holiday feature sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. A donation of a canned good is requested for entry.

In addition to refreshments, Santa and the free movie, many merchants will feature entertainment and other in-store special activities in conjunction with the open house.

"This year is taking off and improving upon last year, this is the second year we've left it to the merchants to come up with their own entertainment. As this continues each year it will grow into bigger and better things," said Jim Berlage, chairman of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "There are great things happening here on the third (Dec. 3)."

Participating stores will offer the following special features that day.

• American Spoon Foods will have holiday treat samples as well as samples of American Spoon's famed recipes which will be available at 1 p.m.

• Brumm and Company will feature refreshments.

• Central Drug Store will offer hourly door prizes and in-store sales.

• Duke's Deli will have meat and cheese samples.

• Elements will have hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment and arts and crafts including "reindeer food" creations for kids.

• Gallery 704 will feature Dawn Thomas Collection jewelry and a drawing to win a piece of owner, Audrey Shapiro's pottery.

• Shop of the Gulls & Kitchen will serve hors d'oeuvres. At 4 p.m. chestnuts will be roasted on-site and musical entertainment will be provided.

• The Clothing Company will have registration available to win a $200 shopping spree, a free gift with a $25 Woolrich purchase and samples of edibles from area restaurants. Ragamuffin Theatre and Company will perform.

• Trademark will have a store closing clearance sale with 30 to 70 percent off purchases.

• The Coffee Shop will feature a video, "The History and Making of Coffee" at noon, music from the Northwest Academy Band and tunes from country gospel band "In Service."

Who: Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
What it is: Annual Christmas Open House
When: Noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3
Where: Downtown Charlevoix

• From noon to 2 p.m. the Bridge Street Book Shop will feature jazz guitarist Randy Reszka, playing Christmas music and other jazz standards.

• From 1 to 4 p.m. C2 Gallery will host live entertainment.

• Kilwin's will feature a chocolate dipping demonstration.

• Sunglass Shoppe will have in-store surprises.

• Whitney's of Charlevoix will feature entertainment, appetizers, a door prize drawing and drink specials.

• Halfway to the Top will offer hors d'oeuvres and an in-store sale from 3 to 6 p.m.

• The Rocking Horse will feature game night, play and learn demonstrations and refreshments

• At 4:30 p.m. Woolly Bugger will offer a coffee seminar and tasting.

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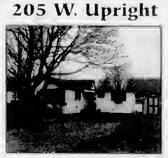

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The Coffee Shop – Video "The History and Making of Coffee"

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Bridge Street Book Shop – Jazz guitarist Randy Reszka, playing the music of Christmas and other jazz standards

1:00 pm
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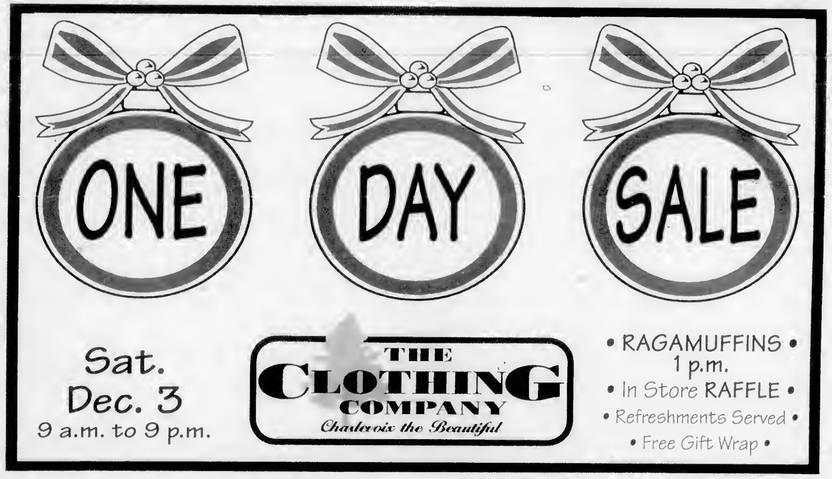

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Daredevils continue holiday tradition despite weather

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Thanksgiving Day for a Charlevoix family is the perfect opportunity for a family gathering, turkey dinner and an icy swim in Lake Michigan.

For three years now, John McNabb of Charlevoix has taken time out of his busy turkey day for a dip in the Great Lake and he isn't the only one.

"My son and I have done it for three years and this is the second for public involvement," he said.

John's son, Douglas, said he isn't sure why his dad started the event, but he enjoys it nonetheless.

"My dad just got a crazy idea to go swimming on Thanksgiving Day," Douglas said.

According to Douglas, he plans to do this every year for awhile.

"It wasn't as bad as you think, because right as you got the coat off you went numb pretty quickly," he said. "It's fun. It was painful, but I managed — I'm still alive. The pain was only temporary and it was for a good cause."

This year's swim didn't last long and according to John, it doesn't need to.

"Everybody has to swim underwater for three strokes — that counts as a swim," he said.

A group of more than 10 people gathered, but only two braved the frigid water. At about 10:45 a.m. Nov. 24, John walked to the water's edge and stuck his toe in just to get a feel for the eleven o'clock swim.

John and Douglas were on the beach at 11:01 a.m. and back in their vehicles shivering by 11:03 a.m.

"It was almost a burning sensation," John said. "The wind-chill was extremely painful."

According to John, in past years there was a little snow on the ground when he took his plunge, but never anything like this year.

"This (is) the first year with blizzard conditions and 40 mph winds," he said.

John said 13 or 14 people had committed to the swim but, with wintry conditions worsening as the week progressed, the number of participants dwindled.

He said it took sitting in a hot tub, taking a hot shower and standing in front of the fireplace to bring his core temperature back to normal.

But, he added, "We were okay within an hour."

The event, which is sponsored by Take A Breath, Inc. of Charlevoix, was just for fun for the first couple of years, but this year's event had a twist.

"This year it's a charity thing. We'll be raising some money for a local cancer survivor," he said.

The anonymous recipient doesn't know about the help she'll soon receive, John said.

"This is just a straight cash pledge to a local cancer survivor who did not have insurance and went through two radical mastectomies and she is a single mother of two," he said.

According to John, regardless of the weather, he will be there again next year and anyone with a good heart is welcome to attend.

"I'd have done it for free and it just makes it all that much better to do it for a charity cause," he said. "If you're bored with the parades on Thanksgiving Day and have deep inner warmth, c'mon and do it, it's just something fun."

He added, "We'll be there next year."

The event raised over $1,500 so far. Anyone wishing to donate to the cause can contact John McNabb at (231) 631-4574 or (231) 237-0380.

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(Top left) John McNabb and his 13-year-old son Douglas of Charlevoix prepare for their midmorning swim in Lake Michigan on Thanksgiving Day. (Bottom left) The two take the plunge. (Above) The two emerge from the icy dip.

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Over 50 local artists have been invited to fill both galleries at the arts center with original artwork that will delight the holiday shopper.

The Holiday Art Bazaar will open to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Dec. 2 coinciding with Petoskey's Annual Open House and will run through Dec. 23.

"We always encourage shoppers to include the Crooked Tree Arts Center on their holiday gift giving list, and this year we are offering them hundreds of more items to choose from," said Gail Lambert, visual arts education director at the center.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell St. in downtown Petoskey. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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Beaver Island Community Center under construction

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A community center is being built in downtown St. James on Beaver Island to serve local teens, seniors and event goers as well as tourists.

"We've got some targeted groups to benefit from the project, in particular our youth on the island, who have no place to go. We don't have a movie theater, shopping mall or arcade, there's nothing for them to do," said Jacque LaFreniere, secretary of the Preservation Association of Beaver Island, the group steering the community center project.

Almost 12 years ago, a group of Beaver Island residents decided to form the Preservation Association of Beaver Island to preserve a key landmark on beautiful Paradise Bay. At that time, it was called Dockside Market, but it went through several hands in the more than 100 years that it stood welcoming visitors to Beaver Island as they disembarked from the ferry.

The association's 14-member board of directors planned to create a community center for the island in this old market but the structure was unsound and was consequently torn down. Now, a new community center is being built in its place, across from the ferry boat dock off Main Street.

According to LaFreniere the new 9,000 square-foot community center will include three main areas. The first is a welcoming center that will include the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, and a lobby area around which a historical mural will span. The second is a youth and senior center which will provide a place for both young people and senior citizens to spend time, with games, computers and space for their favorite pastimes. The third is an event center that will be used for movies, theatrical and musical performances, family reunions, weddings and more. A kitchen will be included in this area also.

"This center won't be taxpayer funded. Money will come from what we generate through the events center," LaFreniere said.

The total cost of the project is $2 million. So far, islanders have contributed $1.3 million.

"We are proud of the fact that we managed to do that much," LaFreniere said. "Not all of the money is in hand to complete the project but the board feels that now is the time to begin."

A letter drive to Charlevoix and Petoskey businesses will get underway soon to attempt to raise the rest.

"The people that come here and live here are pretty tapped out with major fund-raising. We need to go off island now. So we are looking to people who do business with islanders," LaFreniere said.

The preservation association has spent much of the past 12 years designing, and redesigning the final product, and fund-raising. The Preservation Association of Beaver Island opted to build the facility in three phases — framing, finishing and furnishing.

Funds are available to complete the first phase which started in October the goal is to complete framing by February or March.

Those who wish to donate to the project can direct funds to the Preservation Association of Beaver Island, a registered 501(c)(3) corporation. All donations are tax-deductible and funds are managed through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

There are several levels of giving available. Founding Family, Friend or Business, Endowed Chair or general donor. Founding Family, Friend or Business status is given to those who contribute $10,000 or more to the project. Endowed Chairs will include a brass name plate on the event center chair for a donation of $2,000. General donors are those who give any amount up to $1,999. All will be recognized in the welcoming center.

Anyone wishing to help by donating funds should contact the preservation association through Jon Fogg at (231) 448-3192 or Jacque LaFreniere at (231) 448-2220.

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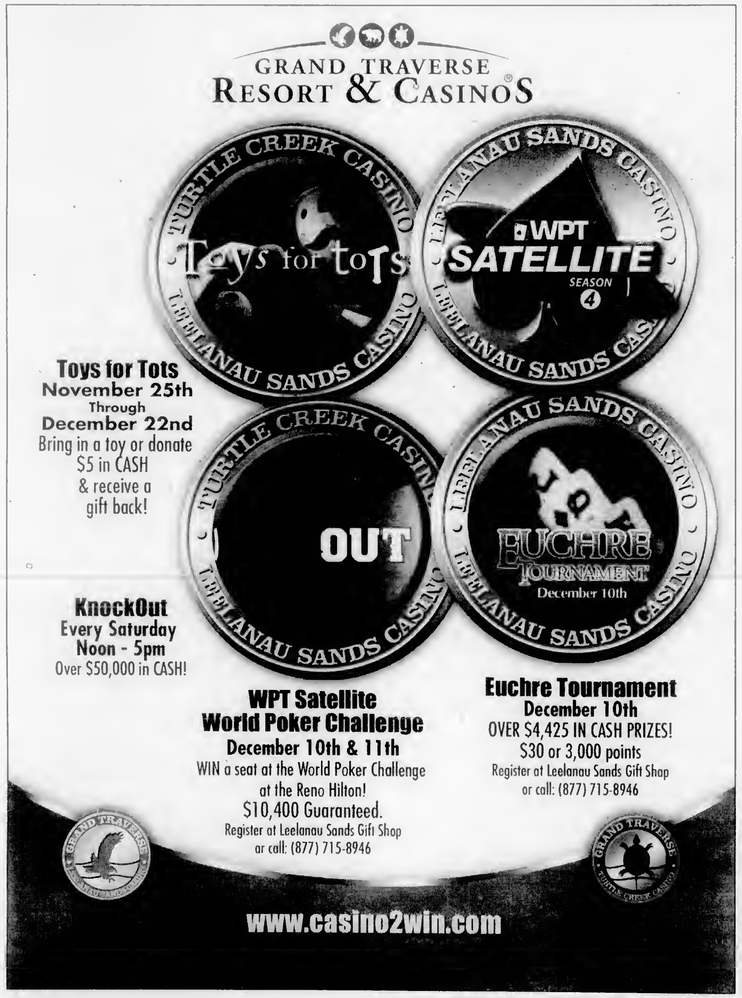

Local students to participate in People to People

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Four Charlevoix Middle School students are currently trying to raise $4,629 each to go on a goodwill trip to Australia next summer.

Stirling Witthoeft, 11, Chandler Novotny, 10, Sydney Carlson, 10 and Becky Evans, 11, along with 30 to 40 other northern Michigan students, have been selected to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program.

According to Novotny, this is a distinct honor which he will always remember.

"I think it's important," Novotny said. "We get to go represent the United States and learn about the other cultures in Australia. And they can learn about us."

According to former United States President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, if average citizens across the globe, had the opportunity to meet, the meeting could go a long way in promoting peace, understanding and tolerance.

As a result, in 1956, Eisenhower created the People to People Ambassador Program.

But, it wasn't until seven years later that the Student Ambassador Program was created to allow young people to also carry out the mission of People to People,

The Charlevoix Middle School students were chosen for their different attributes and positive features.

"Some of us were chosen for different things," Witthoeft said. "Becky was chosen for her amazing test scores and I was chosen for being an amazingly good student."

Witthoeft said she is curious about the possible cultural differences and similarities.

"I want to learn how it's different here from over here," she said. "And, I'd like to see the wild animals like kangaroos and koala bears."

According to Carlson, she is a little weary about the trip.

"I'm kind of nervous about going because I've never been away from my family for that long," she said. "And I'm going to be on another continent."

Novotny added, "I thought Florida was far. It's like a 23-hour flight to Australia."

Carlson said she wants to see the sights in Sydney because her grandmother visited there and told her all about it and Evans said she can't wait to go to school with the kids in Australia.

The kids will stay in Australia for 15 days starting in Sydney and working their way up the coast.

According to the People to People Web site, Walt Disney created the "It's a Small World" attraction in 1964 after participating in the People to People International White House conference.

"It's just a great program to learn about all other cultures," Evans said.

Anyone wishing to help these students can contact Charlevoix Middle School at (231) 547-3215.

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Four kids from Charlevoix plan to head out next summer with more than 30 other kids from northern Michigan. They are (above, from left) Stirling Witthoeft, Chandler Novotny, Sydney Carlson and Becky Evans.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 708 of 2005

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WHICH RELOCATES THE BANDSHELL IN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND TO ADD SECTION 1.304 TITLE 1, CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY CODE.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Addition of section 1.304 - Adoption of the Fifth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The Fifth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Plan is approved and is attached as Exhibit 1. Section 1.304 is added to Title 1, Chapter 7 of the City Code and shall read as provided in Exhibit 1. This approval is intended to allow for the planning for all of the project described in Exhibit 1. Since the proposed project would take place on land owned by the City, the project shall not proceed beyond the planning stage without specific approval by the City Council.

SECTION 2. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

Exhibit 1
Project List for the Fifth Amendment to the
DDA Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan

1. Descriptive Name - Removal of Existing Band Shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building; construction of a new pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating.

Location - The existing band shell, Fish Pond and Restroom Building to be demolished is located on Round Lake, just north of the Mason Street right-of-way. The proposed pavilion/performance building, with amphitheater seating. The proposed location is immediately north of the Antrim Street right-of-way between Bridge Street and Round Lake.

Description of Project - The project includes the removal of the current band shell, fish pond and restroom facility. The construction of a new pavilion/performance building, including public restrooms, amphitheater seating for the pavilion.

Description of Stages - It is anticipated that the demolition and construction would take place in the second phase of the construction period beginning in the Fall of 2005 and be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2007.

Description of Parts of the Demolition That Are to Be Left as Open Space and the Use Contemplated - The location where the existing band shell, fish pond and restroom facility is removed will be open space.

Project Financing - This project will be financed by the general revenue of the DDA which comes from "captured millage" and millage that is specifically assessed for the DDA, by the use of installment contracts, as authorized by Act 99 of 1933, by bonding or a combination of methods.

If bonding will be used, the DDA's financial consultant and bond counsel will recommend the type of bonds to be issued and terms of such bonds. The amount of bonds which might be issued cannot be determined until firm project cost estimates are obtained. It is anticipated that bonds would be issued in 2005 or 2006. The DDA has successfully issued bonds for past projects.

Project Cost Estimate - $1,490,642

Ordinance No. 708-05 was hereby enacted by the City of Charlevoix in a General Election held the 8th day of November, 2005 and certified by the Charlevoix County Board of Canvassers the 9th day of November, 2005.

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Central Dispatch receives $200,000 technology grant

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The ability of local police and emergency service personnel to do their jobs more efficiently was recently given a financial boost by the federal government.

According to Bob Bradley, executive director of the Central Dispatch Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet 911 call center, the center was given $200,000. He explained that the funds will go toward the $2 million cost of upgrading Central Dispatch's radio infrastructure as well as its technological upgrades to their mobile data system.

The mobile data system includes laptop computers which law enforcement have in their vehicles which Bradley said are currently being added to EMS vehicles and ambulances.

"They'll be able to have the call right on their screen when we dispatch them including a map to the incident," he said.

According to Bradley, Central Dispatch has pursued these upgrades over the past two years.

"This is a continuation of a grant we received last year. We received $247,000 last year," he said. "This is fairly expensive and $200,000 will go a long way to help with the project."

He added, "If it weren't for those funds, the extra $200,000, the cost would be born by the three counties. So, to have money come back to us from the federal government greatly helps everybody in the tri-county area."

According to Bradley, this year's grant should cover approximately 10 percent of the overall technology budget.

The funds doled out to Central Dispatch Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet, are part of $90 million in discretionary funds released from the office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) of the United States Department of Justice for the Interoperable Communications Technology program. The moneys are designated to enhance public safety communications systems. The funds are also designated to resolve voice and data interoperability issues.

The mobile data systems in emergency service vehicles will allow EMS workers to find residences more efficiently and to see any notes concerning a particular call and any previous calls at that address.

According to Charlevoix Deputy Chief of Police, Scott Hankins, the mobile data systems located in squad cars offer an additional tool in everyday police work.

"As is the case with all computers — sometimes they don't work," he said. "It's certainly an additional tool, but it's not a replacement for the dispatchers."

While this is just another manner of accomplishing the same work, Hankins said, there are some advantages to having the mobile data system.

"We can communicate with other patrol cars instead of putting it over the radio. We can communicate with central dispatch and we have maps," Hankins said. "We can see all the notes a dispatcher typed in and we can run our own LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) information which can free up the dispatcher sometimes."

In a recent press release from Michigan Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, they state the importance of the allocation of these funds.

"I have led the fight in Congress to ensure that first responders have the communications equipment they need to work together in an emergency, and this legislation will help Michigan's first responders move toward that goal," Stabenow stated. "In addition, this bill makes important investments in science, business, and tourism, which means jobs for the state. This is important legislation for Michigan."

Levin stated, "Keeping Michigan's families safe and secure is one of my most important concerns. This measure contains critical funding for the law enforcement officials and first responders on whom we all depend. I'm pleased that we were successful in securing funding for such a wide array of Michigan's top priorities."

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Interim Charlevoix City Police Chief, Scott Hankins, operates a mobile data system much like the ones which have been and are being implemented in emergency service vehicles.

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Advent bazaar and tea

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(Above) John and Pat Gaskin gather goodies at the Second Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea which took place Nov. 19 at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. The event raised over $3,000 for area charitable causes.

SEE-North lifts admission fees to exploration center

SEE-North, northern Michigan's science, mathematics and environmental education center, has eliminated the admission fee at its Exploration Center.

Individual admission is now free, but donations to support the operation of the center are welcome.

The Exploration Center is located at 220 Park Ave. in Petoskey, off Pennsylvania Park between the Gelato Café and the Perry Hotel. It features displays and interactive learning stations about northern Michigan's plants, animals and habitats, as well as a gift shop with science and nature items.

"Eliminating admission fees will make the Exploration Center more accessible to families and individuals who wish to visit," explained Mary Whitmore, Executive Director of SEE-North. "As more people visit the Center and learn about our region's natural environment and the work that SEE-North does to promote science and environmental education in northern Michigan, we hope they'll become members of SEE-North."

Membership contributions and other donations help support SEE-North's work in area schools and communities.

In addition to keeping regular business hours for drop-in visitors, the SEE-North Exploration Center hosts free Nature at Noon programs during the summer, and special activities for people of all ages throughout the year. Modest fees will remain in effect for classes and other groups that visit the center for guided programs presented by SEE-North's education staff. Group visits can be arranged during regular center hours or at other times.

"We've developed an initial set of programs that are tied to the Michigan curriculum framework," explained Whitmore. "That link is very important to teachers these days."

She added that with shrinking budgets in local schools and money for bus trips at a premium, 1,800 students within walking distance of the center can have an affordable field trip to the center.

Visits to the Exploration Center are a great family activity for school vacations and snow days. The center also provides a unique way to entertain out-of-town guests and help them learn about northern Michigan's local environment.

SEE-North's Exploration Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For more information about SEE-North and its upcoming programs call (231) 348-9700.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League • Nov. 21, 2005

	W	L
B Vanloo & Sons	31	13
St. Mary's ot Charlevoix	30	14
J Arnold Painting "A"	25	19
J Arnold Painting "2"	23	21
Paul Bunyan Lanes	22	22
Selph Trucking	15	29
Kerr's Racing	15	29
The Flight Deck	15	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jon Kieman	710	256
John Fiedorek	615	235
Roger Vanniman	664	230

Tuesday Night Ladies - Nov. 22, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	28.5	19.5
Great Lakes Concrete	28	20
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	27	21
Oleson's Food Store	24	24
Paul Bunyan Lanes	24	24
DM Construction	21	27
Central Drug Store	20.5	27.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	19	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Shannon Hart	498	204
Cindy Pallagi	541	203
Carol Kerr	509	
Laurie Creswell		199

Church League - Nov. 23, 2005

	W	L
State Farm Insurance	340	260
Ferguson & Chamberlain	333	267
Paul Bunyan Lanes	328	272
Lutherans	310	290
R & C Roofing	308	292
Lakeshore Tire	272	328
Mark White Paint & Stain	268	332
St. Mary's	241	359

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	605	225
Tom Scott		224
John Fiedorek	593	222
Ron Grulke	566	

Gutter Gals - Nov. 24, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	130	110
Paul Bunyan Lanes	127	113
Burger King ot Charlevoix	118	116
Express Yourself	105	135

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

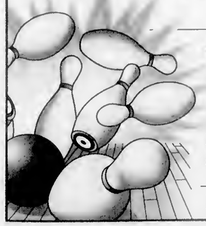
	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	574	223
Diana Speigl	592	213
Jane Holm	537	196

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles Nov. 20, 2005

	W	L
Novotny	18	6
Hill/Martinchek	18	6
Cunningham/Mikulski	15.5	8.5
Hart	13	11
Golovich	11.5	12.5
Herboldsheimer	11	13
O'Leary	8	16
Bradley	5	19

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Dave Golovich	487	193
Jeff Novotny	530	
Richard O'Leary		187
Chris Mikulski		186
David Herboldsheimer	474	
Cindy Novotny	369	160
Kathy Hill	415	155
Martha Harboldsheimer	341	142



Paul Bunyan Lanes

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Ian Matthews, a single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lendsource, Inc., a Minnesota Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2004 and recorded September 3, 2004 in Liber 634 Page 892, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Three Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents ($100,943.76) including interest 8.375% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, December 16, 2005. Said premises are situated in City of Boyne, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing on the Southwest side of Boyne Avenue 114.01 feet East of the North and South 1/4 line of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 6 West; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Boyne Avenue 151.38 feet being the point of beginning of this description; thence continuing Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Boyne Avenue 70 feet; thence South 44 degrees West 74.9 feet, more or less, to the E. Alstine Dunlop and Imogene McCulloch property as recited in the deed recorded in Liber 173, page 30, Charlevoix County Records; thence North 72 degrees 45 minutes West 46.5 links (30.69 feet); thence South 44 degrees West 26.4 feet; thence North 71 degrees 15 minutes West to its intersection with a line which is South 44 degrees West of the point of beginning; thence North 44 degrees East to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 33 North, Range 6 West. Commonly known as 610 Boyne Ave, Boyne City MI 49712 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: SEPTEMBER 29, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Lendsource, Inc. Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-38994 ASAP 733242
L (11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/07)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 6th day of February, 2004, by Rocky A. Giddings and Faith Giddings, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on February 16, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 598, page 126, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 11/100 DOLLARS ($74,891.11) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, January 6, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 8, Township 33 North, Range 4 West, described as : Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section; thence South 00 00'00" West along the West line of said Section a distance of 670.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 89 15'40" East a distance of 451.60 feet; thence South 00 07'21" East a distance of 334.12 feet; thence North 89 21'20" West a distance of 452.30 feet to the West line of said Section; thence North 00 00'00" East a distance of 334.86 feet to the Point of Beginning; situated in the Township of Chandler, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale.

November 6, 2005 Northwestern Mortgage Company, Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO.

Estate of Glenna J. Willis, deceased. Date of birth: May 16, 1929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Glenna J. Willis, who lived at 01728 Peninsula Rd., South Arm Township, Michigan, died November 2, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Clydell M. Willis, named personal representative or porposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

November 30, 2005

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Genealogical Society meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, in the basement community room of the Boyne District Library, located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City.

At 7 p.m. Scott MacKenzie, director of the Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce, will give a report on the plans for the upcoming Boyne City Sesquicentennial celebration in 2006.

The society will also be discussing ways to participate in the celebration and the results of its recent fund-raiser to purchase genealogical research materials to be placed in the Boyne District Library for use by anyone researching their family history in the local library.

For more information call JoAnn at (231) 582-9602 or Joy at (231) 582-3440.

Singles for Christ

Singles for Christ for all singles 40 and over will have a pot-luck-game night party, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Charlevoix Estates Clubhouse located at 6685, M-66 in Charlevoix across from the U.S. Post Office. Call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905 to confirm what dish and favorite board game you will bring by no later than 9 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 3.

Historical Society open house

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual open house from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Harsha House Museum located at 103 State St. in Charlevoix. Refreshments will be available. For more information call (231) 547-0373.

Historical Society dinner

Charlevoix Historical Society members and their guests are invited to gather in the spirit of the season at the society's annual Christmas dinner. The event will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 at the Depot.

A gourmet buffet catered by Terry Left, owner of Terry's Place Restaurant will be served. Menu options include beef stroganoff, baked chicken or one of Terry's five dishes. Side dishes are rice, vegetables, salad and rolls. Dessert and coffee are also included.

Participants are asked to RSVP by Dec. 3 with a confirmed number of those attending and meal selections. To respond, call (231) 547-0373 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday or leave a message.

The cost is $22 per person, tax and gratuity included.

St. Mary's craft show

The St. Mary's Parish Annual Craft Show will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at St. Mary's Parish. There will be raffles, concessions and a cookie walk. For more information call (231) 547-9441.

Entertaining tips

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 Friske's Farm Market will host Holiday Entertaining Tips and Treats by Dawn Wilhelm. The market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31.

Children's Christmas event

Friske's Farm Market will host a Children's Christmas event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa will be on-site to have breakfast with children. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. edible craft activities will take place. And story time will take place at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Bill Stevens will present old fashioned Christmas music from 1 to 3 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to draft letters to Santa from 1 to 4 p.m. The market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31.

Christmas musical

The Ellsworth Community Choir will present, "We Seek the Lord," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church, located at 9323 Main St. in Ellsworth. The musical will be directed by Pastor Chris Wallace of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and performed by volunteers from several local churches. Donations of nonperishable food items or hahy diapers and wipes will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan and Moms and Tots Center in Ellsworth.

Fire department hosts Santa

The Charlevoix Fire Department will host a fun day for kids. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 17, Santa will be at the fire station, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix. There will be candy bags for the kids, a movie or two, hot dogs and popcorn, tours of the newly renovated fire station and most important of all, a visit with Santa.

Holiday food tips

Judy Friske Kehr of Friske's Farm Market will host Easy Gourmet Holiday Food Tips from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at the market, located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31. The day will include hourly prize drawings and recipe handouts.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is $12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is $40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched hy or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Winter museum hours

The Harsha House Museum's hours of operation from Jan. 1 through April are from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Special openings or visits can be made by appointment by calling (231) 547-0373.

Area meetings

Community activities —

There is a Community Lunch at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State Street.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim from 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is an additional open swim from 3 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Charlevoix Senior Center lunches served at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Hobby groups —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

Atwood Christian Reformed to host live nativity

The members of Atwood Christian Reformed Church will host the 3rd Annual Live Nativity at the church located at 10090 North U.S. 31 in Atwood.

The nativity will be presented at 7, 7:30 and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 and at 6, 6:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

Refreshments will be provided after each performance. For more information contact Pastor Dave at (231) 599-3290 or at atwooderc@hotmail.com.

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Planned Parenthood offers free AIDS testing

In recognition of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan will offer free HIV tests and will hand out red ribbons in the lohby of the health center.

The regular cost of an HIV test is $22. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will he welcomed as time is available.

Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan uses the Orasure HIV test, which does not involve needles or taking of blood. To be tested, a testing wand is held in the mouth for a few moments, similar to having a temperature taken.

The whole procedure, including risk assessment and counseling, takes ahout 15 minutes.

Results are available within one to two weeks of testing.

The tests are completely confidential, and patients can opt to remain anonymous. Counseling and follow-up education are included with every HIV test.

Five people worldwide die of AIDS every minute of every day. HIV has hit every corner of the globe, infecting more than 42 million men, women and children, 5 million of them last year alone. Around half of all people infected with HIV are under the age of 25. It only takes moments to learn about the risks of HIV, and to get tested.

On this World AIDS Day, Planned Parenthood Northern Michigan is encouraging everyone who feels they may be at risk to get tested.

The red lapel ribbon is an international symbol of AIDS awareness that is worn by people all year-round and particularly around World AIDS Day to demonstrate care and concern about HIV and AIDS, and to remind others of the need for their support and commitment.

Planned Parenthood will have free red lapel rihbons available in the lohby throughout the month of Decemher.

To schedule a free HIV test on World AIDS Day, Thursday, Dec. 1, call Planned Parenthood at (231) 347-9692.

Planned Parenthood can also be contacted for more information about HIV testing, risk factors, and counseling.

Rough water

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Lake Michigan tossed and turned Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day. Above, huge waves wash over the South Pier near Michigan Beach as heavy snow fell across the region. Rain and warmer temperatures early in the week washed away most traces of snow.

Health department to host teen sexuality seminar on Dec. 14

Talk Early and Talk Often, a course for parents of middle school students designed to help them talk with their children about abstinence and sexuality, will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 14, in the Petoskey Middle School Library.

"The class gives parents the tools they need to talk to their children about the important issue of sexuality, such as listening and responding to them, and also how to find additional resources," said Susan Pulaski, lead prevention specialist for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

The health department has joined forces with Petoskey Puhlic Schools to sponsor Talk Early and Talk Often.

Petoskey is one of 60 pilot sites across the state to offer Talk Early and Talk Often, which is part of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's Blueprint for Preventing Unwanted Pregnancies.

"The Governor recognizes that parents are the primary abstinence and sexuality educators of their children," said Barbara Flis, Talk Early and Talk Often project coordinator. "Continued communication at home is vital in helping our young people avoid sexual relationships they are not yet prepared for that may have serious consequences, including pregnancy, HIV and sexually transmitted infections."

There is no charge to attend. However, space is limited so advanced registration is required. To register, call (231) 348-2150.

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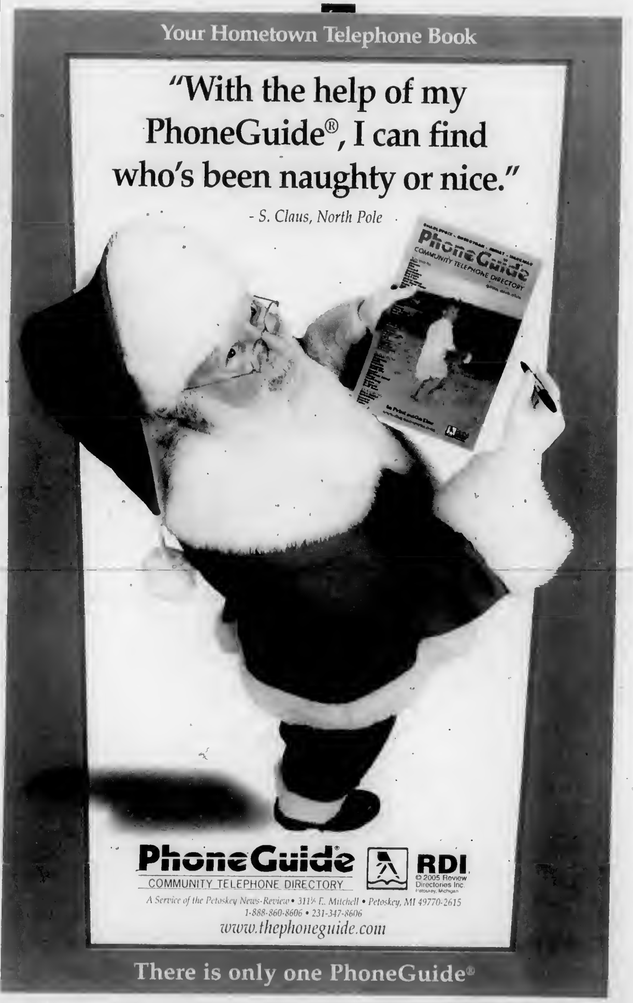
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Students mix it up

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Ryan Summers and Kara Ceiselczyk sit together during Mix It Up Day, a national activity designed to help students break down walls in school and society. The event was held on Friday, Nov. 18 at Charlevoix High School.

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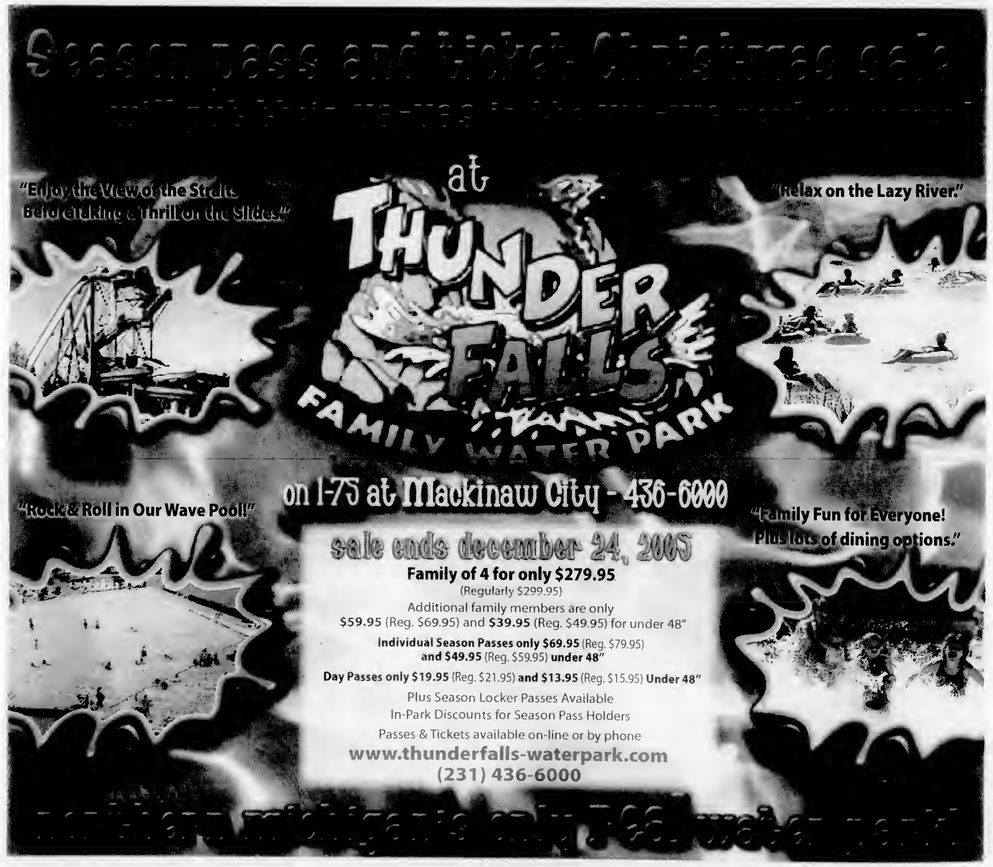

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County primary results upheld at recount

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A ballot recount in the first district Charlevoix County Commission Republican primary upheld the original outcome with John Haggard taking the Republican candidacy by a small margin.

The Board of Canvassers of Charlevoix County met on Monday, Dec. 5 to perform the recount at the request of current first district commissioner, Josh Barnes who lost to Haggard at the Nov. 8 primary.

The recount resulted in two more votes for Haggard for a final count of Haggard 391, Barnes 385.

Canvas board members Howard Horton, Ellen Addington, Eleanor Smtliff and Edna Lawler recounted the results from all four polling precincts.

The recount of ballots from Charlevoix Township resulted in an increase for Barnes of one vote, changing the original outcome to 177 for Barnes and 171 for county commission candidate John Haggard.

The recount for the City of Charlevoix resulted in an increase for Haggard by two votes for an end total of Haggard 123 to Barnes 119.

Recounts in Bay and Hayes townships were unchanged for counts of Barnes 27 to Haggard 33 and Barnes 62 to Haggard 64, respectively.

In the recount process the canvas board also discovered discrepancies in involving late arriving absentee ballots, mislabeled poll books and incorrectly recorded votes.

According to Charlevoix County

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The Charlevoix County Board of Canvassers works through the vote recount procedure Dec. 5 as Republican candidate Josh Barnes, who filed the recount request, looks on.

Happy Holly Daze

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Heather Parrish of Charlevoix lights candles in the King's Castle prior to dinner prepared by Grey Gables being served at the annual Holly Daze event which took place Dec. 1 at Castle Farms. For more photos from the event, see page 31.

County commission to discuss hiring of outside civil counsel

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners may soon decide whether they will have new civil counsel representation.

According to a proposed resolution drafted by the Internal Goverament Committee, which consists of commissioners Josh Barnes, Vic Patrick and W. Randolph Frykberg, due to a sbarp increase in criminal case filings and the prosecutor openly taking a legal position against at least one other county official, outside counsel should be hired to handle civil and personnel matters.

"It bas been discussed at personnel and internal government committee (meetings)," said Frykberg, second district county commissioner.

He added that with the importance of the criminal work the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's Office completes and the increase in cases filed, it's prudent to look into the possibility of separate civil counsel.

"They state they have a lot to do — we want them to he able to concentrate on the more critical eases," he said.

According to Frykberg, the proposed document was drafted a couple days before the Wednesday, Nov. 23 meeting, which was canceled due to insufficient public notice.

The resolution, which will be discussed at the next hoard of commissioners' meeting, states MCL 49.71 authorizes the board, by a majority vote of members-elect, to employ an attorney to represent the county in civil matters whenever the board members determine the prosecuting attorney is unable to properly represent the county.

While caseload is one reason pointed to in the resolution for hiring outside counsel the resolution also supports hiring unbiased representation.

"It's no secret there's been some friction (between county prosecutor John Jarema and commission members), but hopefully we can

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

John Patrick McNabb, 47, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Joshua Michael Menosky, 25, Charlevoix. Assault/assault and battery. Serve 34 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

John Michael Dionne, 59, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Rachel Star Moblo, 20, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

David James Perry, 22, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 41 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Robert Duane Warren, 40, East Jordan. Operating under the influence of intoxicating liquors with occupant less than 16 (child endangerment). Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 90 days in jail, serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 244 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,135 in fines and costs.

Mary Ann Mosley, 25, Boyne City. Check non-sufficient funds over $100 but less than $500. Serve 24 days in jail; $659.26 in fines and costs.

Shirley Kay Bessett, 40, Lansing. Two counts of check non-sufficient funds under $100. Serve 15 days in jail, to serve six days in jail with credit for six days in jail; $410.71 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Richard Henry Towns, Jr., 22, Boyne City. Probation violation-attempted breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to five months in jail with credit for 139 days, to serve five months in jail.

Nicole Kay Deschermeier, 25, Boyne City. Uttering and publishing. Serve seven months in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Mark Gordon Donker, 42, Kincheloe. Conspiracy to controlled substance-delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) 225-649 grams. Sentenced to a minimum of five years in prison to a maximum of 30 years in prison with credit for 1,589 days in prison.

Robert Lee King, 40, East Jordan. Controlled substance-possession (narcotic-cocaine) less than 25 grams; Controlled substance-maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 57 days, to serve 365 days in jail; $180 in fines and costs.

Matthew Wade Webster, 47, address unknown. Safe breaking. Sentenced to a minimum of 71 months in prison to a maximum of 30 years in prison with credit for 189 days served; $14,596.85 in fines and costs.

Adam William Jones, 29, East Jordan. Police officer-assaulting/resisting/obstructing; Operating-license suspended/revoked/denied/allowing a suspended person to operate. Sentenced to 140 days in jail with credit for 140 days, to serve 140 days in jail; $160 in fines and costs.

John Christopher Pankow, 39, Charlevoix. Attempted sex offender-failure to register. Sentenced to 19 days in jail with credit for 19 days served, to serve 19 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Assumed Name

The following business recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jeffrey T. Amesbury, 213 Franklin St., Boyne City, by Jeffrey T. Amesbury

Marriages

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Carlos Antonio Smith, 21, Detroit and Heather Marie LaCroix, 21, Boyne City

David Allen Erber, 50 and Tracy Lynn Fallis, 38, both of Elmira

Mark Steven Fortune, 54 and Anna Louise Fraley, 33, both of Walloon Lake

Kenyune Tiress Moore, 24 and Melissa Renee Wiebe, 25, both of Charlevoix

Matthew William Helvie, 27 and Rachel Jo Thorp, 25, both of Charlevoix

Stephen Phillip Moss, 39 and Karen Gail Jones, 42, both of Boyne City

Births

Rachel Dong weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces was born Nov. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Yu Xang Wang and Yong Qung Dong of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Xin Rong Dong. Her grandparents are Chun Fu Dong, Chun Ying Lin and Xue Yun Chen.

Blaine Charles Billings weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces was born Nov. 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brandon and Dawn Billings of Boyne City. His siblings are Brady, Brandon Jr. and Brandi. His grandparents are Allen and Jennifer Lawson and John and Debbie Peterson. His great-grandmother is Marion Bagwell.

Brandon Cole Fitzpatrick weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born Nov. 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Justin and Lori Fitzpatrick of Boyne City. Siblings are Adamarae and Joselyn. Grandparents are Randy and Jenny Fitzpatrick of Boyne City and Albert and Deborah Pietsch from Chicago, Ill.

Nadia Patricia Luke weighing 4 pounds, 14 ounces was born Nov. 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jessica Keiser and Tim Luke of Petoskey. Her grandparents are Doug and Christine Keiser of Petoskey and Mike and Sharon Luke of Smith River, Calif.

Sophia Charmaine Henry weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces was born Nov. 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kenroy and Meredith Henry of Petoskey. Her grandparents are James and Cloenda Fisher of Harbor Springs, Derrick and Carmen Henry of Jamaica, and Michael and Annette Schlifer of Jamaica. Her great-grandparents are Richard and Gretta Scott of Petoskey, Alfanso Henry/Agatta Cameron from Jamaica and Lewis and Thelma Fisher of Harbor Springs.

Kaylee Olivia-Lynn Parker weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces was born Nov. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan and Sarah Parker of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Cheryl Scott of Boyne City and Jan and Lynn Parker of Fallbrook, Calif. Her great-grandparents are Elio and Adeline Mattioli of Iron River and Naidene Parker of Fallbrook, Calif.

Weather related accident sends two to hospital

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a two-vehicle personal injury traffic crash that occurred this evening at around 6:45 p.m. Nov. 29 on U.S. 31 near Waller Road in Hayes Township.

Louise Haley, 60, of Bellaire, was driving her 2005 Chevy Equinox southbound on U.S. 31 when she lost control on icy and slushy roads. Haley spun completely around into the path of a 2003 Ford Explorer driven by Elaine Smiley, 53, of Petoskey.

Both Haley and Smiley where transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix EMS for multiple injures. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts.

The Charlevoix City Fire/Rescue, Charlevoix Township Fire Department and the Charlevoix City Police assisted at the scene.

Haley was cited for being in violation of basic speed law, traveling too fast for conditions."

Weather

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Jarema, Roloff question politics behind proposal

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smooth it out," Frykberg said.

As far as Frykberg is concerned, the language in the draft which states, "the board of commissioners desires independent, impartial and unbiased legal counsel to represent the county in civil matters," is not an attack on Jarema, but guidelines for looking for a new civil counsel.

"When we look for somebody we have to continue to have it that way," he said.

According to third district county commissioner, Ronald Reinhardt, he didn't agree that separate civil counsel should be hired until recently.

"I really didn't have a problem with it until this year's budget came up, and they were saying they are busier and have more cases," Reinhardt said.

"I'm tired of the politics. If that's what they want to do, fine but we can handle any of the civil stuff."

John Jarema,
Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney

According to Reinhardt, most counties have separate civil counsel this is not out of the ordinary.

"If he's (Jarema) overloaded running the chief law enforcement for the county, one way to relieve pressure is hire separate civil counsel," he said.

In addition, Reinhardt said, there have been, "some conflicts where he felt he couldn't act as the county's lawyer and we had to hire outside counsel anyway."

While Reinhardt said it is impossible to eliminate the possibility of a conflict of interest between any future civil counsel hire and issues which may spring up, maintaining civil counsel separately from the prosecutor's office could be a step in the right direction.

According to Jarema, the total cost for an average year of civil counsel work is over $10,000, not including lawsuits.

"We fought to get Shaynee's (Shaynee Fanara chief assistant prosecuting attorney) salary up to the 2004 chief assistant prosecutor's and now they want to hire outside counsel. Where are they going to get the money for this?" Jarema said. "I think it's a waste of money.

John Jarema

He added, "They can do what they want, they hold the purse strings. But, how are they going to say to the public that it's in the best interest? They can't afford to pay my chief assistant what the guy made in 2004, but they're going to farm out civil stuff?"

"I'm tired of the politics. If that's what they want to do, fine, but we can handle any of the civil stuff," he added.

According to first district Charlevoix County Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, before this resolution was drafted, the entire commission should have met with Jarema to discuss it.

"I don't believe in doing things without the whole committee. That really bothered me," she said. "If we want to do it, that's fine, but let's get together as a whole committee and discuss this — especially with Mr. Jarema, it's just as plain as that."

Roloff said, there were a couple of paragraphs that really bothered her and, left her saying, "What is this all about,"

"I definitely did not like it. It felt like going through the backdoor instead of being honest," she said.

Roloff said, she isn't against hiring outside counsel if that is deemed best for the county, but it should be done for the right reasons.

"What is this, a political move," she questioned.

This draft resolution is an agenda item on the commissioners' next scheduled meeting which will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Josh Barnes may run for county commission seat in August 2006

RECOUNT

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Clerk, Jane Brannon, despite the fact that she goes over election procedures prior to each cycle, there generally tends to be a few mistakes at polling places.

"Boyne City's unrealistic deadline caused the delay in the absentee ballots," Brannon said. "Boyne City has never, because of the way their charter is written, had their absentee ballots in, in a timely manner."

Brannon said state officials reviewed the Charlevoix County ballots prior to the election, decided they didn't like them and issued a new one.

By the time the new ballots were issued, there was less time for townships to prepare and mail them than there would have otherwise been.

According to Barnes, he is displeased by the handling of absentee ballots. And he may run for the seat in August of 2006.

He added, "This board of (canvassers) has performed admirably. I am appreciative of their efforts."

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Tackle the holidays the safe way: One sober step at a time

EDITORIAL

For many, December is a time for holiday cheer and goodwill for all, but for some it's an excuse to crawl inside a bottle of 100 proof stupid juice until they fall down.

After decades of public service announcements, increased punishment for offenders and the demonization of alcohol advertisements on television, people still drink and drive by the millions. And why not? What better way to vent frustration than by jumping in an SUV and tossing back a few of Grandpa Swerves old fashioned cordials just before mowing down a small child at play?

Sarcasm aside, it seems obvious to us that these governmental tactics of television commercials are useless. Those who feel drinking and driving is wrong simply don't do it. Of course, those who have little to no self-respect often have none for others and as a result are going to swill their booze to the point of retardation just before a rousing game of dodge the pedestrian — public safety be damned.

The last thing you want to hear from us is another moldy regurgitation of "Don't drink and drive," so we'll just say this: We don't care if you drink yourselves to death, but please have the courtesy to do it at home, or if you must binge at the bar, let someone else drive you home. And by someone else we don't mean that pink elephant you see after downing a dozen cocktails.

Call a friend, call a taxi, call your momma, because there is simply no excuse for drinking and driving. This isn't something you do by accident. And, if you can't remember getting behind the wheel, you have no business drinking in the first place.

If having a few belts down at Ye Olde Tavern is worth risking the lives of others, you have much bigger problems which need to be addressed.

Few actions so blatantly infringe upon the rights of others as rolling a few tons of metal death down the highway after a night of abusing one's liver.

So if you are the type to go booze-cruising, avoid the bar altogether.

Other than pleading to you with ink and paper, we know there's nothing we can do to stop you. So here it is, the sentimental ploy — try to think of life without the person whom you love most. Families of drunk driving victims don't have to imagine.

Hey, we love a good toddy as much as the next hobo, but for all our sakes, do it carefully.

Happy holidays Charlevoix and stay safe.

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When to wake: The science behind winter hibernation

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

This is the time of year when I begin to think the animals that hibernate through the winter have the right idea.

By now, in what is approaching the darkest part of the year, birds and animals with the resources to do so have either moved to warmer climates or taken to sleeping for longer or shorter periods.

Hibernation is a wonderful plan. It conserves personal resources, shuts out awareness of the cold and wind and must make it seem as though spring arrives much more rapidly. We don't know what the bears and woodchucks are thinking, but if hibernation is really like sleeping, then time must pass very quickly.

Hibernating animals face two problems — when to go to sleep and when to wake up. Going to sleep seems to be triggered by cold temperatures. If kept artificially at a room temperature above 50 to 60 degrees, no animal goes into hibernation. I can understand how that might work. If it never got colder than September, I would probably feel little impulse toward hibernation.

When to wake up is more of a problem. The deep and prolonged sleep of some hibernators is more profound than even the coma state for people. Their body temperature drops to nearly that of the surrounding air, breathing slows or nearly stops and their heart is slowed to a few beats per minute. So how do those creatures sleeping beneath the ground or in dark caves have any idea when winter has passed? We humans could set some sort of alarm, but what does a bear do?

One solution to the problem is to wake up periodically. Our local squirrels and chipmunks hibernate for only a week at a time. Then, they come back to normal activity for anywhere from a few hours to a day or so before sleeping again. The hibernators that sleep all winter have a built-in calendar which not only keeps track of days, but can run for months without any external clues. The woodchuck sleeping in a burrow wakes when spring arrives, as its built-in calendar tells it that March is here, no matter what the temperature of the burrow or the air outside may be.

Science fiction scenarios aside, is there any realistic possibility of some sort of artificial hibernation for people? Human biological origins were clearly in the tropical parts of the world where there was no advantage to or necessity for prolonged periods of deep sleep. When early humans moved out of the tropics they took that heritage with them, and we haven't lived in really cold places for long enough to have evolved hibernation tendencies. We humans can most probably not be induced to hibernate.

Goose down, central heating and an abundance of coal and petroleum are effective substitutes to hibernation for those of us above the 45th Parallel. But there are times during December and January when I would give a good deal to be able to emulate our local squirrels and go to sleep for a week at a time. I just have to remember to set the alarm.

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Letters to the editor

Beware of scam vets

Editor:

In a Oct. 19 news release from Washington, the Department of Veterans Affairs warns of a phone scam that is directed at veterans who receive their prescriptions from the department. The Department of Veterans Affairs is warning veterans not to give credit card numbers over the phone to callers claiming to update Veterans Affairs prescription information.

"Some unscrupulous scammers have targeted America's veterans, especially older veterans," said R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. "VA does not call veterans and ask them to disclose personal financial information over the phone."

The latest scam, currently centered in the Midwest, comes from callers who identify themselves as working for the "Patient Care Group." They say the Department of Veterans Affairs recently changed procedures for dispensing prescriptions and ask for the veteran's credit card number.

"VA has not changed its processes for dispensing prescription medicines," Nicholson said. "And we've definitely not changed our long-standing commitment to protect the personal information of our veterans."

Veterans with questions about Department of Veterans Affairs' services should contact the nearest Veterans Affairs medical center or call 1-877-222-8387. Should you receive a call connected with this scam, and have caller ID, write the number down and report it to your local police department.

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Beware of Proposal A tweaking

Editor:

A couple of weeks ago I heard on the Michigan section of National Public Radio news — twice, listening for it again the next hour because I couldn't believe what I had heard — the latest in Proposal A "tweaking" by the Michigan State Legislature.

The loving legislature was looking out for private lumbermen. For practically, nothing the legislature sells off trees from the state forests to the lumber barons. The big guys send in their crews to clear-cut, leaving denuded state forests. They also receive subsidies from the state government.

Private forest owners are not so fortunate. They have no such extra source of supply nor do they receive the subsidies that the lumber barons do. So, the legislature is going to give them a monetary "equalizer." Our elected legislators were even being "forthright" about where the money was coming from — the education budget.

What on earth does private lumbering have to do with education? How dare the legislators. Furthermore, why are the big city newspapers letting the legislature get away with the 73rd "tweaking"? I have scoured the press since that announcement and have found not a word.

Will you non-big-city newspapers show the (Detroit) News and Free Press how to report stories that affect hundreds of thousands of schoolchildren? Furthermore, help by not calling such behavior "tweaking." Tweaking sounds like a giggling, tickling match. It's not. It's pure theft, stealing from our children's futures.

Patricia W. Fox
Bellaire

'Thank you' supporters

Editor:

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended, contributed and volunteered for the soup and pie supper held for our benefit.

Living in such a loving, caring community has been an uplifting experience. Words cannot express our gratitude for your overwhelming support.

Toni Joki-Schlicht,
George, JB and Chelsea
East Jordan

Power solutions

Editor:

The latest pursuit of electric power without pollution is hydrogen fuel cells. The main problem with that solution is the economical acquisition and storage of hydrogen. Water is a good source of hydrogen. Sodium reacts with water forming sodium hydroxide and releasing half of the hydrogen in water. Aluminum reacts with sodium hydroxide forming sodium aluminate and releasing the remaining hydrogen from the hydroxide radical.

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Ray Peltz
Charlevoix

Hospital heros

Editor:

Our heartfelt thanks go to the members of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Hero Committee who collected snowsuits, hats, scarves and mittens donated by hospital employees. These items will be given to families served by the health department. Many children will stay warm this winter thanks to their generosity and kindness.

Jane Sundmacher
Marketing and public relations coordinator
Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency

Home Tour funds distributed

Editor:

Kappa Sigma would like to thank the volunteers, homeowners, local businesses and visitors who made the July 2005 Home Tour successful.

Each year, as a group, Kappa Sigma works very hard to ensure those who attend the annual tour will enjoy a day admiring architecture, design and amazing views from the showcased homes. Volunteers are at the heart of this endeavor and we certainly want them to be recognized and let each one of them know how much their efforts are appreciated.

Although attendance and proceeds were down from the 2004 tour, we are pleased to announce we raised nearly $4,000 this year, which will benefit Circle of Strength ($2000), BASES ($1000) and the Charlevoix Middle School ($800).

In hopes of increasing future attendance and moneys raised for the community, we are modifying the format of the Home Tour to every other year. This makes the next Kappa Sigma Home Tour in 2007. Please keep us in your thoughts and look for future advertising announcing the date of the next home tour.

Thank you again volunteers, homeowners, local businesses and visitors for your dedication, efforts, positive attitude and support of our tour. It enables us to give back more to the community.

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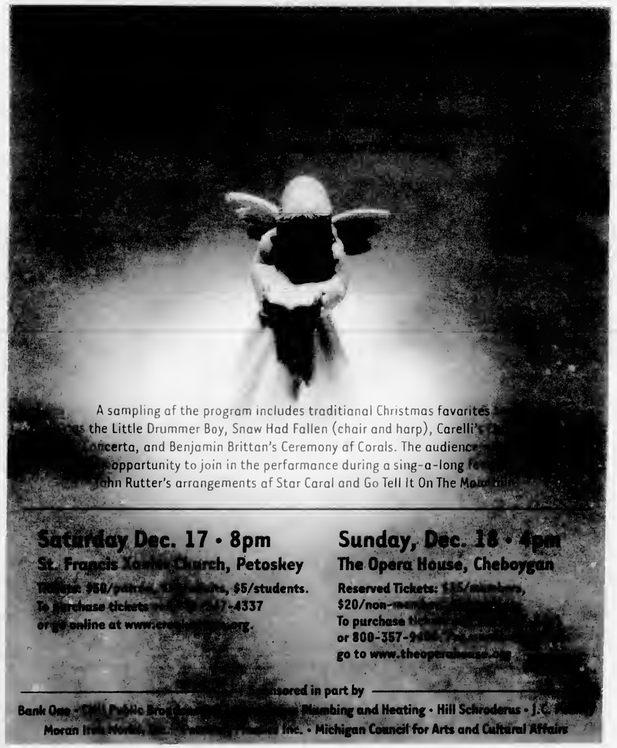

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COMMUNITY

Wedding

Morrison — Furgeson

Tasha Lee Morrison of Charlevoix and Justin Lee Furgeson of Petoskey were married in a double ring ceremony that took place at 4 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus in the presence of 250 guests.

The hall was decorated with fall colored Gerbera daisies. William Armstrong, the bride's great uncle, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Thomas III and Lyddy Morrison of Charlevoix. The groom is the son of Jim Furgeson Jr. of Petoskey and Barbara Furgeson of Flint.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. Don Neidert played piano at the ceremony.

The bride wore a floor length, princess style dress with a train. Her bouquet was made of white Gerbera daisies with accents of fall roses and a cascading lily. The bride's attire and that of the bridesmaids and flowers were made by her mother.

The maid-of-honor was Suzanne Vrondran, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were April Hayden, Peggy Newman, cousin to the groom and Jessica Soto. The flower girl was Micayla Vrondran, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Jim Furgeson, the groom's father. Groomsmen were Bob Fettig, Scott Rose and Cody Morrison, the bride's brother. The ring bearer was Devon Hayden and the usher was Bo Moore, the bride's cousin.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bride and groom along with the groom's mother at the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus on Friday, Oct. 28.

The reception was also held at the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus, hosted by the bride's parents, Rita Moore, the bride's aunt and Lynn Pearsall catered the reception dinner.

Justin works for Mussio Janitorial/KSS Enterprises and Tasha works at Charlevoix Manufacturing. The couple resides in Charlevoix.

CHS grad heads to New Orleans for relief work

Theresa Martin, a Charlevoix High School graduate attending Olivet College in Olivet is planning a week-long student service trip to support hurricane relief efforts in New Orleans, La.

A group of 19 Olivet students, including Martin, a freshman attending Olivet, and one employee, will leave Friday, Dec. 9, immediately following the college's final exams.

The group will be assisting with cleaning and repairing homes and churches in New Orleans, La. and will return Friday, Dec. 16.

The program is organized by the United Church of Christ (UCC) Office of Volunteer Ministries and coordinated by Mike Fales, director of church relations and campus ministries at Olivet College.

The group will stay in a suburb of New Orleans at the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Metairie, La.

All clean-up supplies will be provided by the United Church of Christ and the cost of the trip is being underwritten by the college and several Congregational and United Church of Christ churches in Michigan.

"This is an opportunity to be a part of history and make a difference to some people who really need help," said Fales.

"I am impressed by how many students want to give up part of their holiday break for this worthy cause," he added.

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Historical Society to host holiday home tour Dec. 14

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host a tour of six homes in Charlevoix featuring rooms and table settings festively decorated for the holidays.

This holiday home tour will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14.

After visiting the homes, attendees are invited for refreshments and entertainment at the Depot. Tickets are $15 per person and are available at Shop of the Gulls, Bridge Street Book Shop and at the Harsha House.

For more information, call the Harsha House at (231) 547-0373.

Northwest Academy's annual Christmas concert Dec. 20

The Northwest Academy 10th Annual Christmas Concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the First Congregational Church. The Beginning Band, Intermediate Band and Advanced Band will perform holiday music. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Crooked Tree and Cheboygan Arts Council host holiday concert series

The Cheboygan Area Arts Council and Crooked Tree Arts Center will present a pair of Christmas Concerts featuring the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and the Little Traverse Choral Society.

The first will take place at 8 p.m. Dec. 17 at St. Francis Church in Petoskey and the second will be at 4 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Cheboygan Opera House.

The program is comprised of traditional favorites, such as "Snow Had Fallen" and "Little Drummer Boy." Other selections include, "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "I Wonder As I Wander" and "Star Carol."

Between the orchestra and choral society, more than 100 northern Michigan musicians and singers will perform at the concerts.

Near the close of the concert, the orchestra and choral society will invite the audience to sing-a-long with them to "Adeste Fidelis" and "Joy to the World."

Little Traverse Choral Society will be conducted by Bradley Moffatt and accompanied on piano by Gertrude Fairbairn, while Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will be conducted by Robert Ritsema.

Featured performers include harpist Joan Raeburn Holland, Paul Sonner and John Van Patten on violin, Marlys Manthei on cello and Robert Pattengale on harpsichord.

Purchase tickets for the Dec. 17 performance at Crooked Tree Arts Center by calling (231) 347-4337 or www.crookedtree.org.

Tickets for the Dec. 18 performance are available by calling the Cheboygan Opera House at (231) 627-5841 or on-line at www.theoperahouse.org.

All I want for Christmas...

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Dana Nachazel, 7, of Charlevoix smiles as she tells Santa her Christmas wish list at the Charlevoix Open House which took place Dec. 3.

Charlevoix County Republican Women feature Dec. 12 holiday reception

The Charlevoix County Republican Women welcome the public to their annual holiday reception on Monday, Dec. 12 at Grey Gables on Belvedere Avenue in Charlevoix.

Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for a $5 cover charge.

Featured speaker will be Jerry Zandstra, one of three Republican candidates for U.S. Senate in 2006.

As always, men are included in Charlevoix County Republican Women events, and colleagues in Antrim and Emmet counties are also encouraged to attend. Memberships will be available but not required.

For questions or more information, contact Susan Flanders at (231) 547-4887 or Margo Johnson at (231) 547-0866.

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Obituaries

Paula Hamlin: Died Nov. 26, 2005

Paula Ann Hamlin of Shrewsbury, Mass. died Saturday, Nov. 26.

She was the loving daughter of Elizabeth and Thomas Hamlin. The dear sister of Ree (Tom) Hamlin-Lewis, Tom (Carol) Hamlin, Charlie (Becky) Hamlin, Theresa (Clay) Grumke and Jeff (Leisa) Hamlin. The dear granddaughter of Lourae and the late Rupert Hillyard and the late Charles and Pauline Hamlin.

The dear aunt to Zach (Mandy), Jen, Tyler, Betsy, Jacob, Shore, Stevie, Troy, Emily, Kate, Maggie and Eric. The dear great-aunt of Morgan, Ryan and Ansley. Godmother of Joey, Jack and Maggie and dear niece, cousin, cousiet and friend to many.

Paula's love and laughter embraces all the lives she touched.

A memorial service took place at 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 at First United Methodist Church of Webster Groves in Missouri. A reception followed in the fellowship hall. Interment will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Charlevoix at a later date.

If desired, contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Webster Groves or to The Kingdom House 1321 S. 11th St., St. Louis, MO 63104-3599. Arrangements were handled by Gerber Chapel.

Jean Anderson: April 1, 1924 - Nov. 29, 2005

Jean M. Anderson, 81, of Charlevoix, died Nov. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Jean was born April 1, 1924, in Stoneham, Penn., the daughter of Arthur and Helen (Vesling) Thomas. She graduated from Warren High School in 1940.

On April 20, 1946, Jean married Robert W. Anderson, in Warren. They moved to Charlevoix in 1951, where she was the office manager for her husband, Bob's optometry practice.

Jean is survived by her husband, Robert W. Anderson, O.D., of Charlevoix; sister Harriett Dahler-Font (Anthony) of Warren, Penn.; niece, Cynthia Walker of Russell, Penn.; great-niece Katrina Walker of Russell, Penn.; and several cousins.

Sons Jeffery Allen (1961) and Thomas Walter (1984) preceded her in death.

Her love of Charlevoix extended to many volunteer opportunities.

There will be no services, and interment will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions should be directed to the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District located at 08568 Mercer Blvd., Charlevoix, MI 49720, for a garden used by students.

Winchester Funeral Home of Charlevoix is serving the family.

Truck takes down traffic light

David Danielson, 49, of Central Lake, was cited for violating the city's height requirements by the City of Charlevoix Police Department after this Great Lakes Excavating 1986 dump truck (left), he was driving, took out the traffic light on the north side of the bridge at around 1 p.m. Nov. 30. A temporary light has since been put in its place. No injuries were reported in relation to the accident.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

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City council to review chief hiring process and manager's performance

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix City Council has scheduled a special meeting to consider hiring procedures for the new chief of police and to review city manager Mike Wiesner's performance.

The meeting which will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, will begin with public discussion of hiring procedures for the police chief.

Former police chief Dennis Halverson's last day was Oct. 28. By the Nov. 11 application cutoff, Wiesner's office had received 21 applications.

At council's regularly scheduled meeting which took place Dec. 5, Wiesner suggested forming a manager's committee to look over the initial batch of 21 applicants for the position.

He suggested this committee comprise professional resources including city fire chief Paul Ivan, Traverse City Commissioner and former police chief Ralph Soffredine, as well as current police chiefs in both Mackinaw City and Harbor Springs. Wiesner himself would also sit on the committee along with city mayor Norman Carlson, second ward councilman Gabe Campbell and city clerk Carol Ochs.

Wiesner believes that under this setup the manager's committee could pare down the bulk of the group to about five for city council's final review and hiring without breaking the applicants' requested confidentiality.

"My recommendation would be a professional approach to the hiring," he said. "It might be difficult to maintain confidentiality as requested if it's a council review."

While Wiesner feels an initial review by the professional group is in order, Campbell said he wants to see council review all the applications.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson agrees.

She mentioned at the Oct. 24, special meeting when council discussed hiring procedures for the city police chief opening. At that time council supported review of all the applications with each choosing their top picks and then narrowing the list to five candidates for council interviews.

"That's the direction we should take," she said.

City attorney Jim Young plans to draft information as to how council can approach the hiring process while maintaining the applicants' requested confidentiality.

Campbell said he hopes to see a new chief hired before Christmas.

Following discussion of the procedure for hiring a new chief, council will go into closed session to review Wiesner's performance.

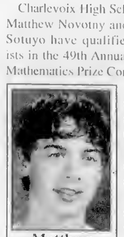
Since the Nov. 21 council meeting when Campbell's motion to fire Wiesner died in a 3-3 tie vote, Wiesner and a mediator have met with each council member individually to discuss their concerns.

Third ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain said he feels communication between Wiesner and some council members is a problem.

"That's what he needs to improve on," Chamberlain said. "It's all about running the city and doing the best possible job."

Wiesner, who has been manager for over 20 years, has not gone through a performance review since 1993.

Two seniors to compete Dec. 7 at Mathematics Prize Competition



Matthew Novotny

Nathaniel Sotuyo

Charlevoix High School seniors Matthew Novotny and Nathaniel Sotuyo have qualified as finalists in the 49th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

Novotny and Sotuyo are among the top 1,000 students from among 10,000 students who participated in Part I of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition to qualify for the finals. Part I was a multiple-choice exam with 40 problems given at 250 high schools throughout Michigan on Oct. 5.

The finalists will compete in Part II today, Dec. 7. This exam consists of five challenging problems to which students must provide written explanations for their claims and mathematical proofs of their results.

Oakland University in Rochester will host a grading session in January to score the students' work on Part II. Mathematicians from the 73 colleges and universities that comprise the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America will volunteer their time and expertise toward this annual project.

The students with the top 100 scores on the two parts will be invited to an awards program to take place in February at Delta College in University Center.

The top 50 will be presented with scholarships ranging from the bronze awards of $500 to $2,600 for the first place gold medalist who will be designated the Ford Scholar in recognition of the donation of this award by Ford Motor Company.

A team of 30 to 35 of these top students will participate in training sessions in preparation for the American Regions Mathematics League Competition.

For more information, visit www.math.oakland.edu/MMPC/mmpc.html.

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Norwood mine to move forward without special use permit

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The application for a special use permit filed by Wayne Wynkoop for a proposed limestone mine in Norwood has been rescinded.

Wayne Wynkoop

"Our investigation and analysis reveals that the Wynkoops are entitled to proceed with continuation of the mineral extraction from their property without pursuing an application for issuance of a special use permit," Wynkoop's attorney, Edgar Roy III, with the firm Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C., states in a letter to the Norwood Township Planning Commission. "Accordingly, the application is formally withdrawn."

In the letter to the planning commission, Wynkoop's attorney further states, the proposed use of property is consistent with the township's requirements for Class B non-conforming uses and therefore, no special use permit is required.

According to the letter, the Wynkoop property has a long history of use as a source of gravel extraction dating back to the 1800s.

He said he knew all along the special use permit wasn't required for him to operate a proposed sand and gravel extraction operation from his property, but he wanted to show the residents of Norwood Township he has good intentions.

"I did this out of respect for the township to show that these are the processes that are to be followed," he said. "I went to great extremes — I tied my hands behind my back on this project and hired experts in many fields to delineate on this project, so when people had questions, I had people who could answer those questions."

According to Norwood Township resident, Bill Knodtke, there is a good chance there will be a challenge made to the proposed limestone mine by its opponents.

"I'm kind of perplexed by the process, he (Wynkoop) applied for a special use permit and the planning commission did their due diligence and then I guess it became apparent to the applicant and his attorneys there might be some problems with the planning commission's findings," Knodtke said. "It appears to me they got worried about that and they sent a letter that pulled it."

Knodtke said he is concerned with the amount of noise, dust, runoff and traffic which may affect the surrounding community.

"I'm really bothered. It looks like the townspeople are going to have to fight this," he added.

According to Wynkoop, he has no intentions of harming the environment.

"I have a family of four children and I plan to spend the rest of my life there, it's not like I just want to strip it of the resources and leave," he said. "I'm not sugarcoating a thing. There's going to be some noise, but I live there too."

According to Norwood Township Trustee, Denny Way, because the application was withdrawn, it is no longer in the hands of the planning commission.

"They (Wynkoop's attorney) did indicate they would pursue a non-conforming use which then falls into the hands of the zoning administrator," Way said.

A non-conforming use means Wynkoop may go ahead with the proposed mine without the special use permit.

And, Way said, "Once started, the zoning administrator would step in at that point as the policing body to make sure that what they are doing does fall within the guidelines of the ordinance."

While some of the planning commission members did not want to see this matter policed by zoning administrator, Jonathan Scheel, Way said, "The chairman and attorney made it very clear that it now fell onto the responsibility of the zoning administrator."

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Senator Levin meets with local activists to discuss war in Iraq

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Ellis Boal

Senator Carl Levin met with delegates of the Traverse Area Peace and Justice Community as well as Charlevoix resident Ellis Boal, to discuss the Iraq war on Friday, Dec. 2 in Traverse City.

Boal, who is a Charlevoix resident running for the fist district Charlevoix County Commission seat in February, is also a member of the Petoskey based group, Northern Michigan People for Peace.

"Our goal is to bring the troops home now. And we urged that message on Senator Levin," Boal said. "He listened to what we were saying. But he doesn't agree the U.S. should pull out immediately."

The Traverse Area Peace and Justice Community selected Boal to be one of seven delegates in attendance at the meeting with Senator Levin. The delegates, from Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Charlevoix and Otsego counties, are Steve Morse, Tim Keenan, Larry Helvie, Randy Bond, Joanna Dueweke, Simon Anton and Boal.

Also in the group were veterans, high school seniors and peace activists.

According to Boal, in discussing the group's initiative to end the war in Iraq with Senator Levin they cited a New York Times/CBS poll released in September which showed 52 percent of Americans polled support immediate withdrawal of troops, even if that means abandoning the president's goals in Iraq.

Aside from immediate withdrawal the Traverse Area Peace and Justice Community delegates also urged Levin to support an end to funding of all hostile activities, a restoration of veterans' benefits and discussed depleted uranium testing for all veterans of wars since 1991.

Students at the event stressed banning military recruiters from schools.

While Levin disagreed with the immediate withdrawal of troops he did tell the group he feels the U.S. administration should set a timetable for withdrawal from Iraq and said the U.S. has little credibility among the Iraqi people.

"I'm glad he took the time to meet with us," Boal said.

The group now plans to request in writing that Senator Levin attend a second large, public forum to hear the opinions of a broader group of people with varied opinions on the war in Iraq.

Holiday crafters

(Left) Bev Smith of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church Women works on a craft during the Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale Dec. 3 at the church. (Below) Owner of Quiltworks By Marylin, Marylin Larsen, tends to a customer during St. Mary's annual craft fair Dec. 3.

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Bergmann Center gathers supplies for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

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The cost of making the traditional holiday meal

Holiday memories are made and refreshed each year by the comforting tastes and aromas of roast turkey, pie and other dishes.

Consumers Energy has provided the following break-down of energy costs for preparing those delicious dishes.

The cost of natural gas or electricity needed to cook a traditional holiday meal for 12 guests is less than 80 cents.

The meal costs are as follows:

Roast stuffed turkey in an electric oven: 50.9 cents; in a gas oven 32.1 cents.

Large pan of mashed potatoes cooked for 20 minutes: About 3 cents.

Giblet gravy cooked on the stove for 10 minutes: About 1 cent.

Homemade dinner rolls baked for 30 minutes: 6 cents with electricity or with natural gas.

Re-heating pre-baked rolls in the microwave oven: Less than half a cent.

Vegetable casserole baked in an electric oven for 30 minutes: Less than 7 cents.

Two pies baked in an electric oven: 12.6 cents; with natural gas 9.6 cents.

While dinner is cooking, holiday guests may gather around the television. The cost of electricity to power the TV for four hours is less than 7 cents.

Tips on how to keep energy costs down during the holiday season:

• Glass and ceramic dishes hold heat well and allow you to lower the oven temperature 25 degrees.

• Opening the oven door loses 25-75 degrees of heat each time. Monitor the time and peek through the oven window, if possible.

• Use your microwave for defrosting and cooking small portions.

• Bake more than one dish or cook an entire meal in the oven to save energy.

• Using roasting bags reduces cooking time in the oven by nearly one-half.

Beaver Island St. James Light Tower receives $16,000 grant

The St. James Light Tower was recently awarded funding to assist in its restoration.

Department of History, Arts and Libraries Director William Anderson and Michigan Historical Center Director Sandra Clark announced last week that more than $145,000 in lighthouse grants will be dispersed among six organizations for 2006.

This funding includes grant dollars for the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office which is funded by proceeds from the sale of the "Save our Lights" license plate.

Lighthouse grants are given to state and local governments or nonprofit organizations that are maintaining or restoring a lighthouse. Recipients must provide 50 percent of the grant award as matching funds.

"Lighthouses have become a powerful symbol of Michigan and our rich maritime history," said Anderson. "By choosing the 'Save our Lights' license plates, Michigan drivers can help preserve these important icons."

The Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program was established to assist in the preservation, restoration, and protection of lighthouses in Michigan. The program arose from a concern about the disposal of over 70 lighthouses in Michigan by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Fiscal Year 2006 Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program grant recipient included $16,000 for Beaver Island's St. James Light Tower. Grant funds will be used to hire an architect/engineer to conduct a structural evaluation of the Beaver Island St. James Light Tower, study the cause for moisture infiltration in the lighthouse, analyze appropriate remedies, and prepare engineering plans and specifications for the recommended work to secure, stabilize and ventilate the tower.

Additionally, St. James Township will hire a contractor to make the recommended repairs including metal repair, tower window repair, replace entry door, install tower window vents, and foundation repair. Soil testing will be performed and a report with recommendations will be produced.

Treerific tradition

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix Lions Club member Derek Chowen helps Charlevoix resident Zack Hopkins load his holiday tree atop his car Sunday, Dec. 4. The Lions Club's annual holiday tree sale and fund-raiser is going on now in East Park.

Two-car accident Friday, Nov. 18 in Eveline Township causes extensive vehicle damage

On Friday, Nov. 18 there was a two-car accident on Ferry Road near Wurn Road in Eveline Township.

The accident involved a 2004 Ford pickup driven by Teresa Ann Saputo, age 48, from Oakland, and a white 1997 Chevrolet pickup driven by Warren Carl Reinhardt, 59, of Boyne City.

Reinhardt was driving a Great Lakes Energy truck and heading east on Ferry Road. Saputo was heading east and had just come around a curve and was going up a slight incline. The road was slushy and it was snowing. Saputo's vehicle began to slide to the left. She tried to correct the direction of travel. As the Saputo vehicle traveled back into its original lane, it was struck on the driver's side door by the Reinhardt's truck. Saputo's truck went off the right side of the road.

The impact caused extensive damage to both vehicles. The airbags were activated in the truck operated by Reinhardt.

The Boyne City Ambulance and the Boyne City Fire Department were dispatched to the call. It was found that the Jaws of Life were required to gain access to the interior of the Saputo vehicle.

Saputo reported she had pain in her back and legs. She was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Boyne City Ambulance.

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Arthur Kirk to face two separate circuit court trials

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Instead of one trial, Arthur Kirk faces two trials beginning with court proceedings at 9 a.m. Jan. 17, 2006.

Arthur Kirk

Kirk was in court Wednesday, Nov. 30 while his defense attorney, Jennifer Deegan, petitioned the judge to have his five charges separated into different trials. Deegan cited several unpublished cases which stated unrelated offenses must be separated and tried separately.

"In this particular case these charges do not constitute similar conduct. It is essential for charges to arise out of similar conduct such as an incident involving a drunk driving that results in multiple deaths," Deegan said.

Deegan said the false statement made on a concealed weapon permit, weapons possession by a felon and three counts of perjury are not the result of a single act as they, "Arise out of different dates."

"I think it's important to show that they're distinct and unrelated acts," Deegan added.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema, there isn't a good reason for holding multiple trials.

"Five different times is a waste of resources," Jarema said. "He (Kirk) went into the (Charlevoix County) sheriff's department, swore in front of the notary that he had no felony convictions, then gets the gun and comes back to certify it."

But Deegan argues, "The prosecutor contends that his (Kirk's) purpose was to own a handgun, but any case can be shown to have an ultimate goal."

Deegan said the problem with Jarema's argument is there is no finding that any of these charges on their own could have resulted in the occurrence of the rest of the events.

Deegan wanted the charges tried separately because of the perception a jury may have of him having five counts against him instead of one.

Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas said he wasn't sure multiple charges were an automatic prejudice for a jury.

But, Deegan said, "I think it does."

She went on to say that a convicted felon facing multiple charges before a jury is at a distinct disadvantage.

Deegan asserted she is no expert on applying for a concealed weapons permit, but said, "I think most people think that you can apply for a CCW (carry concealed weapon permit) whether you have a gun or not."

According to Deegan, because someone is able to apply for a carry concealed weapon permit whether or not they own a gun, there is no connection between Kirk's application for the permit and his eventual alleged possession of it.

In order to try all charges in one trial, "There must be a connection made," Deegan said.

Pajtas said there is difficulty finding a connection between the charge of felon in possession of a firearm and the charges of perjury and a false sworn statement and ruled to allow two separate trials.

Kirk was originally arrested by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office this summer on multiple counts of felony weapons charges.

At the time of his arrest he was a contract worker coordinating volunteer operations for AmeriCorps through the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

In 2000 and 2001 he was an AmeriCorps volunteer at Charlevoix Middle School and in 2002 and 2003, though not a staff member of Camp Daggett, he was a volunteer counselor there.

Law enforcement were tipped off when he applied for a concealed weapons permit in late May and the FBI and Michigan State police background checks revealed several prior arrests and convictions including felonious assault and sex offenses ranging from 1964 to 1980 in Oakland and Macomb counties, and at least three prior sex offense convictions all under an alias name, Arthur Kirkeby.

Kirk's last conviction, for which he was sentenced to 25 years in prison, was for the second offense of first degree criminal sexual conduct with an 8-year-old boy. Kirk/Kirkeby isn't included on the state's Public Sex Offender Registry because his convictions came through prior to 1995, exempting him from registration.

A lieutenant with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and a police officer with the City of Charlevoix Police Department executed a Charlevoix County 90th District Court search warrant at Kirk's condo in Charlevoix Township on July 30. During the search, three handguns were seized including two .357 caliber revolvers and one .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

Due to three prior felony convictions, if the jury finds him guilty at the upcoming trial, Kirk could spend up to life in prison.

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Making healthy diet choices during the holiday season

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Holidays are always a busy season for families with all the holiday parties, school holiday events, shopping, as well as all of the everyday life activities. As a consequence some things fall to the wayside. One of the areas often neglected is making sure the children eat a healthy diet.

So how do we as parents find the time and inclination to provide a good healthy diet for our families during this time of the year? Hopefully this article can provide you with some tips.

With so many Americans fighting the battle of obesity, including children, one of the ways to avoid holiday overeating is to plan ahead. Instead of depending on fast foods and highly processed convenience foods, you can make and freeze meals when you are not so busy. All it would take is to re-heat the meal and add fresh fruit and vegetables and a glass of low fat milk to complete a healthy meal. Items could include chili, spaghetti, soups, meatloaf, or any foods you would normally prepare for your family.

Another suggestion when preparing favorites such as baked goods is to either make recipes that would be lower in fat and sugar or to adjust your favorite recipes to do the same. For example when I bake banana or pumpkin bread, I take out the oil and substitute applesauce (equal amounts) and then decrease the amount of sugar I add. The end result is very tasty and no one would notice the change. I also cut back on the amount of sugar when I bake other items such as cookies or cakes. There are many Internet sites that have recipes that are quite good that already have a lower fat and sugar content. Making fewer desserts and have more fresh fruit available is another suggestion.

Potlucks and parties pose another challenge. We always think we need to take a rich dessert or a fattening entree. Instead think about taking fresh vegetables with low fat ranch dressing, a fresh fruit salad or just a bowl of fresh fruit. If the healthy items are available kids are more likely to eat them.

Children enjoy holiday parties with other children. If the party is centered around a non food event such as ice skating, sledding, caroling, building a snowman or even watching a favorite holiday movie they will not be so food focused. Serve a healthy snack after the event such as trail mix and fruit.

So parents I challenge you to plan ahead, think about good nutrition, and make an effort to buy and prepare healthy foods for your children during this holiday season. As a result everyone will feel better and enjoy the holiday more.

Laurel Najarian is the clinical dietitian at Charlevoix Area Hospital located at 14700 Lake Shore Dr. in Charlevoix. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-8737.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for December reading.

Trish Cooke,
"Full, full, full of love."
Ages 2-5

For Jay Jay, Sunday dinner at his granny's house is always full of love. There are hugs, kisses, happy faces and lots of delicious foods. Cooke's rhythmic prose brings a light, fun feeling to this story, which underlines the strong ties that bind all families.

Shelley Rotner,
"Many ways: How families practice their beliefs and religions."
Ages 4-8

Rotner uses large bright photographs to highlight the differences and similarities of the different world religions. This timely book will help children understand different cultures and traditions as well as give them a greater understanding of inclusiveness.

Jill Wolfson,
"What I call life."
Ages 10-14

"What I call life," is a story of a young girl who is placed in a group home run by the "knitting lady." She rooms with four other girls who are all in different stages of denial of their situations. We learn about the girls through stories within the story some of which are humorous, sad and thought provoking. Although there are some painful moments in the books, the ultimately hopeful ending ties it all together.

Monthly featured event: *Fun day for kids*

The Charlevoix Fire Department will host a fun day for kids. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 17, Santa will be at the fire station, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix. There will be candy bags for the kids, a movie or two, hot dogs and popcorn, tours of the newly renovated fire station and most important of all, a visit with Santa.

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Chamber window decorating contest winners announced

The Annual Chamber Business Window Decorating Contest was judged on Thursday, Dec. 1.

The following winners have been announced:

Grand prize — My Sister's Closet and Charlevoix Antiques.

First prize — Charlevoix State Bank.

Second prize — Haggard's Plumbing & Heating.

Third prize — Shop of the Gulls.

Honorable mention — Elements.

Cellular One collects cell phones for organ transplant association

Cellular One from Dobson Cellular Systems is urging residents and customers to bring in their old or no longer used wireless phones during the holiday season.

With more than 100 million cell phones purchased each year, Cellular One saw a clear need to launch a recycling campaign.

In order to make the best use of this worthy program, Cellular One aligned with the Children's Organ Transplant Association.

All proceeds from the recycling program will benefit children in need of life-saving tissue and organ transplants.

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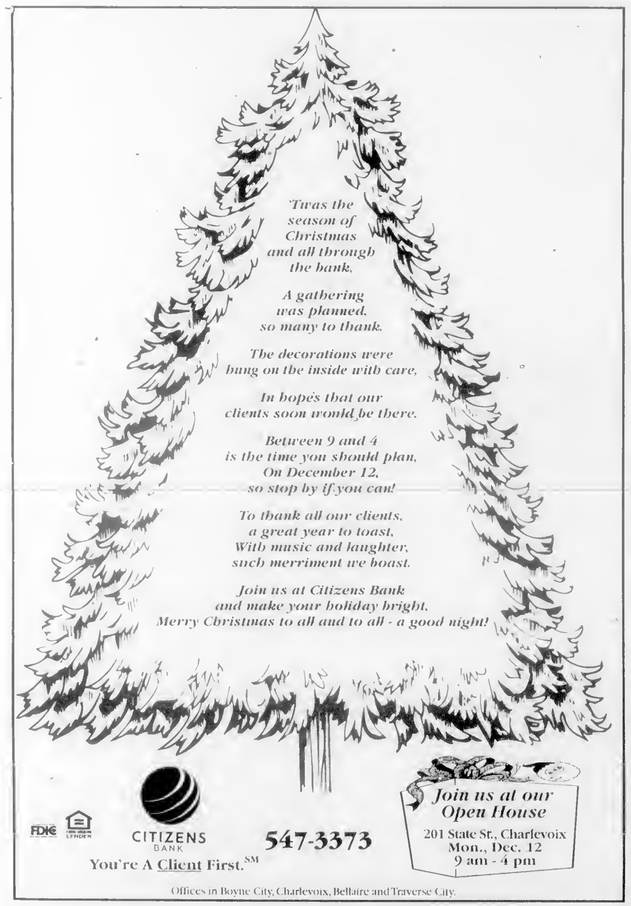

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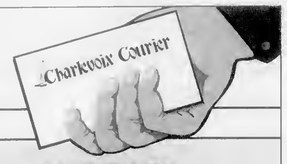

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Jingle all the way

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Mike Carey, co-owner of C2 Gallery, sports a Santa hat to show his holiday spirit while jamming for customers during the Charlevoix open house Dec. 3.

Exxon awards Charlevoix Public Schools $500 grant

The Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance recently awarded a $500 grant to Charlevoix Public Schools to support the Literacy Library at Charlevoix Elementary School.

The grant is one of 4,000 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations and funded by Exxon Mobil Corporation.

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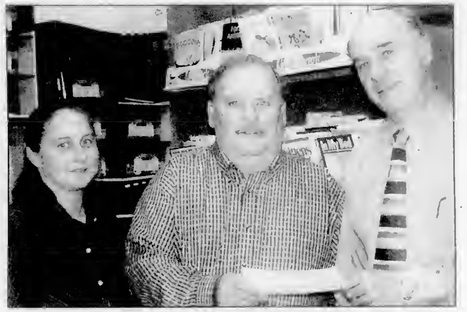

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Tracy Soska, Charlevoix E-Z Mart Manager, joined Jeff Blanchard, the Blarney Castle E-Z Mart Area Manager covering Charlevoix and Charlevoix Elementary School principal Dick Swenor last week to give the school a grant check for $500 to support the school's Literacy Library shown above behind them.

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Rayder wrestlers start season with two wins

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Charlevoix's Jeff Golovich jockies for position with Onaway's DePriester in a match up that took place Nov. 30. Golovich did score the pin in Charlevoix's 47-36 defeat of Onaway.

Charlevoix High Schools' varsity wrestling team is off to a successful start tallying wins at its first two matches of the season.

The varsity Rayder grapplers met Mancelona and Onaway on the mats Wednesday, Nov. 30 and came away with two strong wins for the team. Charlevoix defeated Onaway 47-36 and Mancelona 42–39.

Individual results against Mancelona were:

Matt Golovich with a pin; Nick Mailloux with a foss; Woody Nitchman with a pin; Spencer Hankins with a pin; Nate Golovich with a pin; Joey Left with a loss; Matt Novotny with a loss; Justin Meggison with a loss; Jeff Golovich with a pin; and Nate Tripplehorn with a loss.

Individual results against Onaway were:

Zeke Daman with a loss; Woody Nitchman with a loss; Spencer Hankins with a technical win; Joey Left with a loss; Matt Novotny with a pin; Justin Meggison with a loss; Jeff Golovich with a pin; and Nate Tripplehorn with a pin.

This years Rayder team welcomed the addition of four freshman to last season's "Michigan All-Academic" squad along with returning state qualifiers Jed Daman and Jeff Golovich, both seniors.

"This year's team has both experience and drive, and I'm looking forward to a number of the guys qualifying for state," said head coach Craig Golovich.

The Rayders traveled to Mancelona on Saturday, Dec. 3 for the Ironman Tournament and will compete against Traverse City St. Francis and Kalkaska at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 at Traverse City St. Francis.

Coach Haske offers Rayder basketball camp this winter

Boys and girls in second, third and fourth grades are invited to attend Winter Basketball Camp.

According to camp leader and head of the Charlevoix High School Rayder basketball program, coach Keith Haske, the camp will stress the fundamental skills kids need to become good basketball players.

The camp will meet on several Saturdays and Sundays throughout the winter in the gym at Charlevoix High School located off Marion Center Road in Charlevoix.

Second and third graders will meet from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 and 17 and Jan. 7 and 14. This group will also meet at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22 and 29.

Fourth graders will meet from 9:45 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 and 17 and Jan. 7 and 14. This group will also meet at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22 and 29.

The cost of camp is $20 per camper. This covers all sessions. Checks can he made payable to Charlevoix Public Schools. Registration will take place the first day of camp, Dec. 10.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Middle School at (231) 547-3206.

Charlevoix Middle School basketball faced Elk Rapids

The Charlevoix Middle School basketball team faced Elk Rapids Nov. 21.

The Rayder eighth grade team won hy one point beating Elk Rapids 37-36. Standouts included Bill Ivan who had seven points and Clayton Mitchell who had five points.

The seventh grade team also beat the Elks by a small margin winning 48-44. Rayder all-stars were Brandon Darrah and Wyat Drost both with nine points and Mathew Klooster who had 14 points.

The Rayder B team lost by a large margin falling 43-14 to the Elks. For the Rayders, Taylor Mullins had seven points.

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SPORTS

Charlevoix alumni shines on college court

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's own hoops master Jimmy Shepherd has moved his game to the East Coast where he is leading the offensive charge for Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn.

After graduating from Charlevoix High School in 2002 Shepherd, 22, did a post graduate year at Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H. where he was the leading scorer on his team and voted Most Valuable Player for the year.

In 2003, he was recruited by Wesleyan University to play basketball. Now, in his junior year, Shepherd who wears jersey number 33, is tallying his finest work on the collegiate court to date.

"Over the past couple of years I haven't had the opportunity to get in the game for significant minutes to get into a rhythm," he said. "This year, some players graduated, I've seen more minutes and have gotten into a flow."

Shepherd has played an average of 22 minutes in each of the Wesleyan Cardinals' seven games this season and is the team's most accurate shooter having sunk 38 of his attempted 75 field goals for a shooting percentage of .507.

"Jimmy is now the leading scorer on the entire team. Quite a feat for a kid from little Charlevoix. And he earned it the hard way — by putting time in at the gym. Jimmy shoots 500 shots seven days a week," his father, Frank Shepherd, stated in a recent e-mail.

He has continued his Charlevoix based legacy of amazing shooting from the three-point line sinking 27 of 57 attempts for the Cards — an average of .474 successful shots.

He averages 15 points per game and marked his highest scoring game, Nov. 30, when the Cards faced Eastern Connecticut State University in front of a crowd of 250 people. There, Shepherd claimed 23 points, sinking four of his five three-point attempts in the second half. His team won 72-67 bringing their season record to 3-3.

This season high was a follow-up to a star studded afternoon game, Nov. 27, when Wesleyan faced Mitchell College located in New London, Conn. and Shepherd took home 21 points in Wesleyan's 68-47 win.

Shepherd went a combined 10-for-15 from three-point range during the Cards' Nov. 27 and Nov. 30 match-ups.

His flawless performance continued Dec. 2 when he scored 23 points against Mitchell and earned all-tournament honors for his execution on the court. They won 86-75.

"Since middle school, outside shooting has been my game," he said.

This showing doesn't trump his state finalist appearance as a Charlevoix High School Rayder. According to his Rayder leader, head baskethall coach Keith Haske, in 2002, Shepherd was in his final year as a Rayder. During that basketball season he was named an all-state and all-regional basketball player. He helped lead the team on a state championship run, losing in the regional to McBain.

Shepherd also saw success on the court in 2001 when he helped lead the Rayders to the state final game. The team lost to Kalamazoo Christian in the final game but Shepherd had a personal victory. During the tournament run he tied the state record for the most three pointers. He hit eight, three-pointers in the semi-finals against St. Martin DePorres of Detroit and hit another five against Kalamazoo Christian for a total of 13, three-pointers in two games.

He still holds the state record for having scored the most three-pointers in a semi-final or state final game at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Haske said he isn't surprised to see Shepherd continuing his success on the court at the collegiate level.

"Shepherd was a self-made basketball player. He really dedicated himself to becoming as good a player as he could be. He spent hours in our gym shooting the hall with mom or dad rebounding," Haske said.

Shepherd credits Haske, for the success he is now realizing.

"The way coach Haske coaches really prepared me for college basketball. He really stresses defense. The way I earned minutes in college wasn't shooting the hall, it was on defense," he said.

To those students looking to follow Shepherd's lead, he said, "The key is to not take days off and to get lots of shots up every day."

Shepherd is a junior at Wesleyan University on track to graduate in 2007. He has focused his studies on government and may attend law school after graduation.

Part of his focus right now is on making it home, to Charlevoix, during the coming holiday season. His examination schedule runs through Dec. 23 and his team is leaving for a tournament in Daytona, Fla. on Dec. 26.

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Paul Bunyan Lanes	25	23
The Flight Deck	19	29
Kerr's Racing	16	32
Selph Trucking	15	33

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Del Hart	624	229
John Fledorek		227
Mo Dixon	596	220
Darrel VanLoo	563	

Tuesday Night Ladies - Nov. 29, 2005

	W	L
Great Lakes Concrete	32	20
Grey Gables Inn	31.5	20.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	30	22
Oleson's Food Store	27	25
Paul Bunyan Lanes	25	27
DM Construction	22	30
Central Drug Store	21.5	30.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	19	33

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	591	222
Cindy Mansen		221
Carol Kerr	535	
Ronda Smith		211
Jane Holm	523	

Church League - Nov. 30, 2005

	W	L
Ferguson & Chamberlain	369	291
State Farm Insurance	366	294
Paul Bunyan Lanes	358	292
Lutherans	350	300
R & C Roofing	322	328
Mark White Paint & Stain	292	358
Lakeshore Tire	282	368
St. Mary's	261	389

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Randy DeYoung	571	223
Larry Potter	606	212
John Fiedorek	594	
Tom Scott		212

Double Deckers Mixed League - November 13, 2005

	W	L
Sladek	18.5	5.5
Russell A & J	16	8
Webb	15	9
Russell C & R	15	9
Spencer	15	9
Fitzpatrick/Bindl	14	10
Stein	13	11
Blanchard Crain	12	12
Browe	12	12
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Thomas	9	15
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chuck Stein	526	242
Kelly Bradley	527	213
Joe Sladek		187
John Ferguson	515	
Carrie Blanchard	461	215
Lynette Webb	507	201
Carla Spencer		168
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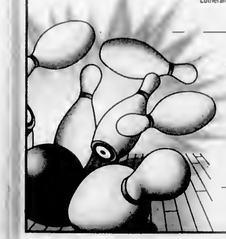

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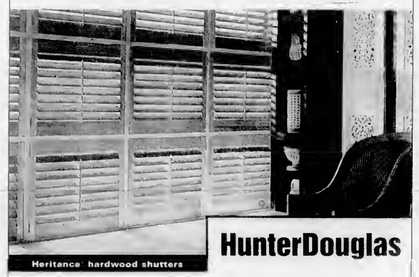

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Big Fish ribbon cutting

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On Nov. 18 the following Charlevoix High School students were inducted into the school's National Honor Society: Michael DiMartino, Sara Kennedy, Michael Sayward, Travis Klooster, Benjamin Scheelk, Mia Matchett, Edward Waldron, Trevor Mays, Zita Anderson, Daniel Myers, Dustin Arp, Robyn Petzak, Geoffrey Baier, Scott Plude, Christina Bourassa, Teresa Potter, Lauren Bradley, Logan Priess, Kali Crain, Jennifer Rich, Theodore Dilworth, Meagan Sell, Lauren Dupuis, Samantha Shull, Lindi Edger, Kyle Smith, Andrea Farrell, Sasha Spenceley, Joshua Godfrey, Caitlin Taylor, Brecklind Golovich-Keie, Kimberly Way, Sarah Hagen, Emily Westenbroek, Emily Heffling, Jacob Wimmer, Ian Hughes, Lori Zimmerman.

Members of the junior and senior class are eligible for National Honor Society selection. Candidates must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 from freshman year through the current school year.

All students who meet or exceed this scholarship standard may be admitted to candidacy for selection to membership. However, academic eligibility does not guarantee membership. Their eligibility is considered based on their character, leadership and service.

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 6th day of February, 2004, by Rocky A. Giddings and Faith Giddings, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on February 16, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 598, page 126, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 11/100 DOLLARS ($74,891.11) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

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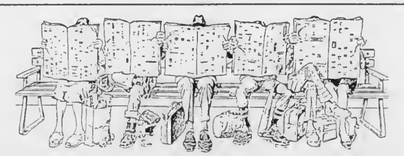

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Community Choir Musical

The Annual Community Choir Christmas Musical, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church located at the corner of Oak and Meech streets in Charlevoix. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. For more information, contact Cindy Mansen at (231) 547-9941.

Children's Christmas event

Friske's Farm Market will host a Children's Christmas event from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Santa will be on-site to have breakfast with children. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. edible craft activities will take place. And story time will take place at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Bill Stevens will present old fashioned Christmas music from 1 to 3 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to draft letters to Santa from 1 to 4 p.m. The market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31.

Christmas musical

The Ellsworth Community Choir will present, "We Seek the Lord," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church, located at 9323 Main St. in Ellsworth. The musical will be directed by Pastor Chris Wallace of the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church and performed by volunteers from several local churches. Donations of nonperishable food items or baby diapers and wipes will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan and Moms and Tots Center in Ellsworth.

Board of Review meeting

The City of Charlevoix Board of Review will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the main floor conference room at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State Street in Charlevoix. The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, homestead affidavits, mutual mistakes of fact or mathematical computations. For more information, contact city clerk Carol Ochs at (231) 547-3250.

Fire department hosts Santa

The Charlevoix Fire Department will host a fun day for kids. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 17, Santa will be at the fire station, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix. There will be candy bags for the kids, a movie or two, hot dogs and popcorn, tours of the newly renovated fire station and most important of all, a visit with Santa.

Holiday food tips

Judy Friske Kehr of Friske's Farm Market will host Easy Gourmet Holiday Food Tips from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at the market, located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31. The day will include hourly prize drawings and recipe handouts.

Candlelight presentation

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will present a Christmas candlelight presentation called "A Night of 1,000 Candles." The event will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the church located at 05291 M-66 North in Charlevoix. There will not be a church service at Charlevoix Assembly of God on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. For more information, contact Ginger Stevens at (231) 547-6430.

Assistance for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is $12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is $40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Winter museum hours

The Harsha House Museum's hours of operation from Jan. 1 through April are from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Special openings or visits can be made by appointment by calling (231) 547-0373.

Christmas Schooner performance dates and times

The story of The Christmas Schooner, the current production by Little Traverse Civic Theatre, delivers a clear message about giving.

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Performances will take place at 8 p.m. Dec. 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17 and tickets for these shows are $15 for adults and $8 for children under the age of 12. Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 and 18. Both Sunday matinees are $8 for all guests.

For more information on performances or to arrange tickets, please call (231) 348-1850 or visit www.ltct.org. Little Traverse Civic Theatre performs in downtown Petoskey at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Blue Christmas service to take place at 3 p.m. Dec. 18

A "Blue Christmas" service will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix.

This service acknowledges the sadness and pain that many experience while others are feeling gladness. There will be a short worship period, followed by refreshments and a gathering time so that those who come will discover that they aren't the only ones feeling out of sync with the merry Christmas atmosphere around them.

All are welcome to attend.

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Holly Daze festivities this year drew 240 people. The theme for the evening was Home for the Holly Daze. Auction items featured theme oriented products. Auction items and donations earned about $100,000 to support community health education outreach programs for the Charlevoix Area Hospital. (Far left) Charlevoix builder Rick Wertz stands with his head carpenter, Rob Huckle of Charlevoix, in front of a play house the two built and donated for inclusion in the live auction. This was one of two play houses included in the live auction. They were sold for $6,500 each. (Above, left) Holly Daze volunteers, Mary Adams, Lyn Jenks, Chris Unbehaun and Joanne Friedman enjoy the festivities. (Below, left) Marilyn and Ted Dumbald of Charlevoix check their silent auction bids one last time before the auction closed. The silent auction was set up in the lower level of the King's Castle at Castle Farms while the live auction and dinner took place on the second level.

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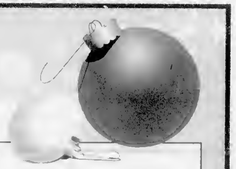

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Golstick's murder trial underway in circuit court

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Bill Brady

Court proceedings in the jury trial of David Edward Goldstick, 57, of Charlevoix, began Monday, Dec. 5 for his involvement in the shooting death of 79-year-old Hubert William (Bill) Brady.

Following about three hours of selection, a jury of 14 was chosen and then Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema and Goldstick defense attorney, Robert Banner, questioned six witnesses by the end of the day.

According to Jarema, Goldstick's guilt is not in question since he confessed the day of the crime, but what is at stake is whether the murder was premeditated or not.

Monday was all about, "Establishing the timeline of events," Jarema said.

David Goldstick

At the close of proceedings Jarema and Banner called for a motion in limine, wherein Banner requested that certain evidence, namely the .357 registration card, the 10-22 Ruger and an undisclosed amount of, "bingo money" he removed as evidence.

"The 10-22 Ruger, which was criminally modified, is not the murder weapon and was not used in the crime involving Mr. Brady, so I would object to its submission into evidence," Banner said.

According to Banner, he wanted the evidence suppressed because it could do more harm to his client than is warranted.

"The prejudicial effect of this evidence outweighs its probative value," he said.

Jarema argued that the .357 registration card isn't something he plans to enter into evidence, but the Ruger and the money could show intent and motive.

"For those reasons, your honor, I don't believe this evidence should be struck down," he said.

Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas denied the suppression of evidence.

Brady was shot repeatedly Tuesday morning, April 19 as he worked in the temporary office of the V.F.W. located in a garage known as the "carpet barn" located at 12777 N. US-31.

Goldstick claimed to be the first to find the body and later confessed to the murder saying he shot Brady with a .380 handgun, which was later found at a residence located at 8091 Indian Trails in Charlevoix, because he was embarrassed he might be caught.

Banner filed a Notice of Insanity Defense for his client with the Charlevoix Circuit Court in May.

Goldstick was analyzed by an examiner from the state of Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry.

Goldstick later sought to fight the validity of the three independent statements about his involvement in the murder which were made to the police he made the day of and following the murder. But, during a later hearing, Pajtas denied the his motion on all three counts.

If found guilty, Goldstick could receive life in prison.

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Jury: Guilty of first degree murder

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

David Goldstick

The man who murdered Huhert William (Bill) Brady the morning of April 19 was convicted of first degree premeditated murder.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, the jury of six men and six women in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court deliberated for 50 minutes to decide the destiny of David Edward Goldstick on the morning of Friday, Dec. 9.

The sentence for this crime is, "A life sentence without the possibility of parole plus two years," Jarema said.

According to Jarema, there is an appeal process which Goldstick may pursue.

"I believe it's automatic because he was found guilty of first degree premeditated murder. We were very cautious when trying the case to avoid appellate issues so there were no errors."

Jarema said he believes it was the comprehensive amount of evidence which swayed the jury's collective minds.

"I think it was the amount of evidence that was collected by the sheriff's department," Jarema said. "Detective (Mike) Wheat and detective (Charles) Wondra did an outstanding job. They made sure the evidence was preserved, they contacted the crime lab to process it, they interviewed many, many people."

He added, "They processed this case and gave me more than enough evidence so that I could present it to the jury."

There were no surprises during the five-day trial according to Jarema. But, he said, there was a new finding during trial preparation that Goldstick used a previously unknown vehicle during commission of the murder.

"The gun, ammunition and a change of clothes was found in a black Jeep at the house he was a caretaker for," Jarema said.

According to Jarema, family members of the deceased were emotional and relieved when the jury brought back the guilty verdict.

"I know Mrs. Brady requested a sentencing date as soon as possible so she could put the terrible events of 2005 behind her and start the new year out fresh," Jarema said.

Jarema said this type of crime is difficult for all involved including the City of Charlevoix.

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Katrina refugee makes Charlevoix her home

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Nancy Pryce moved to Charlevoix Nov. 25 in search of solace following the devestating impact of Hurricane Katrina on her home in Pass Christian, Miss. (Below) Her condominium used to stand at this site.

Courtesy photo

After suffering the devastating impact of Hurricane Katrina, a Mississippi resident decided to leave her ravaged home state to start a new life here, in the great white north.

Former Pass Christian, Miss. resident Nancy Pryce moved to Charlevoix Nov. 25 looking for a safe harbor and a fresh start.

"I look at coming here as an opportunity to start a new life. To establish myself," she said. "What I've found are friendly people who are willing to give me an opportunity to develop the talents I have. I hope to be able to return to the community some of what they've given me."

Upon arrival she was welcomed by a warm home on Charlevoix's south side with furnishings and a fridge filled with the essentials provided by a committee made up of local residents, organized by John Campbell and based out of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

"We were originally looking at bringing a family here. But is makes sense for her to be here," committee member Carol Ochs said.

Since arriving, Pryce has taken the helping hand of others and has visited churches and other organizations.

"Everyone here has welcomed me and made me feel like family," she said.

Pryce had moved to Mississippi in November of 2004 to be with her sister Joanne Webb who lives in Pass Christian with her husband, Alan, and three children.

When Katrina hit the small town on Aug. 29, Pryce and her sister's family evacuated to Hattiesburg, Miss. She said she packed four changes of clothes and left.

They returned three weeks later to find the Webb family's three homes had been destroyed and Pryce's two-bedroom condominium located near the Gulf of Mexico had been reduced to nothing. Her possessions and keepsakes were gone.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Michele Lou Dunlop, 43, Petoskey. Financial transaction device fraud $200 or more but less than $1,000; two counts of financial transaction device withdraw under $200. Serve 365 days with credit for one day, to serve 12 days in jail, 337 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days community service in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to urine test; not to consume/possess controlled substances; $2,187.47 in fines and costs.

Thomas Edward Hart, 48, East Jordan. East Jordan ordinance accumulate junk, trash, refuse. Serve 12 days in jail; trash-junk removal within 30 days; $300 in fines and costs.

Antonio Lee Brown, 39, Charlevoix. Domestic violence-second offense. Serve 360 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve 16 days in jail, 340 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; $700 in fines and costs.

Jeremy David Morse, 24, East Jordan. Controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 20 days in jail, 344 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to urine test; not to consume/possess controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Albert James Grams, 28, Charlevoix. Disorderly person; and attempted resist/obstruct a police officer. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 88 days in jail.

Andrew Patrick Bryant, 33, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days community service in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

J G Contracting, 212 Antrim St., Apt. A, Charlevoix, by Joseph Michael Grubb

Eco-Marketing Group, 13450, Forest Drive, Charlevoix, by Robert A. Schoonover

Michelle (Mickey) Hoffman, Horse trainer, 2496 M-32 Highway, East Jordan, by Michelle Hoffman

The Gallagher House, 26025 Main St., Beaver Island, by Robert Tidmore and Kathy Tidmore

Alyssa Lee's Herbal Remedies, 665 Pine Pointe Trail, Boyne City, by Alyssa Krafft

SE International, 8966 Mercer Ave., Charlevoix, by Scott Ewen

SE Marketing, 8966 Mercer Ave., Charlevoix, by Scott Ewen

Informal Flooring, 8628 Ellsworth Rd., Ellsworth, by Matthew Michael Krysinski

Jeffrey T. Amesbury, 213 Franklin St., Boyne City, by Jeffrey T. Amesbury

Third Coast Media, 1010 Lacvue, Boyne City, by Randy Calcaterra

Birth

Hunter James Richard Cesaro weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born Dec. 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jim and Debbie Cesaro of East Jordan. His brothers are Dustin, 16 and Parker, 3. His grandparents are the late Eliseo Cesaro and Januice Cesaro of East Jordan and Richard and Chris Skop of East Jordan.

Correction

Due to reporter's error in the Dec. 7 article titled "County primary results upheld at recount," the line which read, "The recount of ballots from Charlevoix Township resulted in an increase for Barnes of one vote," should have read, "The number of recounted votes in Charlevoix Township remained unchanged."

Mackinaw City man killed in car accident

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a two-vehicle crash which took place Dec. 6 and claimed the life of a Mackinaw City man.

The accident happened at 11:23 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 6, on U.S. 31 about a half-mile south of Ferry Road in Norwood Township.

Richard Bonter, 67 of Mackinaw City lost control of his northbound 2002 Mercury Mountaineer on snow covered roads and slid sideways into the oncoming southbound lane. Bonter's vehicle was struck broadside by a 1996 Ford van driven by James Eddy, 44, of Alden.

Richard Bonter died at the scene of his injuries. His passenger, Sharon Bonter, 62, was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital for evaluation.

Eddy was transported by Charlevoix City Ambulance to Charlevoix Area Hospital for multiple injuries. He was treated and released.

The sheriff's office was assisted at the scene by the City of Charlevoix Fire and Rescue, the Michigan State Police Petoskey Post and the Banks Township Fire Department.

Rider escapes serious injury in a snowmobile accident

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a snowmobile crash that took place at approximately 11:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in Marion Township.

According to the report from the sheriff's office, Roger Pittman, 26 of Charlevoix, escaped serious if not fatal injuries.

Pittman was traveling eastbound on a friend's 2003 SkiDoo MXZ440 along Clover Road, a seasonal road that isn't maintained.

He drove off the roadway and entered into a field on private property striking a chain and "No Trespassing" sign, which had been placed to warn trespassing hunters.

Pittman was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix City Ambulance where he was treated for neck and shoulder injuries.

Deputies wish to remind snowmobilers that they must have permission to use private property and also to reduce their speed at night because it's very easy to miss hazardous objects.

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Jury returns guilty verdict in Bill Brady murder trial

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"It's a sad case. It's a terrible crime for the victim's family and for the Goldstick family," he said. "It's also a terrible crime for our community. I mean, these two individuals were friends, and for this to happen amongst friends with no argument or fight is really sad."

He added, "I think the community can be at ease knowing that their sheriff's department will thoroughly investigate a crime and bring the person to justice."

Goldstick invoked his constitutional right not to testify, though the jury heard his taped statements and taped confessions.

According to Jarema, this was a tough case for Goldstick's defense attorney, Bob Banner.

"Bob Banner was faced with overwhelming evidence," Jarema said. "I thought he did a great job with what he had. I've got a lot respect for Bob and how he conducted this trial."

According to Banner, Goldstick's constitutional rights were protected during the trial.

"I don't know that for him (Goldstick) it could have gone any better," Banner said. "There was a lot of evidence that the prosecutor's office had to work with."

Banner said, Goldstick has the right to appeal. But, if he does, he would need to determine in the near future what part of the trial he is appealing.

Goldstick's sentencing hearing is scheduled for 8 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 22 in circuit court.

Since he was tried in a circuit court, Goldstick will be sent to the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center Annex in Jackson for an intake assessment.

According to Gail Madziar, spokesperson with the Michigan Department of Corrections, prisoners sent to Jackson could spend as many as 12 weeks at the annex for testing before being sent to one of the 41 men's prisons in the state.

"They do all types of testing — vocational, medical, a mental health evaluation," Madziar said. "Assessments are to see what kind of special programming he might need. They're trying to give him the most appropriate training and programming."

Madziar said the duration of Goldstick's assessment also depends on how quickly bed space becomes available at his destination prison.

Despite Goldstick's sentence of life in prison, he will still be given the tests to check for mental health issues and to see if he is prone to violence before his security level can be determined.

"Security level is determined a great deal by how he responds in prison," Madziar said.

According to Jarema, Goldstick complained of chestpain and heart palpitations and went into the hospital Saturday, Dec. 10 to have a pacemaker installed.

Jarema said in his confessions, Goldstick admitted to having had bypass surgery in the past.

Currently there is a deputy posted outside Goldstick's room around the clock.

Charlevoix welcomes Hurricane Katrina victim with open arms

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"It was like a war zone. Katrina did us in completely," Pryce said. "Everything is gone, 30 years worth of memories."

She said insurance claims thus far have fallen on deaf ears and her mortgage payment on the nonexistent condo continues to roll in.

After returning to Pass Christian, Miss., the family took refuge at their church, Grace Lutheran Congregational Church where they slept on air mattresses on the floor.

One day, Charlevoix resident Linda Mueller, who attends this same Mississippi church, walked through the door and told Webb the Charlevoix religious community was looking to sponsor a hurricane refugee.

At that moment, Pryce, a 62-year-old Pennsylvania native, made her decision to relocate.

"I really felt Linda's walking into that church was a God-given opportunity," she said.

Pryce added that the news of her plan to come to Charlevoix didn't come as a shock to her sister.

"I had already told her I couldn't stay in Mississippi," Pryce said. "It will always be the place where I lost everything."

While Charlevoix in the winter is a big change in comparison to Mississippi's balmy weather, Pryce said her east coast roots have made the transition easy.

"I don't know what my purpose in being here is. But this is where I'm at and this is where I hope to stay," she said.

Her sister is now working with the Lutheran Episcopal Relief Effort and has no plans to relocate.

"That's home for them," Pryce said.

Pryce is a retired registered nurse of 40 years who is looking to return to work in the medical field with a special interest in working in either billing or record keeping.

Her needs at this time include a book case as well as financial support.

Ochs said cash donations are needed to help pay utility bills, grocery needs and other expenses.

Anyone wishing to help Pryce can send donations to: Charlevoix County Community Foundation with "Charlevoix Katrina" written in the memo line, P.O. Box 718 East Jordan, MI 49727. Or checks may be dropped off at the Charlevoix State Bank with locations off State Street, Petoskey Avenue and M-66 made payable to Nancy Pryce.

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The first day of winter comes early in Charlevoix

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

I'm not the most observant person around, so each year I am shocked to hear the official start to winter is Dec. 21 — a bit tardy if you ask me.

Obviously the Hawaiian-shirt-wearing, piña-colada-sipping goon in charge of determining this particular date has never been north of the Tennessee-Kentucky border. And he certainly knows little of anyone who doesn't don a sweater whenever the mercury drops below 72 degrees.

Though the beach bums may be at a loss, you can ask any "Eskimo by proxy" and they'll tell you the real start of winter in the northern lower peninsula seems to be when people begin to mistake the white stuff on the ground for traction enhancer.

We endure blizzard after blizzard and whiteout after whiteout, yet the first couple days of wintry conditions always resemble improv night at the Ice Capades.

Don't get me wrong, I'm as guilty as the next. Slippery roads are the furthest thing from my brain come midsummer. But it usually only takes a terrifying slide through a busy intersection to remind me of two things. First, I should slow down. And second, that third helping of prune Danish is never a prudent idea, for breakfast time or otherwise.

Another unofficial start to winter is finding yourself stuck behind some joker who manages to turn a 15 mile trip into a three-hour ordeal. And who can blame him? After all, nobody bothered to tell him he'd need to install a periscope on his car before strapping that 18-foot blue spruce to the roof.

Regardless, he is convinced if he just slows down and cranes his neck enough, he'll be able to see around the 600 pounds of nettles, trunk and sap.

Of course, the real saps are the poor schmucks in line behind him who consist of holiday shoppers, travelers and the snowplow driver on his fifth pot of coffee. Their only recourse is to express holiday cheer with an assortment of improvised sign language and pained screams.

The final unwritten signal of winter's arrival are the brave men and women who, despite possessing an average amount of good sense, choose to pass slower vehicles under conditions which reduce even the most stalwart drivers to nail biting grannies.

Huddled over my steering wheel, I creep along a two-lane highway of ice, polished to a high shine by six weeks of 45 mph winds. All the while these northern Michigan daredevils fly by me sideways on two wheels at 76 mph — stopping just long enough to flash me a frown.

"He must be a local," I shriek through clenched teeth as I attempt to keep my already queasy stomach from bailing.

Ironically the same ones to flash me dirty looks tend to be notorious for rolling through stops, refusing to employ their turn signals and slamming on their brakes to avoid turning Thumper or Bambi into highway soufflé.

When the hyperventilation and horror subsides, I turn to the hope that I will later pass these venturesome sojourners safely, but inconveniently, stuck on the side of the road.

That's how I know winter has begun.

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Writer discovers there's always room for more children

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

So you've been married awhile and now you are wondering if you can afford to have children.

As expensive as raising children may be, my personal feeling is, "go for it." You can't afford not to have this wonderful experience.

I recently took part in a jubilant fiftieth wedding anniversary where many Charlevoix residents were in attendance. The loving couple are the parents of 10 children and 22 grandchildren. Their secret for staying together through the ups and downs of 10 children — faith, faith and more faith coupled with a large helping of patience.

As I looked around the room and saw face after face that was unmistakably a family member I was in awe of this heart warming event. There is a generation, mine to be exact, who held onto the theory that two children — a boy and girl — were the limit if you wanted to continue with your lifestyle choice. I feel certain this family didn't see the memo.

When I ask couples from my generation what they would do over again, it's amazing how many of them say, "I wish I had more children." Sure it's an expense, and yes your patience is tried to the limit but given the resources of grandparents or someone else's grandparents and friends to support you, the decision to have more children is not about money but about the future and the caring and support given back tenfold.

With technology at our fingertips parenting information is readily available to help with raising larger families. Discussion continues promoting legislative measures to help with larger families. There isn't a family I've met in Charlevoix who with five or more children doesn't feel blessed. Comments made by parents of larger families include, "You know your family is large when you see someone cast a long glance and start counting heads," or hearing someone say aloud, "Are you crazy?"

Parents of smaller families will often share their reasons for a small family as well. These comments generally include, "We're not patient enough," "We're too old," "What kind of world will our children grow up in" and "We need to save the planet."

While I hear couples from large families respond, "If you expect more from your children they will do more." I've also heard, "The novelty of toys will wear off but the novelty of a sibling stays forever," "Having many children has encouraged us to have a sense of humor," "It's living in organized chaos but it taught us not be vain," "My kids always have someone around the house to play with," and best of all, "My kids know how to share."

Siblings don't get along all the time, but in a larger family you get your pick of who to play with. Couples with more than four children have told me their marriage is stronger because they put their marriage first. They quickly add that they have formed a bond as strong as steel to help them weather various situations their children may present. They also try to still find some together time as a couple once in awhile. Having a strong marriage gives your children security and these couples want to be sure to provide that.

It's not always a bed of roses, but once a routine is established it can run smoother than you think. With birth control making a big hit in the late 1960s, smaller families flourished. Recent medical discoveries and technology are helping many of us live longer.

So I say, opt for the children and if you're worried that you haven't toured the world or started the career of your dreams prior to children, then check on-line. Travel discounts will always be offered until you are too feeble to do so and see if your dream job still exists.

Most importantly, take the time to enjoy your children.

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Letters to the editor

Learning lessons

Editor:

I am taking Benjamin Gohs' suggestion to heart and writing you with my opinion on two topics.

As for the volunteers needed for the lunch program, first of all, bless the hearts of the people who run the program at United Methodist Church. I have an idea that might be a possible solution to the director's problems. I know I always feel a sense of respect for myself when I participate in any activity that benefits me in the end. Cooking your own meal, helping to clean up afterwards and socializing with others longer, might open new doors of opportunities and surely build new skills for some. It would also solve the problem of volunteers, because the volunteers would be there for lunch. It's a win-win situation.

As for the Charlevoix City Council and city manager Mike Wiesner, it is my humble opinion that as soon as the "check" mistake was found out, all of the council members should have marched up to CCMS' door and said, "We've made an accounting error, which you probably have already noted. We're here to say we're sorry and collect our refund check." And not leave until they did. It happened to me about 40 years ago when I was 16. I worked in a drugstore and gave a man $140 too much. The owner wasn't angry with me, but put me in his car and we drove to the man's house. In we walked and didn't leave until we got our money back. The man and woman denied any knowledge of the money over and over again. My boss just stood his ground, proved his facts and said, "We're not leaving without our rightful money. It was a simple mistake." Finally the woman couldn't stand it anymore and said to her husband, "Fine. Just give her the money back and get them out of my house."

So as far as I can see, all the council members are responsible for not taking action immediately. What on earth are they waiting for? Voting to fire Mr. Wiesner isn't going to get our city's money back.

I even volunteered to quit my job after my money mistake, but my boss wouldn't let me. He said, "Everyone makes mistakes. They're learning opportunities." Which finally leads me to this. I went to a conference about 20 years ago and the keynote speaker was a successful psychiatrist who said, "Mistakes are the best way to really learn something. Have your child make 10,000 mistakes a day. Look at Edison's research — 98 percent of his work was a mistake. But that last 2 percent was right on. He had to learn from his previous mistakes to actually get where he was going with electricity. It's the same with cancer research. So celebrate your errors. You're learning.

I'm sure that the council members have all learned a big lesson, as we all do.

Christina Abramowski
Norwood

Bravo NHS inductees

Editor:

I would like to say bravo and well done to all of those new National Honor Society inductees.

You have all worked hard for this recognition and deserve to be proud of your accomplishment.

It was also nice to see the names of some of my former "Bentley Bulldog" students on that list.

Congratulations to you all and continued success.

Christine Bentley
Charlevoix Elementary School retired teacher
Boyne City

'Thank you' veteran supporters

Editor:

Thank you Charlevoix, from the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Office.

The Community of Charlevoix has always been a charitable community, especially to their veterans. This year, Charlevoix was generous at home and around the USA, with many businesses and individuals who have helped by giving to our VFW Post. This community is caring and giving to both, the VFW and American Legion.

I want to say without your support these veteran organizations would have a much harder time helping veterans in this community. They are now able to rent their buildings for group meetings and weddings as a means of raising funds.

Please attend their pancake breakfast on the first Sunday of each month.

The Women's Auxiliary also sell poppies every year to help our veterans in the different veterans homes and hospitals.

So, once again the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Office wants to say, "Thank you," to Charlevoix, a great, giving and caring community.

Bob Drebenstedt
Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Director
Charlevoix

Letter response

Editor:

I may be barking up a parallel tree, but in regards to Ms. Marilyn Neff-Gibbons' letter of Nov. 30 (page 5, Charlevoix Courier), I would like to add some clarification concerning the Memorial Day celebrations.

I am the commander of American Legion Post 226 and am responsible for Memorial Day events. During the two years (2004 and 2005) that I have been in charge of the parade there were ceremonies held at Brookside Cemetery. These were conducted as had been done in previous years in the vicinity of the flagpole and cannon. These services were advertised in the Courier and the Petoskey News-Review in advance of the date in question.

I specifically organized these services because people had mentioned many times the sentimental significance of the service in the cemetery.

Ms. Neff-Gibbons is perhaps right in saying that the parade change was not put before the people to decide, but in one sense, it was. I have marched in this parade since I was 10-years-old as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and finally soldier and veteran. What made those parades

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Synopsis
Monday, December 5, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.

210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Deputy Mayor Gabe Campbell, presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Resolution 2005-12-01 adopted requesting the State Tax Commission to revoke industrial tax abatement certificate #94-310 for Lexalite International Corporation.
- Council requested the Clerk to make some revisions to the minutes and resubmit.
- Council scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. with a closed session performance review of the City Manager.
- Council and the City Manager discussed the hiring procedure for the Police Chief. Discussion will continue at the special meeting December 13, after the City Attorney has had time to review the opinion of the labor attorney.

Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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memorable were the many veterans who filled the ranks and our minds and hearts with countless stories and adventures. Unfortunately, times have changed, we have all grown older, and the active veteran community is now very small in Charlevoix.

Sometime before my return to Charlevoix in 2000, it was decided to change the parade route because the veterans could no longer assemble enough marchers to properly parade to Brookside. Services were shifted to town because of the relatively short marching distance. Now, unfortunately that distance is too much for some of my active members, ergo the "big Army truck" mentioned in Ms. Neff-Gibbons' letter.

My wife and I are the only active members of the American Legion under the age of 50.

We will only hold that designation a short while longer. It takes living, active people to cherish and perpetuate memories. Sentiment alone will not keep a celebration alive.

I sincerely hope that we will be able to keep these memories alive. I continuously ask for volunteers from the community and will keep doing so as long as I can.

Joseph F. Seidel
Commander,
Charlevoix American Legion
Charlevoix

Holiday donations

Editor:

At year's end when many folks are considering charitable contributions, we would like to call attention to the State of Michigan's Tax Credit program for gifts to food banks and homeless shelters. This is the same type of tax credit program one hears about for Interlochen Public Radio, or Central Michigan University's public television and radio stations.

Here is how it works. An individual can make a cash donation of up to $200 ($400 for a couple) to a food bank or homeless shelter and receive a credit — better than a deduction — for 50 percent of the donated amount against taxes otherwise owed to the state. So that reduces the cost of the donation by that amount.

In addition, the full amount of the donation also qualifies as a federal income tax deduction, so there is a savings on federal taxes as well, the amount depending on one's tax bracket.

These credits apply to an individual who itemizes deductions on their federal tax return. For example, in the 28 percent federal income tax bracket for one who makes the maximum contribution of $200, the out-of-pocket cost is $44. The comparable figure for a couple contributing $400 is $88. For those in higher brackets, the cost is even less, dropping down to $42 in the top bracket for a $400 gift by a couple. At these rates, it is quite easy to see one's way clear to help others who are down on their luck with a hot meal and a warm dry place to stay for awhile.

There are two local agencies that can receive such donations: The Nehemiah Project Hospitality House, 36 Bridge St. and the Manna Project, 13 McBride Park Drive, both in Petoskey. One's entire donation could go to either of these organizations, or could be divided among the two.

To complete the picture on Michigan's Tax Credit program, the credit is also available for contributions with the same limits and provisions to certain Michigan public institutions, including Michigan colleges and universities, public libraries, and public broadcasting stations. The same goes for contributions to the permanent endowment funds of community foundations, such as our local Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation.

An individual so inclined could donate up to $200 ($400 per couple) to each of these three categories of institutions (i.e., homeless shelter, public institution, or community foundation endowment fund), and receive the same tax credit for each donation.

For more information on this program, consult your accountant or refer to the 2005 Michigan Income Tax Information booklet. You're also welcome to contact us.

Now that cold weather has arrived, we hope that many of our fellow citizens will count their blessings and use this means to help out others who are not so fortunate.

Here's to a pleasant holiday season for all of us.

John and Mary Lou Tanton
Petoskey

Long locks of love

Courtesy photo

These sisters showed their love with Locks of Love. Brooke and Bree Farmer, of Charlevoix, recently donated 10 inches each of hair to Locks of Love. Colleen Green, the girls' hair stylist, was glad to support the girls to help other children in need.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

CHS grad named mortgage consultant

Charlevoix High School graduate J.H. Heck has accepted a position as a private mortgage consultant with Birmingham based Vacation Finance. He graduated from Northwood University with a bachelor of business administration in marketing management and holds an associate of arts in advertising. J.H. grew up in Charlevoix, where his family is involved in real estate sales and development. The opportunity to provide financing options for individuals seeking northern Michigan properties gives him a great deal of inspiration and passion.

Brian Christiansen completes U.S. Navy basic training

Navy Fireman Recruit Brian D. Christiansen, brother of Timithy J. Christiansen of Charlevoix, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Christiansen completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. Christiansen is a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Giudice earns Girl Scout Silver Award

This past spring at the Charlevoix Service Area's Girl Scout Court of Awards Ceremony Girl Scout Troops in Charlevoix were present to receive badges and recognition for their hard work over the past school year. Alicia Giudice, 15, received the Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award that a Cadette Girl Scout can earn. The Girl Scout Silver Award represents a girl's accomplishments in Girl Scouting and her community. The Girl Scout Silver Award Project is self-designed and requires a minimum of 40 hours of work. The Girl Scout Silver Award and its pre-requisites normally take, on average, 3 years to complete. Giudice was able to complete this award in two years. Her project entailed the creation of 12 wooden flag stands, repair and cleaning of Charlevoix Girl Scouts current ceremony flags, the purchase of a City of Charlevoix flag, a World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts flag and the creation of a flag ceremony book for Girl Scout troops in Charlevoix to use. She has now moved up to the Senior Girl Scout Level. Through her work with the Silver Award, Girl Scouts, and other community service projects that she and other members of her troop completed, Giudice was able to also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award – Gold Level, for completing more than 250 hours of service to Girl Scouts and her community this past year.

Engagement

Burton — Knapp

Courtesy photo

Michelle L. Burton and Corey D. Knapp are announcing their engagement.

The couple is planning an Oct. 14, 2006 wedding in Paw Paw. The bride-to-be is the daughter of James and Valerie Burton of Battle Creek.

Michelle has a bachelor of science degree in biology from Lake Superior State University. She is currently a student at Jackson Community College.

The groom-to-be is the son of David Knapp and Diane Chapman of Charlevoix.

He has a bachelor of science degree in manufacturing/engineering from Lake Superior State University. He is employed at the Koyo Corporation.

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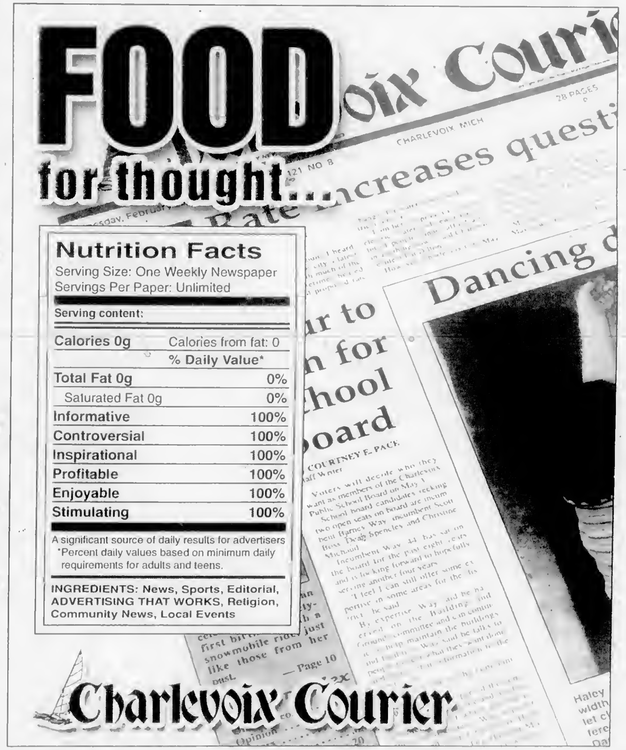

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Obituaries

Daniel Gallagher: June 14, 1918 - Nov. 4, 2005

Daniel Gallagher

Daniel Emerald Gallagher, 87, of Cocoa Beach, Fla. passed away on Friday, Nov. 4 at home, following a long illness.

He was born on June 14, 1918 on Beaver Island, to Elizabeth (Green) and Andrew Gallagher. While a teenager, he began his career as a commercial fisherman with his father on Lake Michigan, and later sailed the Great Lakes on ore carriers. He joined the Merchant Marine as an able-bodied seaman, but subsequently earned licenses as third mate, second mate and first mate. In 1947, at age 29, he earned his master's license, at that time becoming the youngest master mariner in the history of the Merchant Marine. He was a veteran of World War II, having served aboard the liberty ships in the European and Pacific theaters. His first command was aboard the liberty ship U.S.S. Daniel Willard.

Following the war, he continued to command vessels for the Merchant Marine and also spent 13 years ashore as a cargo surveyor for Bethlehem Steel in the port of Philadelphia. He then returned to sailing and during the Vietnam War, commanded ships which carried supplies to U.S. soldiers in Vietnam. In 1965, he moved with his family to Cocoa Beach, Fla. to assume command of the U.S. Air Force missile tracking ship Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, which tracked missile launches for the Gemini space program and also gathered top-secret intelligence off the coast of the former Soviet Union. He considered his achievements as captain of the Vandenberg to number among his finest professional accomplishments. Following the transfer of the Vandenberg to the United States Navy, he was offered but declined a naval commission. He later served as master of several commercial cargo ships owned and operated by Puerto Rico Marine Management, Inc., ultimately retiring in 1986, at age 69.

Among his many accomplishments, he was nominated for the Carnegie Medal in 1950, while living in Baltimore, Md. when he saved the life of a baby who was choking. He was well-known everywhere he lived for his willingness to help friends, neighbors, and even strangers in need, and he went out of his way to do so on numerous occasions. He was a longtime member of Church of Our Savior, a lifelong Catholic and a lifelong Democrat. He was a devoted and much-loved husband, father and grandfather, and he will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his brother, John A. Gallagher of Michigan; two sisters, Mary McDonald and Marguerite Smith of Michigan; and two children, Michael and Mary Gallagher.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Shirley (McDonald) Gallagher; his sister, Elizabeth Wilmot; two daughters, Kathleen C. Gallagher and Maureen A. Gallagher; three sons, Daniel E. Gallagher, Jr., John P. Gallagher and Kevin J. Gallagher; daughters-in-law Susan Gallagher, Diane Gallagher and Kathy Gallagher; sons-in-law Ken Mutell and Grant Fleming; granddaughters Christina Gallagher and Annie Richards; grandsons Matthew Richards, Shaun Gallagher, and John P. Gallagher, Jr.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Diane Rosendahl: May 25, 1929 - Dec. 3, 2005

Diane Marie Rosendahl, 76, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Port Huron Hospital.

Her funeral took place Dec. 7, at the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Peggy Nattermann officiated and burial was in Brookside Cemetery.

Diane was born May 25, 1929, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Bert and Blanch (White) Burnett. Diane has made her home in Charlevoix since 1964, where she was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church. She was past worthy matron and past president for Meguzee of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 72, Charlevoix. Diane was a Rainbow Shoppe volunteer and she volunteered at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. She loved to read, knit, do counted cross-stitch and garden. For many years, Diane worked as the receptionist for Jeffrey L. Porter, DDS.

Diane is survived by her daughters, Rae Marie Szudzik of Harbor Beach, Monica Jill Warner of Howell and Shelly (Curtis) Boehmer of Harbor Beach; grandchildren, Chad Roe and Eric Roe of Howell, and Lance Boehmer of Harbor Beach; brother Doug Burnett of Ann Arbor; stepmother, Nadine Burnett of Sarasota, Fla.; and loving pet Dolly.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Area Hospital, or to the Christ Episcopal Church.

Theodore 'Bud' Heeres: March 16, 1923 - Dec. 7, 2005

Theodore "Bud" Heeres, 82 of Charlevoix died Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2005 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

He was born March 16, 1923 in Norwood Township the son of James and Hattie (Visser) Heeres.

On Dec. 7, 1943 he married Marian Potter in Marion Township and they made their home in Charlevoix.

Mr. Heeres was an auto mechanic and was employed by the Charlevoix Public Schools as school bus supervisor for many years.

He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy.

Bud was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix and enjoyed woodworking, fishing, gardening and traveling.

Surviving are his wife, Marian; children Richard (Susan) Heeres of Battle Creek and their children Joel, Megan and Alison, Karen (Thomas) Brun of Benton City, Wash. and her step-children Cathy (Stan) Hall, Tom (Kathleen) Brun, Elizabeth Brun, Ed (Patty) Brun, Jennifer (Troy) Reynolds, Kenneth (Ruth) Heeres of Ellicott City, Md. their children James (Kasie) and Christian, Lauri (Charles) Thornhill of Holt and their children Joshua (Katie) and Kaleb, brother Don (Maxine) Heeres of Mancelona, brother-in-law Harold (Eleanor) Jansen of Grand Rapids and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sisters Wilma Drenth and Alice Jansen, brothers Henry Heeres, Peter Heeres, Teddy Heeres and James Heeres.

Funeral services took place Dec. 10 at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix with Rev. Chip Sauer officiating. Burial was in Atwood Cemetery in Banks Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church or Boulder Park Terrace.

Arrangements were handled by Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

Harland Speer: Oct. 28, 1933 - Dec. 10, 2005

Harland D. Speer, 72, of Central Lake, died Saturday, Dec. 10 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born Oct. 28, 1933 in Leedey, Okla., the son of Arthur and Ruby (Bryan) Speer. Harland served for 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring as a chief warrant officer. He resided in Charlevoix for many years and was a member of the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge. He was also a member of the Torch Post VFW #6985.

On June 14, 1985 in Central Lake he married Janice F. Wittbrodt who survives. Also surviving are two sons, Kevin Speer and wife Judi of Cadillac, Kerry (JoAnn) Speer of Tennessee; seven step-children, Daniel (Rachel) Baker of Frazier, Craig (Jill) Baker of East Jordan, Cindy (Ken) Kistich of Troy, Robert Baker of Ellsworth, Wendy (Steve) Dawson of Central Lake, Linda Baker of Westland, Daryl Pearson of Central Lake; a sister Letha Threet of Estacada, Ore.; a half-brother Artie Speer of Oregon; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Funeral services took place today Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Rev. Dave Scott officiated. Interment will take place in Lakeview Cemetery in Beliaire.

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Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

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Obituary

Alex Cornstalk: Died Dec. 8, 2005

OBITUARIES

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Alex "J.R." Cornstalk Jr., Kaybayosay, 67, died Dec. 8, at his home in Charlevoix, after fighting cancer for more than a year.

He was horn May 25, 1938, on Beaver Island, the son of Alex and Esther (Washegesic) Cornstalk. He has lived in the Charlevoix area most of his life where he enjoyed working as a commercial fisherman. He also enjoyed doing craft work using birch bark and beadwork.

J.R. moved to Mount Pleasant in the late 1990s and returned to Charlevoix in 2004. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

He his survived hy his sisters, Helen J. Paul, and Irene (Michael) Mitchell, all of Charlevoix, Alvina (Melvin) Napont of Beaver Island, Rose Deneny of East Jordan; and many nieces and nephews.

Alex was preceded in death by his brothers, Thomas, Frank and Harvey Cornstalk, and sister, Louise Kane.

A Traditional Native American service took place at 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pipe carriers, Joe Mitchell and Tony Davis of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians conducted the service.

Following the service, a luncheon was served at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church Hall.

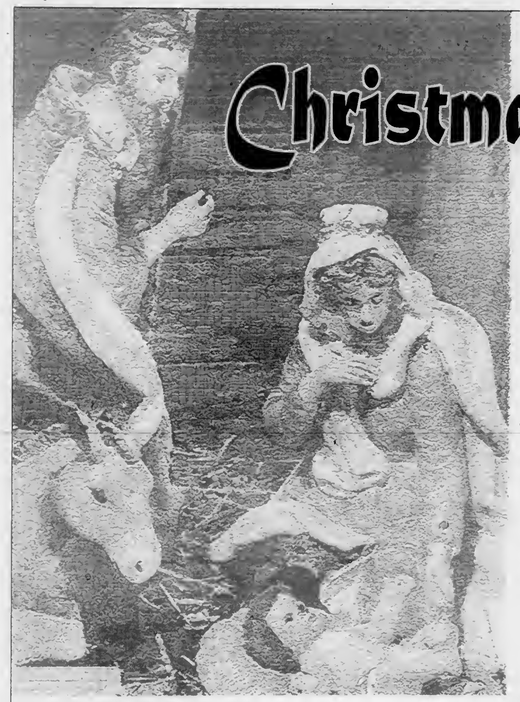
Many attended the sacred fire at 412 Rohinson St. in Charlevoix, which burned until the day of the funeral.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Landing for lunch

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

These Mourning Doves endure the first snow of the season by filling up on snacks which fell under a bird feeder off Norwood Road. Flocks feed primarily on the ground, consuming waste grain. In the winter, Mourning Doves prefer average minimum temperatures greater than 10 degrees. The dove's name comes from its familiar song, a low-toned moaning cooah, coo, coo, coo. For more information visit www.birds.cornell.edu.



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Isaiah 60:1
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Christmas Day, 11 am

Charlevoix United Methodist Church
104 State Street, Charlevoix
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7 pm Candlelight Service
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Christmas Day:
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DEC 2005

Charlevoix Township Board to host public hearing

Big box ordinance wording on the table

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Some Charlevoix Township residents are shouting, "lawsuit."

Ordinance amendment 1.73, also known as the big box ordinance of Charlevoix Township, passed with 340 yes votes to 215 no votes — but not without some uproar.

A group of residents have issues concerning certain language in the ordinance. As a result, there will he a public hearing on the issue at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 21 at Charlevoix Township Hall.

According to Charlevoix Township Supervisor, H. Dale Glass, the item of contention is section G3 which concerns referendums in Charlevoix Township zoning law and reads, "The township clerk has determined that an adequate petition has been filed within 30 days of the effective, date and has been approved by a majority of the registered electors residing in the township."

Glass said some people read, "Approved by a majority of the registered electors," and believed that invalidated the amendment.

Some locals, such as Charles Scherping, contend that, since a majority of registered voters in the township failed to vote, the ordinance amendment did not pass.

"Their ordinance specifically stated that it takes a majority of voters to change an ordinance. A majority of people means close to 700 people would have had to vote to change the ordinance," Scherping said.

Glass said, "We assumed that when we say, 'majority,' we mean the majority of the people who voted on it. Some people contested that because that's the way they read it."

He added, "We have researched it and we have the state attorney general's opinion and our attorney came forward and said it (ordinance amendment) is perfectly fine the way it is, but they did suggest that we change the wording."

According to Scherping, Charlevoix Township representatives are holding the public hearing on the ordinance amendment because they know they are in error.

"I agree with them the ordinance is not written properly, but that doesn't mean they can change the rules in the middle of an election," he said. "The township is in violation. I think really right now the only recourse is going to court."

Scherping added, "Right now we've got an attorney looking at it."

Glass said, the easiest way to fix this situation is to simply alter or delete the wording, "But I never got that excited about it because I figured common sense would come into play."

Glass said the wording is misleading because it is unnecessary since state law already determined how things are handled.

"State law already prescribes the requirements and the state law supersedes any requirement we have on that," Glass said. "Some people interpreted that you had to have different majority in relation to the whole, hut that's going to have to be taken out."

Some of the main points of zoning amendment 1.73 which passed at the Nov. 8 election are, that land and buildings in the C commercial district can be used only for the following purposes; as long as no single tenant occupancy exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet; Jand and buildings can be permitted with special conditions as long as no single building exceeds a footprint area of 20,000 square feet; single tenant occupancies can be larger than 20,000 square feet, but no larger than 90,000 square feet.

Also, for a single tenant occupancy larger than 20,000 square feet in the commercial district, the following conditions apply: Large huildings and occupancies must fit the small-town character and appearance of the community. They cannot become a blighting influence.

Buildings must be readily ahle to be reused if it is ever abandoned and the buildings cannot adversely impact the preexisting businesses, community or neighborhood.

While the most contentious part of the amendment is the cap on square footage, there are facade requirements and other architectural guidelines in it as well.

In addition to the aforementioned requirements, buildings which exceed a footprint of 50,000 square feet must conduct a market feasibility study which indicates whether or not the potential of the market can accommodate the project and what the impact of the proposed project would be on existing retail businesses in the Charlevoix area.

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Citizens advisory committee tackle city budget

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A citizens advisory committee has been formed to nip the City of Charlevoix's coming budget woes in the bud.

City of Charlevoix mayor Norman Carlson first proposed the formation of this advisory committee when he was elected in 2004.

Budget projections show the city will be short about $50,000 in its general fund by 2008.

Currently, city manager Mike Wiesner said the city is supplementing the general fund with infrastructure dollars to get it to the break even point. Over the past two years, $220,000 has been turned over to the general fund from the infrastructure millage.

He explained that the pitfall with this is that the city starts to fall behind on infrastructure projects.

Carlson said that instead of city administrators making the decision to increase taxes or hike service fees, the advisory committee will make recommendations as to where the city can cut corners to make up the shortfall.

"The committee is tasked with analyzing services and amenities the city provides and to help make suggestions on ways we can save or raise money to supplement the general fund in the future," Carlson explained.

The committee met Nov. 21 and Dec. 7 to review information gathered by city staff this summer.

At the two initial meetings Wiesner explained the ins and outs of the city's budget problem, including revenue constraints created by state regulations Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment and increasing costs of things like insurance and fuel.

He also started to delve into an overall look inside city departments. The first on his list was the street department where full-time staff members have been cut resulting in a cash savings while services this group provides have skyrocketed.

The group listened to the street department operational overview and asked to back up. The committee requested an overall look at the current budget to get their bearings before looking at its pieces.

The next meeting, which is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. Jan. 4 in the fire department training room on the second floor of city hall, will include this budget overview. The public is invited to attend.

Future meetings will include a rundown of the city's infrastructure plan as well as in-depth looks at each of the city's departments.

All six members of city council recommended two citizens for this committee. Carlson recommended two as well as three students to sit in. The committee's membership includes both city residents as well as those with a vested interest in the city including business owners.

The committee includes: Tim Parker, Kirby Dipert, Bill Bellows, Pete Phillips, Don Voisin, Ken Staley, Curt Thompson, Ed Johnson, Butch Russell, June Cross, Birdie Whitley, Kaye Beatty, Tom Conlan, Chris Papineau, Dan Nuttle, and students Kevin Greyerbiehl, Chuck Mason and Caitlin Cole.

The city's 2006-2007 budget will be presented to city council at a budget work session to take place in late January.

Quilt raffle winner

Courtesy photo

On Dec. 2 the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild raffled the king-size quilt pictured above, made by Charlevoix resident Cass Williamson (left). The winner was Linda Orlon of Levering (right). Raffle ticket sales brought in $4,259 for guild projects.

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Area students partake in biotechnology program

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Char-Em Intermediate School District sponsored a hands-on biotechnology workshop at Charlevoix High School on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Participating in the workshop, were 22 high school students in grades nine through 12 from the Beaver Island Community School, Northwest Academy and Charlevoix High School.

According to the Char-Em ISD, the biotechnology workshops they sponsor are intended for high school science students interested in cloning, DNA fingerprinting, biotechnology, microbiology, cancer research, recombinant DNA, genetic engineering and forensic biology.

Ferris State University Professor, Jim Hoerter, who facilitated the workshop, said he enjoys the opportunity to offer a window into certain sciences to the many students he teaches.

Jim Gowell, who teaches tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade biology at Charlevoix High School said, "They're doing lab work with biotechnology work with DNA. They are going to actually at one point take a gene from a firefly and put it into bacteria so the bacteria can become bioluminescent."

He added, "This is a great opportunity for the students to do things that we don't have the equipment for. This is a neat opportunity for the kids to see what this field is all about and what kinds of careers are available — it's a wide-open field."

"We really appreciate the opportunity from the ISD to offer this program to students," Gowell said.

According to 15-year-old Beaver Island student, Kevin Gillespie, he learned a lot about mixing enzymes with DNA and the processes involved in identifying certain aspects of the genetic code.

"It's cool," he said.

Seventh through twelfth grade science teacher at the Beaver Island Community School, Adam Chittle, said this workshop is a great opportunity for the kids to be introduced to technologies that they otherwise would have no experience with.

Chittle said, "Perhaps this could lead to careers in biotechnology."

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Kevin Gillespie, a 15-year-old Beaver Island Community School student, spent Dec. 7 learning about biotechnology during the Char-Em ISD sponsored event. (Below) Ferris State University Professor, Jim Hoerter, led the biotechnology workshop. Here he speaks to 22 students from Beaver Island, Northwest Academy and Charlevoix High School.

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Holy Island Bridge receives funding for repairs

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A historic Charlevoix bridge in a state of disrepair will get a major face lift.

Governor Jennifer Granholm in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation recently announced $62 million in extra funding for 137 bridges in over 50 Michigan counties including the Holy Island Bridge which spans the south arm of Lake Charlevoix. This funding is in addition to the previous $8.9 billion which was announced for investment into roads and bridges and $618 million for over 150 transportation construction projects throughout the next two years.

According to Charlevoix County Road Commission Manager, Pat Harmon, the state tenatively plans to allocate $330,000 for work on the bridge while Charlevoix County must raise/supply 5 percent of that.

"Then, the county has to pay for the design engineering, construction engineering and the local match," Harmon said.

The Northwest Design Group Inc. of Petoskey has been working with the Charlevoix County Road Commission on the Holy Island Bridge project and according to Northwest president, Howard Haselschwardt, the announcement of the allocation of funds from the state couldn't have come at a better time.

"The bridge in its current condition is such that it's extremely important that the thing get replaced," he said. "It is in very poor condition and the road commission's action to get funding for it is very timely."

While Haselschwardt said he isn't sure exactly what year the bridge was built, the national bridge inventory system has it listed at 1903.

The last time there were repairs performed on the bridge was 2004.

"(There) were some major problems. We did an emergency inspection and we prescribed some emergency repairs that the road commission did right away," Haselschwardt said.

The 50 foot long, one lane bridge located approximately eight miles southeast of Charlevoix on Holy Island Road was moved from a location on Springvale Road in the late 1950s or early 1960s, according to Harmon.

The bridge is on Michigan's historical bridge list. Currently there is little to no water under the bridge which connects Holy Island with the Charlevoix mainland.

According to Harmon, there is much work to be done before a proposed construction date will be available.

He said the work might not happen until 2007.

The metal and wooden bridge has been reinforced to make it useable until repairs can be made.

"It's all cribbed up with timbers so it doesn't fall in," Harmon said.

Harmon said the new bridge could be made of steel, concrete or wood. "There are a number of structures that it could be, but we're not that far yet."

He added, "We've got to decide what type of structure and how long it's going to be."

Harmon said the bridge serves 19 residences.

In a Dec. 5 press release, Granholm stated, "This investment continues my commitment to work with local governments to equitably meet local transportation needs across our state. County road commissions and municipalities are important partners in providing motorists and businesses with safe, usable bridges that help keep traffic moving, strengthen local economies, and support jobs."

The funds earmarked for allocation for county and city owned bridges come from the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program and the state run Local Bridge Program. One of the requirements for those areas that receive the funds is a local division match of five percent.

Charlevoix submitted design plans for consideration and was chosen on the first come, first serve basis in this region of the state.

According to Gloria J. Jeff, State Transportation Director, in the Dec. 5 release, the department of transportation understands just how vital the partnership between local road agencies and municipalities to keep city and county-owned bridges in good repair is.

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The Holy Island Bridge just south of Charlevoix will receive some much needed repairs thanks to funds allocated by state and federal programs.

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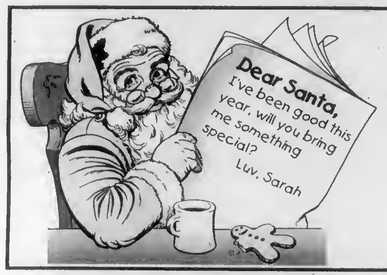

Santa Letters

From Charlevoix Elementary 1st-Graders

Dear Santa Claus,
I wot a stuft rudolph and mol. I wot a mocinchrol car and a mocinchrl bote. How are you Santa? How are the elves doing? I am doing good at school.
Love,
Marlo Schwartzfisher

Dear Santa,
I like you a lot. How are you feeling? I wus a good gril. You are cool. Do you kow wut I wat? I wat a buttrfill sleping bag. May bruthr likes you. I wat a rell dog. I wat a babe sistr, a rell babe sistr. I now how to reed now because my teacht me.
Love,
Emily Hennard

Dear Santa.
I whot a hamstr. I whot rooff. I whot a rel puppes. I whot a babes sistr. How are you doing? I am ben a good grl. How are the reindeer doing? I do good wrc. I whot a sled. I like you Santa. I like Mis Claus too. I have a nis techer Santa.
Love,
Katie Moussue

Dear Santa,
Hooz Rodof is Rodof fun. What are you going to me? Toys! I wot toys! Can you get me a noo X box 3-60? The noo halo 3? I ben a gad boe. I ben doing good.
Love,
Jacob Mitchell

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph doing good? Can you get me a bike? Can you get me a X box 3-600. Can you get me Halo one and Halo two and Halo three? How are you doing? I ben a good boy.
Love,
Brad

Dear Santa Claus,
I wot a soft Frostey the Snowman for Christmas. How are you Santa? How is the north Pol? I ben a good grla. I ben riydg good.
Love,
Sara McClanathan

Dear Santa Claus,
I wont a drt bike. And I wont to have a now bike. And a robote. And a now gam kyoob gam mareeolz. And a nuthr gam kyoob. I bin a good boy.
Love,
Your pal Brett Nachazl

Dear Santa,
I wot a modr scood because it is fun. How is rooduf dooing? How is she doing? Is she sik? How is mist Santa? I bin a good boy.
Love,
Casey

Dear Santa,
How did Radolph get so pulun and how are your radrer and how did you mak the candy and how is Mrs Claus and mos of all I like your presus. and How is dasher?
Love,
Cameron Clark

Dear Santa,
I like you. I have ben a good grl. How is Rudolph doing. I werood like a xbox and a baby dall swing and a leppad and Madgascar moov and Scooby-doo 3.
Love,
Mikayla Alger

Dea Santa Claus,
Ho are you? How are your rander? I wot halo threy. I wot a cumpewtr.
Love you,
Pam

Dear Santa,
What I want for Chirsmas is a dirt bike and a remot control robot.
Your friend,
Bretton Siegwart

Dear Santa,
I want a Brazt Doll and a Whale toy and a gutar and a book and a doll house and a doll and a Game Boy and a Brazt house.
Your friend,
Yogi Hang

Dear Santa,
Can you help me donate? I wood like a sled. I wood lik to help you with dulivring all the prezets to the good boy and girls. I love my Naphew my sister my three brothers my mom my dad my stepdad.
Love,
Wesley Campbell

Dear Santa,
I want a pikshor of you plees. I will giv a pikshor of me to you. I want noow close for Christmas. I want a noow girl coloring book. I want a enekin of stuf. I want a sofe blakite. I want a cat book. I want a cristall neklise. I want a kamrae. I want a game. I want a rele a live turtle. I want a pare of shooes. I want a book shaf for my bad room. I want a pasool to play with my sister at home. I want a dall to play with. I want rasing sripse for christmas. I want skciye hiye.
Your friend,
Lukila Witthoeft

Dear Santa,
I wat a 3 new Bionicles. and a babe dragin. And a X box.
Your friend,
Brenden Fralick

Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy hat and a pictster. And I want a horse sete dote forget. To bring a sled for me and Alena and Margaret. I want a stolking full of kandee. I want a oomgoche 3 of them. I want more ocean earrings fro my big sister Alena. I want a bolphin that is a stuffed animal.
Your friend,
Serena Purvis

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a DS and a game boy adveans SP.
Love,
Jake Szczepanski

Dear Santa,
I love you and Ms. Claus. Can please get me a dog? Please and a reindeer. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Mikaya Dixon

Dear Santa,
How is Ms. Claus? And can you get a rel computr. Thac you!
Love,
Jenna Lillie

Dear Sant,
I want a gitar. Could you please get me it. And a vidyo kamra. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jordan Chernauckas

Dear Santa,
How is Ms. Claus? How are the elves? I am soe excited about Cherismis. May I plees have a reel dog and a nise cherismis.
Love,
Lydia Balyo

Dear Santa,
How is Ms. Claus? I wont a radeo. I like you. Merry Christmas.
Louv,
Tristen Fillizetti

Dear Santa,
Ples can I have a dinasor and a racoon? And a rander and I wood lick a dog.
From,
James Londgren

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You are Varey nis. It is a good day and thank you. How duz your rander fliy? I want amarican grl doll kloz.
Love,
Grace Lee

Dear Santa,
How is Miss Claus? Please Will you giv me a Brat? I am dowing good. Merry Christmas!
Love,
Destiny Wilks

Dear Santa,
I love you Santa. How is Rudolf? Can I have a motorcycle?
Love,
Malcom Williams

Dear Santa,
Pleaz can I have a cat? Pleaz can I hawe a rock tubir? Pleaz can I have a remote control car? Merry Christmas.
Love,
Jared McLean

Dea Santa,
Pleas cad I have a bare and a snack and I wot a orange hat. Have a good chrismis!
Love,
Kyle Whitney

Dear Santa,
Please will you get me three boxsis of Floam and I wont red green and blue. And have a nice Crismis.
Love,
Jacob Archey

Dear Santa,
I would lik a real cat wist salis. I wut lik a radeo. I want a new bet rom. I wut lif a ca de marl. I wut a cat. I wut a cat. I wut a calidr. I wat a Bicrhos. I wut sum silish clos. I wat ilf a srfis.
Your friend,
Megan Romano

Dear Santa,
How is rudolph nos? I hop rudolph nos is stl sing? Can you see us? How are evre reindeer? Santa fro Christmas I wat a fac rudolph for Christmas. I ban a good grle. I love rudolph and the other reindeer.
Love,
Alna Tinsley

Dear Santa,
I wont a trtl that fins thins. I wont a monstr truk. I wont a noo bik. I wont a reemote cnrole ras cur. Hoow are you dooing Santa. Hoow is Rudolph dooing.
Love,
Dylan

Dear Santa,
I what you to get me a purple macs windu ltsaber? thats cool because my gramau is geting me one to. And I would like a EPISOd 3 Star wars comike book. Marey chresmes.
Your friend,
Philip Chanda

Dear Santa,
thangk you so much for giving me ivvything I Wantid. I want a moakan troal ski-doo and some legos in my sok. I lots of fishing loors ples.
Your friend,
Alex Kleiber

Dear Santa,
I want a game. I want a new hot weel car. I want a stoking full of kandee.
Your friend,
Mathew Vanniman

Dear Santa,
Theank you the soff. Thish yer I wet a Str wars lat sabr. Can you get me one? And a ipid suff? and a game boy ds? Crisis my favorite. I wet a x box 360 plis? I like you.
Your friend,
Luke Telgenhof

Dear Santa,
I thank you for evretheing. will you giv me a skat bord and a Iomagoche. Santa will you giv me a picher of you and your friends.
Your friend,
Jessica Edwards

Dear Santa,
Hey Santa how are you doing yo. For cristmas I would like a pack of chat nows. I wold also like a game boy Advance SP. I would like a game boy DS. I would like a game box psp system. and an xbox live.
Your friend,
Hudson Elowsky

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph is he good. Thank you Santa for the presents last year. Nua Christmas I hop you giv me and my brother los and los of the presents.
Your friend,
Bailey Pattina

Dear Santa,
Can you by me a nfi Street 2 game. I wont a Charlevoix Jrse. I wont a xox Box 36.
Your friend,
Dominik Archey

Dear Santa,
I wint a tamagochi. I wint a xbox 360. I want a Mzy Postr. I want a P.S.S. I want a dog. I want a gamkub.
Your friend,
Collin Turkelcon

Dear Santa,
I want eight thomagchees for chrismise. Santa I want a picher of you and the elves and the randeer too you can tack it all to gether. Santa I wish you a happy chismise. Santa I want a drume and cuntare and a peeanow and a hrmonacka and a drumbone. Santa I want one oomagoche. Santa I want a ginypig and a baby bunny.
Your friend,
Acacia Duhart

Dear Santa,
I was wuding if the Polr Espeox was toow. If it is I want to rod it pez Santa. I also want a shelshckr too. I also want a x box and a humr car too.
Love,
Jeremiah

Dear Santa,
I wod like a gtre for crismis pritt ples and a mikrfon prit ples becus I like it. How mene rader doo you have and how mush bls doo you hav.
Love,
Maggie R

Dear Santa,
I'm wating for you. I am wating for want you breg for me what dus your hows look like. How mene der do you have. What is your favorite clre? I'm wating for you.
Love,
Emily

Dear Santa,
I am excited for christmas. I want a shalshocr for christmas and a remotinchol Zomude. And how mane alfs do you hav. How mene rander doo you hav. What is yor favorite thing to doo in the hoos. I was wundring if the Polr Ispex is rel What duz your hos look like?
Love,
Bailey

Dear Santa,
What dus yor shop look like. I kat wat in til you kum and how mine rader.
Love,
Bree

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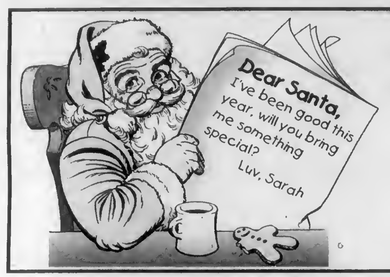

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Dear St. Nick,
I ben wudering how do you get to like ten milean homse in one nite, and how did you get the maigick rane dear. Santa how old are you. And how dus the leters get to you. Do your elfs ever reatier. War did you get the elfs. How do you konw all of the kids names.
Love,
Matt Good

Dear Sata,
My favorite hIday is crismis. I want a gutr for crismis. I wod want a tramsate for cismis. I wod want a micafon for crismis. I love you. I wud want a bom box I wud want a capedr.
Love,
Vladi

Dear Santa,
I think your cool. Can't I have lots of difrint hot weels plees. Can I? You are rally nise. I love crismis. Can you give me all cins of viteeo game plars eevin a x-box icsepb a game-cube and all the vitteeo games in the wrld and a new gameboy toys like the last set.
Love,
Manuel

Dear Santa,
I would like a witt cowgrl soot a wit cow gil boos wit cow gil hat. A toy horse from walmart. Wot yu like a crisms presit too. I will get you a crismis tree ordumint. Wat is your favorite story? Do you nowar my rel horse Shevy is?
Love,
Helean

Dear Santa,
I want a four wheeler and a X. box and a cat.
Your friend,
Jenny Abbott

Dear Santa,
I wnt a kin.
Your friend,
Aubree

Dear Santa,
I wot a Jon Deer Chrak and Chrallr with a chrater or a snomobelee.
From,
Lucas Prevo

Dear Santa,
I want Harry Potter and the Goblit of Fire and Pokémon cards and Legos.
Your freind,
Cedar

Dear Santa,
I wont a tomugchy. I wont 3 reel dogs. I wont two reel cats. I wont four reel giny pigs.
Your friend,
Leah

Dear Santa,
I wood like a supris. and an amarikin girl Doll and kittin books.
I love you,
Ali Jarema

Dear Santa,
I wont a x bis and I wont a pspe. and I wont a babe trtl.
Your friend,
Jamen Spencley

Dea Santa,
Doro Plo kishin a bath for Bob Bone tom a gochey. I love you Santa. I love red.
Kayla

Dear Santa,
I wud like a robow raptr pleasz. and a babye trtl ples! thacs and sum food for it.
Your friend,
Hunter

Dear Santa,
I want dark Allinc 2 and Ed Ed and Edy the vido game and Yu-gi-oh cards.
From,
Joshug Clees

Dear Santa,
Can I please have robo rapter, Pokémon cards, video games, build you own Star Wars light saver and to see the reel Santa for cristmas.
From,
Samuel Thomas Lee, age 8

Dear Santa,
I wont a reley Pink Salefoney that is a floip fonye. and a baby doll that cofse and the can borp.
Biye Santa,
Carlie Thorp

Der Sant,
I woot turing, tistr and tomugochy2 and a skrftduk.
Luve Santa,
Sean

Dear Santa,
I whant toabught bear. I whatn me bear. I whant meseey bear.
Your friend,
Kelsey Swanson

Dear Santa,
I wont a rell sky blow sellfown. A rell sky blow camra. And a pupy. mabe a lab or rtrevr.
Thank you,
Gracie

Dear Santa,
Can I pleas have Star Wase Battfort. Str Wase bild yor own tht saver.
Love,
Oliver Detcuny

Dear Santa,
I wont a Baby doll that cises! I wont a dog. and Tamugy! I wont a tv and he to a hamstr.
Love,
Natacha Brodine

Dir Santa,
I wont the mottorcycle bikes. I wont pokemon crds.
See you soon,
Anthony

Dear Santa,
I wot a dor lok. I have ben a god bow.
Love,
Jomar Williams

Dear Santa,
Merry Chismas. Do you lik Kookees and milk? Wood you bring me sum prezints plez?
Love,
Alex Tracey

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas and Comet and Cubit and Doner and dasher but Do you Reak Cool Roodof the red nose Rain Dear. New pack Yo-gi-oh, Elamenlederos.
Love,
Jayden Bergmann

Dear Santa,
Please will you get me three boxsis of Flom and I wont red green and blue. And have a nice Crismis.
Love,
Jacob Archey

Dear Santa,
I will get a drt buck.
Love,
Jeffrey Pines

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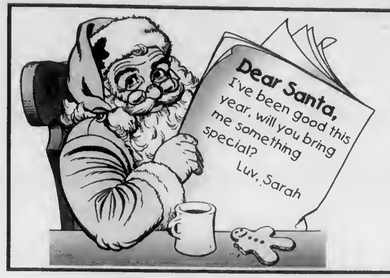

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Dear Santa,
Please can I get a Jelrey box and a lot of presin's please.
Love,
Hailey Simons

Dear Santa,
I was a good boy. Hoo many tos doo you hav. Can I have a gtr plez. can I hav RK gams. I love you. Can I hav the clap tooy. hoo many rander do you hav? doo you hav gams? Can I hav a stop sim. Can I hav a callindr.
Love,
Fred

Dear Santa,
I love you I wod like a gam boy and cotrjis and a cag. How mene ranber duw you have. How meme elvs dew you got. what are yor ranbers names. I want rel gold. I want re rel Jire.
Love,
Jenny
P.S. I want a fli weool a rel rel rel wun.

Dear, Santa
I am a good girl. did you like the choclitchip coke? my famly is good to. it is fun to go shoping. did you like my house of decrashn did you? evnn the sokings.
Love,
Emma

Dear Santa,
may I plese have a game boy and a new stocking. Santa I do not no if I am going to leve you cookies but if I am with mom or dad I will still rememer to ask one of them. I promis.
Love,
Maggie Potter

Dear Santa,
I'm excited for christmas! For christmas I want a bratdoll and a brat boy and bratdoll car. And a new gotor. Can you get my Dad a new gotor to? Allso I want some Barbey boys and two reamot conchol cars. And a real pupy and a Dad and a mom Dog and a mom sime cat and a Dad sime cat not a baby becus I oratey have that. And a rinedeer bell for christmas to. How many rinedeer do you have santa clasz? How many alfs do you have santa clasz? Do you like christmas to? Can you get my Dad two more litterboyis pls. I love you I love your rinedeer and I love your alfs to I bet your rinedeer are cute and I hope your alfs are cute to. What is your wifs name santa clasz? You no what santa clasz most of al U love you your rinedeer your alfs and I will love your deer for ever and your helpes and christmas to.
Love,
Isabel

Dear Santa,
I am hape I got to get prasess u I cot wat en tel I got my prases.
Love,
Keishia

Dear Santa,
For a presit I want a remot canchl sromuvel. How mene radir dow you hav? How mene elfs dow you hav?
Lov,
Joe

Dear Santa,
I hope your elfs are feeling good. I want to get a new book. I want a new computer. I hope you leave me lots of presents.
Your friend,
Kevin Archambault

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is a pciepok is bed maki and sum klos.
Your friend,
Shaelyn Bosley

Dear Santa,
Cristmas is a great holaday. I hope your elves mack good toys for the children. I want a pupe. And a skate. Mary Cristmas radolph. And danser. And donser And Santa.
Your friend,
Nick Bradley

Dear Santa,
I want spy fer for Christmas. So I can spy on my brother. I want a ceek woch for Christmas. Mrerry Christmas Santa.
Your friend,
Noah Carsoon

Dear Santa,
Thank you Santo, for last yers presents. dear Sonto, I would look a scobord.
Your friend,
Wesiel Crandell

Dear santa,
How meney randeer Doo you hav? oops I fot das foof riy hav a red nos? You noo what I wan for cims. Sam Pelpi dot bev in You and they dot no hoo poos tos udr the cims tree Las yeras. Did you liek my cookes that I let you.
Love,
Allex

Dear Santa,
I wut lik a hout cat. I wut lik a DvD wit a move. I wut lik a hruvr cat. I wut a cupoter. I wut a minethey. I wut a DiScoBL. I wut a huvr cat. I wut a tome. I wut a hoS. I wut a miLefes. I wotin a qarmem. I wotin a wi BoD. I wotin a fish. I wotin a rtut. I wut lik a ctr and a Jum. I wut lik a Premacr. I wut lik a hatr macDLi. I wut lik a guuhl. I wut lik macup. I wut lik a Butrflyuo. I wut lik a Soteo. I wut lik a sufamL.
Love,
Anonymous

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Michigan Dairy Ambassador scholarship opportunity

A new scholarship program offered by the Great Lakes Dairy Conference will provide students interested in a career in the dairy industry with an opportunity to further their education both in and out of school.

The Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program is designed to help students hone their leadership skills while learning more about the industry.

"This is not a typical scholarship where you take the money and run," said Sara Long, one of the program's founders. "We hope recipients will use this as a launching pad for a career in the dairy industry. They will have access to numerous professional organizations and have a chance to attend meetings, give presentations and seek out opportunities to promote the dairy industry and themselves."

The program consists of two divisions. The winner of the senior division, open to youth from ages 17 to 21, will receive a $1,500 scholarship, the opportunity to participate in several regional dairy promotion projects and a chance to serve on the 2007 Great Lakes Dairy Conference planning committee.

The junior division winner, open to students ages 12 to 16, will receive $1,000 that can be applied toward a scholarship or the purchase of a dairy animal.

Both junior and senior division winners will have an opportunity to attend Michigan Dairy Expo and speak to participants about their experiences in the dairy industry.

Applicants are required to attend the Great Lakes Dairy Conference, Feb. 2-4 at the Bavarian Lodge Inn and Conference Center in Frankenmuth where dairy producers from throughout the state and region will learn about increasing profits and cow productivity.

Michigan Dairy Ambassador Program applications are due Jan. 18 and can be obtained by logging on to www.gldc.msu.edu, or contacting Margery Webster, program coordinator at (989) 862-4835.

Official Notice

Proposed November 9, 2005

Establishment of Zones for Bovine Tuberculosis (Identification, Testing, Permitting & Movement Requirements)

All Zones within Michigan

Animal Identification

All cattle must be identified with RFID Electronic identification eartags prior to movement from a premises within Michigan. Initial identification of cattle must utilize an RFID Electronic identification eartag issued by the Michigan Department of Agriculture to the premises at which the identification occurs.

Livestock Inspection Point Check-Points

Any vehicle that may contain livestock must stop at any posted Livestock and Plant Inspection Point. Upon stopping of the vehicle, a person transporting the livestock shall produce documentation that contains the origin of shipment, official identification of livestock, any documentation required to move livestock and the direct shipping destination of the livestock.

Modified Accredited Zones - includes the entirety of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties, and those portions of Iosco and Ogemaw counties that are north of the southernmost boundaries of the Huron National Forest and the Au Sable State Forest.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All cattle herds must complete an annual whole herd bovine tuberculosis test of all cattle 12 months of age and older, and all goats, bison, or privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. Retesting of herds must be done within 9-15 months of the anniversary date of the initial whole herd test. Registered terminal operations, or feedlots in which all animals are sold for direct slaughter or through a concentration point for slaughter are exempt from the annual whole herd testing requirement.

Movement Testing Requirements

Movement within the Modified Accredited Zone

- Cattle must comply with one of the following prior to movement:
  a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,
  b) Originate from a herd which has received a whole herd test within 60 days prior to movement, or,
  c) Receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.
- Calves less than 2 months of age may be moved if they originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd test within 12 months prior to movement.
- Steers or spayed heifers may be moved to a registered terminal operation, or between registered terminal operations without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.
- Cattle may be moved to slaughter, or through a concentration point to slaughter, without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

Movement into another Zone within Michigan

- Cattle two months of age and older must comply with one of the following prior to movement:
  a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,
  b) Originate from a herd that has received a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement, and receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement (steers or spayed heifers do not need to meet the whole herd testing requirement.)
- Calves less than 2 months of age may be moved if they originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd test within 12 months prior to movement.
- Cattle of any age may be moved to a specially approved registered terminal operation if they originate from a herd that has received a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement.
- Cattle may be moved to slaughter, or through a concentration point to slaughter, without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

Movement Permit Requirements

A Movement Permit is required to be obtained prior to movement of any cattle from a premises within the zone. All cattle with a destination of a concentration point must receive a new permit that identifies the final destination of movement, prior to leaving the concentration point facility. Cattle do not need to be re-permitted from the concentration point if they are moved directly to a slaughter facility that maintains a RFID Electronic eartag tracking system.

Modified Accredited Advanced Zone includes the remainder of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All herds must obtain a premises identification number, and be placed into a database from which herds will be randomly selected for whole herd testing. Proportional samples of beef and dairy farms will be selected from each Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service agriculture district based upon the total number of farms in that district. Selection will occur on a two-year cycle.

Selected herds, or herds selected as a replacement for herds determined ineligible for testing, shall be subject to whole herd testing of all cattle in the herd 18 months of age or older in contact with the herd. This testing must occur within 90 days after the person responsible for herd management receives notification that a whole herd test under this surveillance program is due and necessary.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

Movement into another Zone within Michigan

- Sexually intact cattle 18 months of age or older must meet one of the following prior to movement:
  a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,
  b) Be included in a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test at the premises of origin within 6 months prior to movement, or,
  c) Receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.
- Cattle less than 18 months of age, steers and spayed heifers, or cattle moving to slaughter do not need to meet tuberculosis testing requirements prior to movement.

Movement within the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone

- No tuberculosis testing is required for movement of cattle within the zone, or through a livestock concentration point to a final destination within the zone.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All cattle must receive an official movement certificate prior to movement to any other zone within Michigan, and a copy of the certificate must accompany the animals during movement.

Bovine Tuberculosis Free Zone - includes the entirety of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All herds must obtain a premises identification number, and be placed into a database from which herds will be randomly selected for whole herd testing. Proportional samples of beef and dairy farms will be selected from each Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service agriculture district based upon the total number of farms in that district. Selection will occur on a two-year cycle.

Selected herds, or herds selected as a replacement for herds determined ineligible for testing, shall be subject to whole herd testing of all cattle in the herd 18 months of age and older, and all bison, goats, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. This testing must occur within 90 days after the person responsible for herd management receives notification that a whole herd test under this surveillance program is due and necessary.

Movement Testing and Certificate Requirements

All cattle must receive an official movement certificate prior to movement to any other zone within Michigan, and a copy of the certificate must accompany the animals during movement. No tuberculosis testing is required to move within the bovine tuberculosis free zone, or to other zones within Michigan.

This order revises the order that established zones effective June 1, 2004.

Mitch Irwin, Director
Michigan Department of Agriculture

Former Cemex employees fight to return to work

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Employees who lost their jobs in the buyout of the local cement plant from Cemex by St. Marys Cement Company, Inc. continue to fight for their positions.

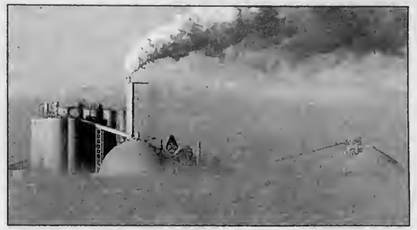
Mike Gauthier, a father of four who worked as a laborer at Cemex for five years, said, "I want my job back. I've been to every factory and I can't find a legitimate decent job. What am I supposed to do? Sell my house and move when I've lived here for over 30 years."

According to Dirk Cox, Charlevoix plant manager for St. Marys Cement, Inc., when Cemex sold the facility to St. Marys on April 1, 2005, all Cemex employees were terminated by Cemex. St. Marys went through an application and interview hiring process of the Cemex work force and offered employment based on that process.

"It's a hiring decision, not a termination — all but 12 people from the former Cemex workforce were not offered employment with St Marys," Cox said.

He added that currently the local St. Marys Cement, Inc. employs 137 people from the Charlevoix area.

Since having been informed that their jobs were no longer available, Gauthier, along with his coworkers who were not hired by St. Marys and the union representing them have pursued claims against both Cemex and St. Marys.



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Employees who lost their jobs in the buyout of the local cement plant from Cemex by St. Marys Cement Company, Inc. continue to fight for their positions.

At this point this path of recourse is leading to dead ends.

Since the change in ownership took place, union representatives have filed two grievances with the National Labor Relations Board against St. Marys Cement, Inc. and Cemex while employees who were let go have filed three complaints.

The first union complaint was filed in mid-April, by representatives of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, the local D480.

According to Thomas Good, the examiner with the National Labor Relations Board in Grand Rapids handling the case, the issue at the heart of this claim is whether Cemex unlawfully required some employees to sign a waiver accepting terms outside of what was agreed to by the union.

In e-mail correspondence Good said an informal settlement has been signed by Cemex and the union to resolve this claim but the case is not yet closed.

At this time Mark Kelly, an international representative of the D480, is facilitating arbitration between the union group and Cemex to discuss the employee grievances.

He said Cemex is in the process of setting up dates for arbitration, a court hearing with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service headquarters in Washington D.C.

"It's the only avenue they have. It's final and binding. That's it," he said.

The second union complaint is against St. Marys and was filed Oct. 3. Good said it questions whether St. Marys unlawfully refused to arbitrate certain grievances with the employees. This complaint is still under investigation.

This investigation will culminate in a report for review by labor board regional director, Stephen Glasser, who will determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe the company violated the National Labor Relations Act.

If they do find there is reasonable cause, the labor board will issue a complaint and set a hearing. If the complaint can't be solved at the hearing, it will go before an administrative law judge in Charlevoix who could require the company to pay back wages.

All three of the employees' claims were filed June 3 through attorney Brandon Zuk and were dismissed..

The first complaint claimed Cemex refused to bargain in good faith — laying off employees, without just cause.

"It's our contract, they were wrongfully dismissed. They should have honored our contract," said Paul Parrish, a member of the local D480, who has worked at the cement company for the past 35 years and is a current cement loader.

The employees' second claim, was filed against St. Marys. It questioned whether St. Marys was liable for remedying Cemex's unfair labor practices and whether the company's refusal to hire those 12 employees constituted unlawful refusal to bargain with the union or abide by the contract.

The third claim was filed against the union. This questioned whether the union violated its duty of fair representation to employees or unlawfully caused an employer to discriminate against them.

According to Good these complaints were investigated and dismissed on July 29. Zuk appealed those decisions to the National Labor Relations Board's general counsel office in Washington D.C. Those appeals were denied and the cases were officially closed Sept. 28.

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Delphi bankruptcy impacts local manufacturer

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

When Delphi Corp., one of the largest auto parts manufacturers in the world, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the New York U.S. Bankruptcy Court on Saturday Oct. 8, the effects were felt worldwide, including right here in Charlevoix.

According to Jim Hater, General Manager of Charlevoix Manufacturing Co., this is not the shot in the arm Michigan's economy needs.

"We manufacture aluminum castings and brake components. It's a combination of original equipment as well as after market parts," Hater said. "As far as original equipment, Delphi is our biggest customer."

Hater said production schedules for orders from Delphi are off considerably.

"We are down about 30 percent right now just due to general automotive conditions," he said. "As result of the bankruptcy we are still working with Delphi."

He added, "It's substantial."

According to Hater, Charlevoix Manufacturing produces parts for roughly 25 different companies including Delphi Corp.

"Everything we do more or less becomes a component in a system," Hater said. "Our primary component is a master cylinder break piston."

Once a division of General Motors, Delphi, which has its headquarters in Troy, broke away from GM in 1999.

According to the Detroit News, this is the largest corporate bankruptcy on record in Michigan.

According to Hater, there is no single reason for the downturn.

"A lot of it is just general economic conditions. One thing is that employee pricing flooded the market, the general economy around the country is down," he said. "And, gasoline prices are kind of shying people away from buying automobiles."

Hater said the road to recovery for the manufacturers who supply the automotive industry is a complex issue.

"The simple answer is, the more people that buy cars, the more parts we're going to sell," he said. "But, to get people to buy cars and put out that type of capital expenditure is tough to do. People have really become accustom to special deals and special pricing and they're waiting to see what the next special deal is going to be."

According to Hater, it is too early to speculate on the possibility of job cuts.

But, he added, "We are evaluating that."

Hater said this isn't the first economic downturn Charlevoix Manufacturing Co. has endured.

"At this point it's not quite as severe as the early 1980s and early 1990s — back then we had some substantial downturns and layoffs," he said.

The majority of parts which Charlevoix Manufacturing Co. ships to Delphi go to the Delphi plant in Dayton, Ohio.

Primarily producing supplies for the automotive industry, Charlevoix Manufacturing Co. produces approximately four million master cylinder pistons a year as well as parts for fuel filters, air pumps and the lighting and robotics industries.

Founded in 1978 and currently employing approximately 80 people, Charlevoix Manufacturing Co. located off Martin Road is a division of its parent company, Hater Industries Inc., located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hater Industries was founded by Hater's father and uncle in 1960.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix Manufacturing Co., located off Martin Road, is feeling the burn of the economic downtown in the automotive industry.

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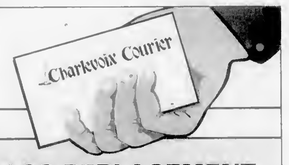

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Holly Daze event raises over $135,000 for education programs

The 13th Annual Holly Daze Gala took place Dec. 1 at Castle Farms to support the Community Health Education Programs of Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The event raised over $135,000 for these worthy and important community programs.

According to event co-chairs, Liz Firebaugh and Linda Mason, this year's event topped the charts with fun and philanthropy thanks to the participation of area businesses and residents who attended the gala.

"A couple of things were added this year," Mason said. "To start, we had a theme that encouraged silent and live auction gifts for every room in the house with auction items ranging in value from $100 to priceless."

"The business and design community participated heavily in making this event a success," she added.

Firebaugh agreed.

"We also added music and dancing after dinner and live auction," she said.

Another new feature this year was free valet parking for all attendees, sponsored by the Castle Farms organization.

In addition, the medical staff of the hospital sponsored an after-event taxi service for persons needing a ride home.

Photo by Julie Withhoeft

Auctioneer Rip Hayes handled the live auction at the Dec. 1 Holly Daze event at Castle Farms. Above he opens bidding on this festive Santa Claus. The event raised over $135,000 for education programs offered through Charlevoix Area Hospital.

"Many other local businesses donated fabulous gifts and specialty items that were auctioned off by auctioneer Rip Hayes," said Firebaugh.

The live and silent auctions brought in over $93,000.

Chamber sponsors Men's Night Thursday, Dec. 22

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has teamed with participating businesses to make sure local ladies get the gift they want.

From 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 22 men will have the opportunity to shop at the third annual Men's Night where they will have assistance in choosing the perfect holiday gifts while enjoying refreshments.

This event provides an opportunity for ladies to visit participating stores before Men's Night to create a gift "Wish List." Each store keeps the list on-hand and calls the person of your choice and invites him to Men's Night making it possible for everyone to get personal service from the owners of unique shops and galleries.

Secretary of State to close for Christmas and New Year's

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land announced today that all offices and the Office of the Great Seal will be closed in observance of state holidays during Christmas and New Year's.

The offices will be closed: Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Dec. 26 for Christmas.

And Friday, Dec. 30 through Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's.

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Library capital campaign raises $1.9 million

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Public Library Capital Campaign Committee recently convened to announce they exceeded their goal of $1.6 million for the new library.

According to Capital Campaign Committee Chairman, Don Heise, with approximately 150 pledges for $1.9 million, the capital campaign was a rousing success.

"It would be nice to get to $2 million," Don said.

Don's wife, Kay, who is the past president of the Friends of the Library, said the support this campaign has received is enormous.

"There is just a tremendous number of people in Charlevoix who are philanthropic," she said. "The community support has been great."

Kay said there are so many reasons why people supported the new library and for that she is grateful.

Don added, this has been a great experience.

"It's been a lot of fun," he said. "It's fun to see something like this grow."

According to Don, a project of this scale could not have been completed without the voters responsible for passing the millage in the first place.

The new library should stand tall for many years, according to Kay.

Kay said, "Don said there's no reason why this building can't be here for another 100 years and there is plenty of room for expansion."

In addition to being a full service library, the new facility which is under construction, will also include a community center with a capacity for 150 people at no charge to those who wish to use it.

Kay said, "We had many community meetings and all of the stages of development from planning, right down to the colors have included community involvement."

With such a huge amount of their time previously devoted to raising funds for the new library, Don and Kay said they will have time to pursue other interests.

"We're going to sit in the new reading room and read all those books we've been meaning to," Kay said.

While Don has experience in finance, he said this type of capital raising is rather new to him.

"I raised money for little league back in Connecticut but nothing like this," he said.

According to Kay, this was a labor of love. "Which is why it worked."

Don said he wanted to stress that he probably did not know what he was getting himself into when he began fund-raising. "But within about a week, Jeff and Nancy Porter helped us and I don't know where we'd be without them."

According to Kay, the only moneys designated for use from the library's coffers were for some brochures and two studies completed years ago — one to find the feasibility of Charlevoix needing a new library and the other was to study the probability of raising the needed funds.

As of the Thursday, Dec. 8 meeting, the scheduled opening of the library is fall 2006 with hours set at 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday and as of now closed Sundays.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix Public Library Capital Campaign chairman, Don Heise (above), was key in raising the nearly $2 million needed to build the new library facility.

Theater group presents a Princess play Dec. 28 and 29 at the Castle

Ragamuffin Theatre and Company presents "A Little Princess" at Charlevoix's beautiful, historic Castle Farms.

Performances are scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 and at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29.

Tickets are $10 per person for the evening shows and $7 per person for the matinee.

All shows will take place at Castle Farms, located at 05052 M-66 North, in Charlevoix.

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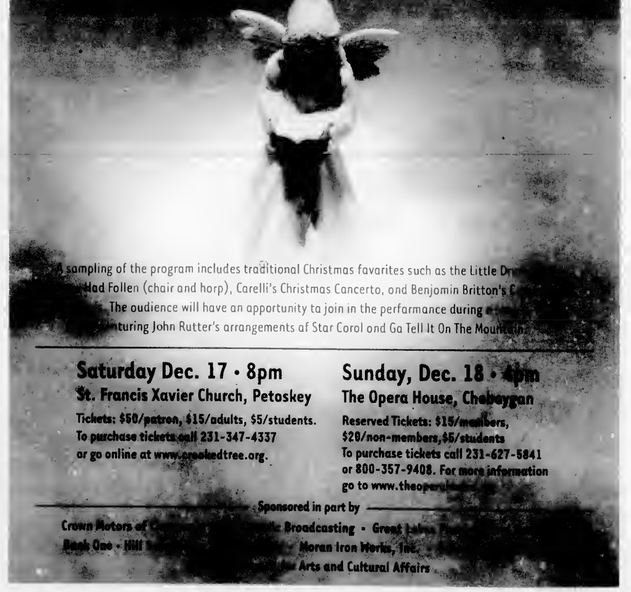

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Charlevoix Fire Department hosts Santa December 17th

Bring your children to the City Fire Station to meet Santa Claus. There will be candy, popcorn, hot dogs and a movie. This is a perfect opportunity for families to enjoy refreshments and tours of the newly renovated fire station.

C2 Gallery has Acoustic Music every Sunday

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Men's Night is Thurs., Dec. 22 from 5- 9pm

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Christmas Decorating Contest Winners announced

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the following winners of our Christmas Decorating Contest: Grand Prize: My Sister's Closet, First Place: Charlevoix State Bank, Second Place: Haggard's Plumbing & Heating, Third Place: Shop of the Gulls and Honorable Mention: Elements. We had a good turnout and want to thank all of you who entered the contest. It puts excitement in the holidays and gets us involved in the community.

Thanks to everyone who helped!

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce extends a big "Thank You" to the following people, businesses, and organizations for making the Christmas Celebration events on November 25 and December 3 successful: the City Fire Department for bringing Santa Claus to town on the fire truck; Dale Boss and Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, Ted Felter and Charlevoix Electric, Marell Staffel and Charlevoix Camera, Andy's Deli and Party Store, Charlevoix Children's House, Color Wear, Elements, Friske Orchards, Glen's Market, Kilwin's Chocolates, Kmart, Oleson's Food Stores, Rite Aid, Scovie's Gourmet, The Clothing Company and Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. We want to say a special thank you to City of the Charlevoix Fire Department as they went that "extra mile" to make sure all the children were presented with candy during their visit with Santa on the fire truck. A special "Thanks" to all the merchants who participated in our Christmas Open House and supplied entertainment, door prize drawings and refreshments. You all made the festivities possible!

Chamber 2006 Board of Directors & Officers

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the following officers for 2006:
Chairman of the Board: Jim Berlage – Bridge Street Book Shop
Vice Chairman: Judy Friske-Kehr – Friske Orchards & Farm Market
Treasurer: Ron Agnello, CPA
We also welcome the following members elected to serve the term 2006-2008: Jay Bingham – Bingham Insurance Services, Patricia Blanchard – Shop of the Gulls, and Linda Bradley – Charlevoix Manufacturing Co. We also welcome returning members Pram Acharya – Esperance, Alan Lovelace – Castle Farms 'Charlevoix's Historic Landmark', and Jeff Sprecksell – Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.
We say a fond farewell and a very heartfelt "Thank You" for a job well done to our departing Vice Chairman, Eric Kammermann, Northwest Marine Yacht Club, who has given countless hours serving on committees, including the Executive Committee and Terry Edger, Vacation Properties Network, for all his contributions. The progress we make in the future will be due to the steps you have taken to pave the way. To present and past board members... Thank you for improving our quality of life.
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The next retail meeting is December 29 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant. at 8:45am.

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is at Grey Gables on February 3 from 7:30am.

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

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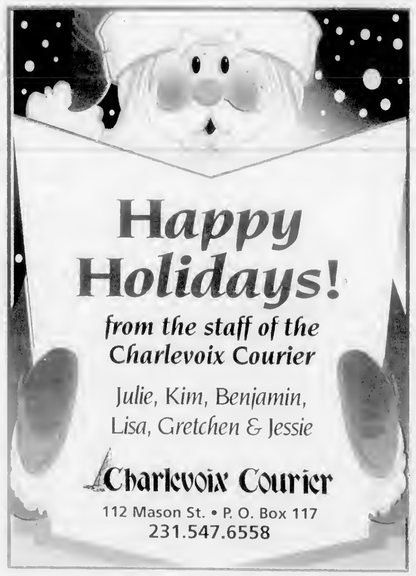

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Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Festival of Carols to take place Dec. 18 in East Jordan

At 4 p.m. Dec. 18, the Jordan Valley Chorale and the Up North Brass Ensemble will present a "Festival of Carols" at the East Jordan United Methodist Church located at Esterly and Fourth streets in East Jordan.

All of the music will celebrate both the Advent and the Christmas seasons.

The chorale, conducted by Ellen Addington, several Christmas anthems, as well as Jamaican and traditional American spirituals.

Soloists will include Barbara Dowty, soprano, singing "Some children see him" from the Aldred Burt Carols and Evelyn Wujick, on trumpet playing, "A trumpeter's lullaby," by LeRoy Anderson.

A free-will offering will be accepted and a reception will follow the program in the undercroft.

The 3rd Annual Fiddlers and Pickers day Jan. 14 at K of C

The 3rd Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located off Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix.

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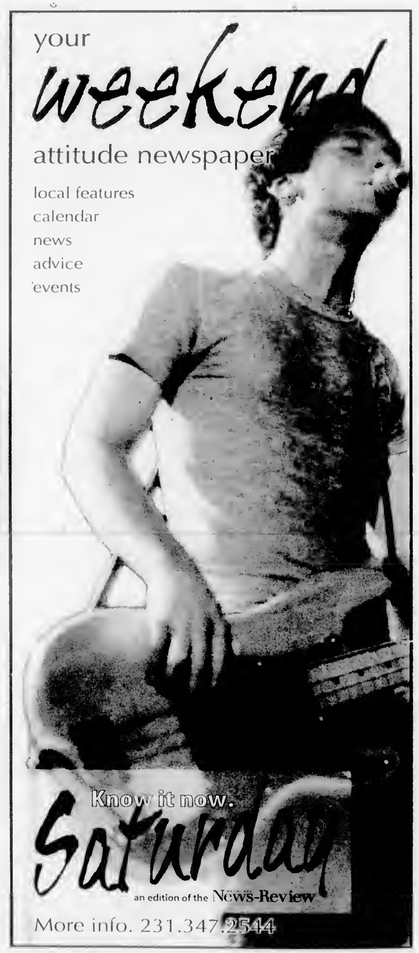

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SPORTS

Wrestling team continues to pin wins

The Rayder varsity wrestling team swept the mats Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Ironman Invitational hosted by Mancelona and grappled for a tie against Kalkaska, Dec. 8, in Traverse City.

Charlevoix won over Petoskey B by a score of 58-21, Kalkaska 42-30, Rudyard 45-30 and Mancelona 53-30. The outstanding wrestler of the tournament trophy went to Jeff Golovich of Charlevoix.

The individual results for the tournament were: Zeke Daman 3-1 pin, void, decision; Matt Golovich 4-1 pin, two decisions, void; Woody Nitchman 2-2 two pins; Nick Mailloux 3-1 pin; Spencer Hankins 4-0 pins; Joey Left 0-1; Nate Golovich 4-0 pins; Jed Daman 4-0 three pins, void; Matt Novotny 3-1 two pins, void; Justin Meggison 1-3 pin; Jeff Golovich 4-0 two pins, two voids; and Nate Tripplehorn 3-1 three pins.

Final team results were Charlevoix 4-0, Kalkaska 3-1, Rudyard 2-2, Mancelona 1-3 and Petoskey B 0-4.

The Rayders faced Traverse City St. Francis and Kalkaska at Traverse City on Thursday, Dec. 8.

The Charlevoix Rayders grappled head to head during the match against Kalkaska, ending in a 39-39 tie. The tie breaker was decided by the team with the most pins, which fell to Kalkaska with four pins and Charlevoix with three.

Highlights from the match included Zeke Daman falling to Luke Gillespie by pin. Matt Golovich winning by decision 12-9 over Josh Moggo. Nick Mailloux falling to Abram Lantzer by pin. Woody Nitchman falling to Damien Donathan by pin. Spencer Hankins falling by decision 8-4 to Jesse Moggo. Nick Gotshall pinning Donald Graydon. Nate Golovich pinning Nick Monroe. Nate Tripplehorn falling to Aaron McCollen by pin. And Ray Jones pinning Matt Pane.

The Rayders went on to win decisively over Traverse City St. Francis 57-21.

Highlights from the match included Matt Golovich winning by decision 14-2 over Jarret Martin. Woody Nitchman getting pinned by Jared Pursick. Nick Gotshall winning by technical fall 19-4 against Brad Martin. Nate Golovich falling to Dana Larsen by pin. Jed Daman falling to Andy Anderson 5-7. Matt Novotny getting pinned by Zach Lizmby. And Ray Jones fell to Paul Taylor by pin.

Coach Craig Golovich named freshman Matt Golovich as wrestler of the week due to winning both matches against Traverse City St. Francis and Kalkaska.

The Rayders are 7-1 for the season. The team faced Elk Rapids Tuesday, Dec. 13. Results from this match were not available by press time. They will travel to the Bridge Brawl in Rudyard on Friday, Dec. 16.

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Charlevoix's Ray Jones (above) fell to Paul Taylor by pin in the Rayders' decisive 57–21 win over Traverse City St. Francis Dec. 8.

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SPORTS

Sports photographer, writer joins Courier

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Scott Richards

Sports photographer and writer Scott Richards of Charlevoix has joined the Courier's editorial department to cover the winter sports season.

Richards, 49, of Charlevoix, moved here from East Jordan in October.

He and his wife, Lynn, live at La Croft condominiums where he is resident manager.

Prior to relocating to Charlevoix, he owned and operated Scott's Concrete and Masonry in East Jordan.

He is looking forward to joining the Courier's sports writing team with varsity basketball coverage continuing with sports writer Allen Telgenhof at the helm.

Richards' passion is photography, a hobby he first pursued in 1985 shortly after moving to northern Michigan.

His passion for sports photography took off just after he arrived when former Courier editor Doug Truax taught him the ins and outs of shooting games.

"There is no other outlet for what I love to do except for the paper," Richards said.

Since beginning as a photographer he has learned to do his own darkroom processing and has had shots published in area newspapers including the Charlevoix Courier, the Petoskey News-Review, the Traverse City Record-Eagle and the Grand Rapids Press.

"I shot some this fall but I want to get more consistently into it," Richards said of newspaper sports coverage.

While the written side of coverage will be new to Richards, he said he isn't daunted by it.

"I'm excited and nervous," he said.

"Richards' coverage will concentrate primarily on the varsity girls' volleyball team but photo assignments will also branch into other sports.

Registration for AAU Girls' Basketball Saturday, Dec. 17

Registration for AAU Girls' Basketball will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 17 at East Jordan Middle School.

A $25 registration fee is due at sign-up.

Immediately following the 9 a.m. meeting there will be a shoot around for ages 9 through 13. For more information contact Glen or Cindy McCune at (231) 582-2022.

Rayder volleyball battle errors at Pellston tourney

By SCOTT RICHARDS
Sports writer

The Charlevoix lady Rayders started the varsity volleyball season with tournament play at Pellston by topping Mio in both matches in the first round of pool action.

Things were starting off on the right foot when the team bested Mio 25 to 22 and then 25 to 11. But they stumbled by splitting their next two matches with Pellston, losing the first one 15 to 25 and winning the second one narrowly 25 to 24.

"We had our good moments" said varsity coach Liz Gruneh. "But we had too many errors."

Charlevoix ended the first round of pool action by splitting with Frankfort, losing the first 23 to 25. But they came back strong beating them 25 to 17. Charlevoix placed second in the first round of pool action and then moved on to the power pool round of play to square off with other second place finishers only to see themselves unravel against Onaway losing both matches 21 to 25.

The Rayders then split with Manton winning the first match 25 to 18 but losing the second 22 to 25. The last team they faced was Forest Area again splitting with them by losing the first 19 to 25 and then finished the second round of play with a win by the score of 25 to 22.

The lady Rayders finished third in second round power pool action and did not advance to the bracket round.

The totals for Saturday's tournament play were Murphy Gillespie with nine aces. Leading the offensive attack was Ashley Bradly with 15 kills, Bethany Pearson with 14 kills, Sally Haselschwardt with 12 kills and Zita Anderson with 52 assists.

On defense Emily Heffling had 28 digs and Anderson had 18. Heffling also had 52 of 54 serve-receives. For her play Heffling was awarded most valuable player honors for the tournament.

Charlevoix had 54 attacking errors along with 30 serving errors. "And that is way too high," Grunch said. "You're probably not going to win too many matches with numbers that high."

Grunch said the team focus was not where it should be but was optimistic about the future.

She said with practice the team will get more consistency in its play.

Charlevoix returns to play on Dec. 28 at the Leland Invitational.

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Tuesday Night Ladies - Dec. 6, 2005

	W	L
Charlevoix Fool Clinic	34	22
Grey Gables Inn	32.5	23.5
Great Lakes Concrete	32	24
Oleson's Food Store	30	26
Paul Bunyan Lanes	27	29
DM Construction	24	32
Central Drug Store	23.5	32.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	21	35

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ronda Smith		217
Cindy Mansen	528	202
Jane Holm	527	
Cathy Sullivan	519	189
Ferguson & Chamberlain	408	292
Paul Bunyan Lanes	397	303
Lutherans	378	322
State Farm Insurance	376	324
R & C Roofing	362	338
Mark White Paint & Stain	303	397
Lakeshore Tire	293	407
St. Mary's	283	417

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter	622	242
John Fiedorek	609	240
Roger Crain		220
Paul Grapp		220
Larry Potter	576	

Gutter Gals - Dec. 12, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	156	124
Paul Bunyan Lanes	143	137
Burger King of Charlevoix	136	144
Express Yourself	125	155

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	542	217
Mary O'Brien	485	178
Jane Holm	483	170

Church League - Dec. 7, 2005

	W	L
Lutherans	34	22
Methodists	32	24
Presbyterians	30	26
Catholics	28	28
Community	26	30
Assembly of God	24	32

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Bud Lee	571	220
Mo Dixon	497	183
Ralph Kitson		170
Don Bambach	430	
Dee Irwin		173
Zettie Kitson	429	164
Audrey Trimble	394	
Irene Celmer	380	143

Young at Hearts League - Dec. 8, 2005

	W	L
Alley Cats	37	15
Irish Rollers	36	16
Spareitme	29	39
Half & Half	26	26
Misfits	24	28
Has Beens	20	32
Past Timers	19	33
Twilighters	17	35

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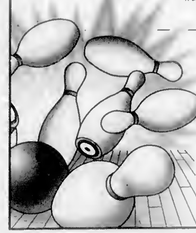

Paul Bunyan Lanes

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Barb Dobulis named outstanding employee

Barb Dobulis

Barb Dobulis, a long-time Northwest Community Health Agency nurse who works with home health and hospice clients in Charlevoix County, recently received the agency's 2005 Outstanding Employee of the Year Award.

Several co-workers nominated Dobulis for the award, which was developed to recognize employees who provide excellent public health service, enhancing the lives of individuals and families.

"If I could design the perfect home health and hospice nurse, Barb would be the model," said Lori Malfroid, Home Health Supervisor for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. "She does whatever it takes to ensure care and comfort for all of her home health and hospice clients plus her professional clinical skills are excellent, she's a team player, and she's always willing to mentor less experienced nurses."

Dobulis has worked as a home health and hospice nurse at the health department for 21 years. She serves as leader for the nursing and therapy teams assembled for her clients, including providing case management and direct nursing services.

"Barb has all the personable attributes that make a great nurse," said Nancy Bottomley, who directs the health department's certified home health and hospice programs. "She is thoughtful, dedicated, and she has a great sense of humor. She's also a terrific mentor for registered nurses who get their clinical educational experience for community health nursing here at the health department."

Dobulis lives in Charlevoix. Before joining the health department in 1984, she worked in hospital settings in Saginaw and Cadillac. She received nursing education at Delta College in Saginaw to obtain her license as a registered nurse.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

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Taking a few simple precautions can prevent injuries during the holiday season according to Bert Notestine, Northwest Michigan Safe Kids Coordinator for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

Holiday decorations, especially candles and electrical lighting, can be fire hazards.

"Never, never leave lit candles unattended," Notestine said. "Don't put candles on a Christmas tree or natural wreath, or near curtains and drapes. And keep matches and lighters out of reach."

He also says that it is important to attend Christmas trees or other decorative lighting displays and to inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections, and broken sockets.

Michigan Safe Kids also suggests:

• Minimizing risk of indoor fires by getting a fresh tree and keeping it watered at all times and keeping it away from fireplaces, space heaters, radiators or heat vents.

• Do not overload extension cords or outlets and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.

• Do not burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood or wrapping paper in a home fireplace.

• To prevent accidental poisoning, keep alcohol, including baking extracts, out of reach of children and do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended.

"Many holiday plants are potentially harmful if eaten, including holly berries, mistletoe berries, poinsettias, amaryllis, Christmas rose, Crown of Thorns, English ivy, and Jerusalem cherry," Notestine said.

For more information, call your local Poison Control Center at (800) 222-1222.

• Parents and caregivers can make sure they're choosing safe toys for their children by paying close attention to warning labels and manufacturers' guidelines.

"More than 3 billion toys and games are sold in the U.S. every year, and most of them are very safe. Warning labels and manufacturers' instructions tell you how to use products safely," Notestine said. "If the manufacturer sets a minimum age limit for a toy, there's a reason for it."

About 40 percent of toy-related injuries involve riding toys, such as scooters, in-line skates, and skateboards.

"If you give a riding toy to a child, remember, the gift isn't complete without a helmet and protective gear," Notestine said.

Under federal law, new toys cannot contain hazardous substances or pose a danger of electrical shock, burns, or mechanical injury, such as pinched or cut fingers. Any toy with small parts must be labeled as a choking hazard if intended for ages three to six and is prohibited if intended for children less than three years old. Hazardous art materials must be labeled "inappropriate for use by children" and realistic-looking toy guns are subject to labeling requirements.

"If you buy toys secondhand or get hand-me-downs, it's a good idea to visit www.recalls.gov to make sure they haven't been recalled for safety reasons," Notestine said. "And if a new toy comes with a product registration card, mail it in right away so the manufacturer can contact you if the item is ever recalled."

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information about the Northwest Michigan Safe Kids Chapter, call Notestine at (231) 347-6014.

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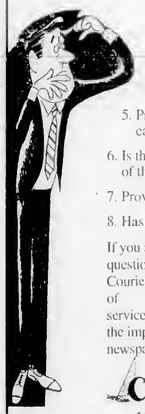

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael J. Whisler, Sr. and Karen S. Whisler, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-gagee, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 6, 2003 and recorded August 11, 2003 in Liber 562 Page 603 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Twelve Cents ($164,117.12) including interest 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, January 6, 2006. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11 of Sequanota Heights, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 217 and 218, Charlevoix County records, and as amended in Liber 252, Page 529, and as further amended in Liber 256, Page 404, Charlevoix County records. Commonly known as 11601 Sequanota Heights, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: NOVEMBER 29, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-41142 ASAP736756
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

NOTICE OF SALE Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 6th day of February, 2004, by Rocky A. Giddings and Faith Giddings, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on February 16, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 598, page 126, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 11/100 DOLLARS ($74,891.11) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

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November 6, 2005 Northwestern Mortgage Company, Mortgagee

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CHS holiday concert

Charlevoix High School's holiday band concert will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Charlevoix High School auditorium. The concert band, jazz band and individual solo and duets performances will be presented during this special holiday music concert.

Singles Christmas dinner

"Singles For Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church invites all singles age 40 and over from all the areas to a Christmas dinner and $10 gift exchange to take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17 at Northern Lights Bowling Lanes, Sassy Loon Restaurant. Call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905 to make a reservation.

Christmas cantata

"Wondrous Gift," a Christmas cantata, will take place at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. The cantata will feature children and adults. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Danielle at (231) 547-2654.

Fire department hosts Santa

The Charlevoix Fire Department will host a fun day for kids. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 17, Santa will be at the fire station, located off State Street in downtown Charlevoix. There will be candy bags for the kids, a movie or two, hot dogs and popcorn, tours of the newly renovated fire station and most important of all, a visit with Santa.

Holiday food tips

Judy Friske Kehr of Friske's Farm Market will host Easy Gourmet Holiday Food Tips from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at the market, located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31. The day will include hourly prize drawings and recipe handouts.

Candlelight presentation

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will present a Christmas candlelight presentation called "A Night of 1,000 Candles." The event will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the church located at 05291 M-66 North in Charlevoix. There will not be a church service at Charlevoix Assembly of God on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. For more information, contact Ginger Stevens at (231) 547-6430.

Ragamuffin performance

Ragamuffin Theatre and Company presents "A Little Princess" at Charlevoix's beautiful, historic Castle Farms. Performances are scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 and at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29. Tickets are $10 per person for the evening shows and $7 per person for the matinee. All shows will take place at Castle Farms, located at 05052 M-66 North, in Charlevoix. For more information, or to purchase tickets on-line visit www.ragamuffintheatre.com or call Kathleen Whittaker at (231) 237-9686.

Fiddlers and Pickers Day

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Tai Chi for Arthritis

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Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

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Winter museum hours

The Harsha House Museum's hours of operation from Jan. 1 through April are from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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SEE-North offers annual Twelfth Night excursions Jan. 6 and 13

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SEE-North's Twelfth Night events have celebrated this tradition in northern Michigan for more than a decade. Families hike a candle-lit trail and talk with the forest animals. This year, Twelfth Night will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6 and Jan. 13 at Bay View Inn/Bay View Woods in Petoskey.

Families will meet at Stafford's Bay View Inn, ride a horse-drawn sleigh to the trail head and venture into the forest to meet the animals.

Those with young children may bring a small sled. SEE-North will provide snacks, hot beverages, face-painting and mask-making indoors.

Because of the popularity of the events, registration has changed from past years. Tickets are required.

Participants may call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700 to reserve a time slot. They must then purchase their tickets within one week of registering, either by mail or in person at SEE-North's office in downtown Petoskey. No refunds will be issued unless the event is canceled due to bad weather. Tickets are $7 per person, which includes the sleigh ride. Children under 3 are admitted free.

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Insider's look at the Boss holiday display

Marilyn Boss
'Days gone by'

As we have many requests about our Christmas scene, I am writing about all the things we do to make it complete.

We begin in September, when Dale brings the trees into the house from a garage where we store them. Then, I decorate each one differently with lights and ornaments kept in a room downstairs. We buy everything when area stores have their after Christmas sales. I keep all the new lights and ribbons in a room in our house, on shelves, and it looks like a little store. After Christmas, when I take the ornaments and lights off the trees, I store them in individual big tubs, with contents listed on the outside. These are also stored in the room.

We began our big scene in 1987. Before that, we had a 25-foot tree in our living room. I also had a display of Snoopy characters, which we still have today. We had to climb up to the top of the tree to decorate it, and our son, Jim, did it when I couldn't climb up anymore. We used a big double ladder to reach the top.

When we begin the outdoor decorating, we bring out all the figures I have made through the years. We store them in our manger scene building. When I begin, I draw each one on prepared 4 foot by 8 foot boards, cut them out, sand the edges, and paint each elf or character, and then coat them with a preservative.

In 1987 we had 121 pieces and one tree. Today, we have 353. Dale pounds stakes in the ground and then attaches screws to each of them. I usually add figures each year and buy the toys at yard sales. We place the toys in front of the elves who are "making them." This year, my grandson, Ryder Boss, drew a large "Polar Express" train from the movie. He drew it in school and he and his classmates painted it. It is displayed on our picket fence. We also have a rocket ship which our grandson Logan Priess made when he was in middle school. Two new additions are a 12-and-a-half feet tall inflated snowman on the porch and a Santa in our carport display which pops up and down from a chimney.

When the big winds came in November, our 12-foot lighted Big Bird was twisted and broken, so we will repair it next summer. We also had more damage to some of the other characters, which I fixed and re-painted. We place our 52 inch TV in the front window to play our Disney movie with dancing figures and music. The music is piped outside. The wooden ornaments which I place on tree branches twirl in the wind, and our 1919 Model T Touring car and 1921 Model T pickup are there. On Christmas Eve, our son, Jim, also brings over his 1915 Model T. Also, Santa and Mrs. Claus are there to greet the children. We have a big fire in our outdoor stove to keep those who come warm. Our manger scene is in a shed made out of old barn lumber, which Dale built. We have shepherds, wisemen, Mary and Joseph, the baby Jesus, camels and sheep, which I made. We put fresh straw in every year. It makes a lovely atmosphere for the young and old to enjoy.

Dale is 74, and I am 72, and the work it takes is astronomical. We usually put up most everything ourselves, when we have an hour here or there, but we are going to have our children and grandchildren help us from now on. We love to do it, and the enjoyment we feel when the little children come through the yard cannot be put into words. I am just a kid at heart, and love to enjoy the trees and music myself.

Courtesy photo

The Boss family holiday display is located at 200 Pearl Street on Charlevoix's north side.

Inside the house, we have 35 Christmas trees, including one in our attached playhouse, and one in our carport scene. We have a singing Santa, Mrs. Claus and a snowman there. Also, an antique child's sled, given to use by June Cross, and other toys. Inside the house, Dale hung up my antique Ingo bike on the second floor balcony and we placed a big teddy bear on it. I bought the bike several years ago, and the grandkids learned to ride it. You have to stand up and jump up and down to make it go. It has a little wheel on the front and a concentric bigger wheel on the back. The concentric wheel makes it go. It looks very different going down the road. My dad rented some of these bikes at his gas station when I was a little

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Holiday concert

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The Annual Community Choir Christmas Musical, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," took place at Dec. 10 and 11 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. (Above) The choir sings a selection from the show.

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Writer reveals the work behind creating a local Santa's Workshop

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girl, and I always wished I could ride one. I found an antique dealer who managed to find one for me, and we have enjoyed using it.

We also have many teddy bears, Disney dolls, angels, Santa Claus toys that sing and play instruments, and candy ropes, adding to the festive atmosphere.

Two weeks ago, an agency called from New York and wanted to submit our scene to the Home and Garden TV Christmas show. They called us five times asking questions. However, it didn't work out, as they couldn't take pictures of our Disney characters, because it would be a copyright problem for them. They also informed me that they couldn't show our manger scene as it was too controversial. We were very happy that they decided not to come. They set impossible deadlines, also, as everything has to be done to their convenience.

What is Christmas all about if it isn't the celebration of Jesus' birth.

I trust you will have a blessed Christmas and will enjoy our scene this year.

Marilyn Boss is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at

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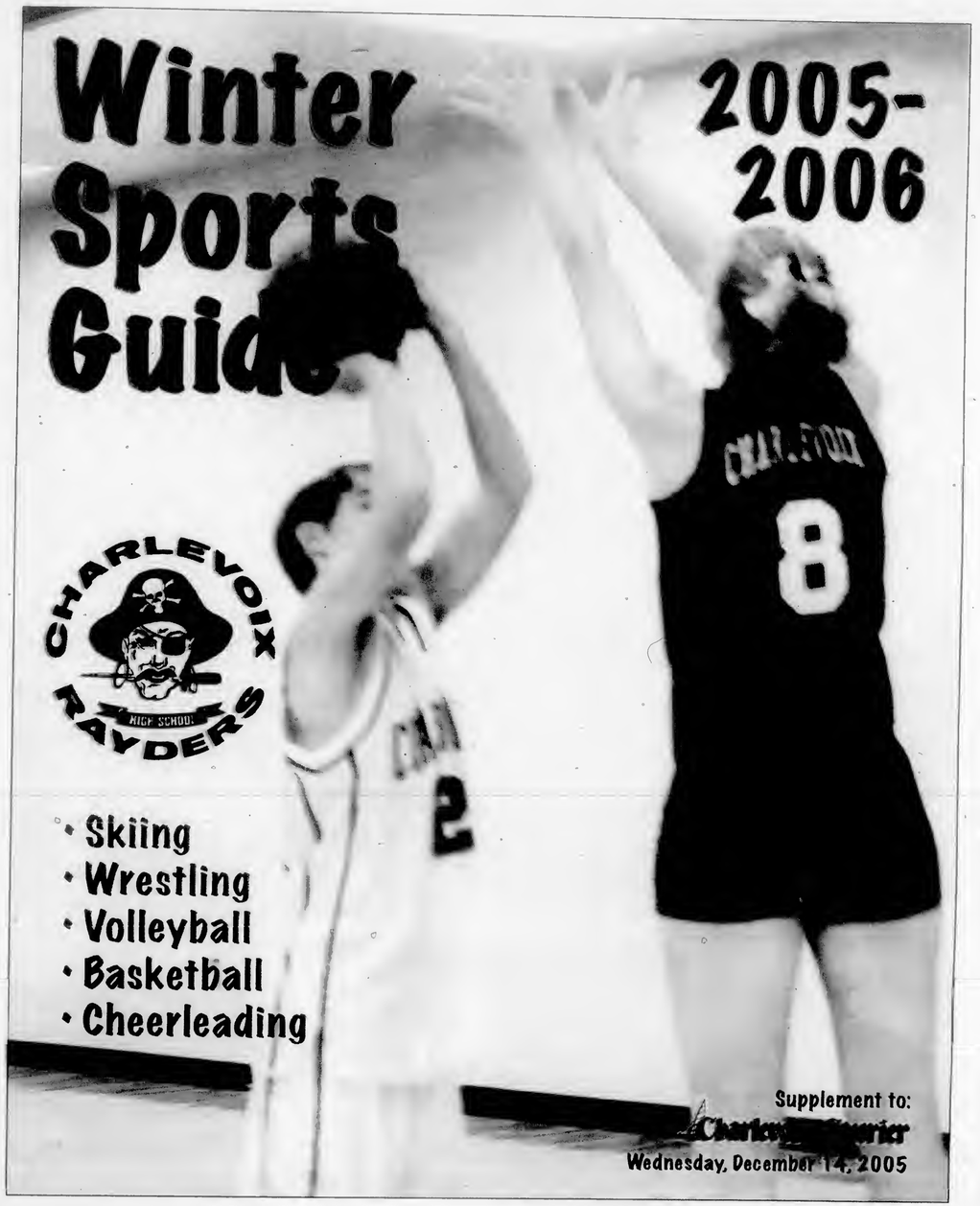

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BASKETBALL

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix varsity boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Dan Swenor, Tyler Haske, Billie Roloff, Crad Cyr, Darron Munson, Matt Kautz and Austin Wilhelm. (Back) Coach Brett Erskine, coach Jim Gels, Dustin Dibble, Travor Mays, Derek Friske, Eddie Waldron, Michael DiMartino, Mitchell Crandall, Corey Gotshall and coach Keith Haske.

Basketball team to use speed to win games

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix High School basketball coach Keith Haske who is in his ninth year coaching the boys' team said his group will combat its lack of height with speed to tally wins this year.

"Our weakness is size. We don't have any really big kids. The teams with big kids will hurt us a little but hopefully we'll overcome that with our speed," he said.

He said teams like Traverse City St. Francis and Grayling who both boast players over 6 feet 9 inches will be a challenge but the scrappy Rayder style of play should keep them at bay.

"We need to make sure the games are played at our pace. We want to play fast and our hope is to take the big guys out the game that way," he said.

Of the 14-member team, leading the Rayder charge are two seniors, Eddie Waldron who Haske said should be a leading scorer, and Michael DiMartino.

The starting five also includes three junior stand-outs.

He described Matt Kautz, a junior at the guard position, as a tough kid.

"He can really score from inside and outside and does a great job in our press," he said.

Under the basket in forward positions are junior Derek Friske who stands 6 feet 4 inches and junior Mitchell Crandall at 6 feet 2 inches.

Haske described Friske as "a key player." And Crandall as a "good shooter with strong rebounding skills."

"He does a good job going to the board," he added of Crandall.

The team is coming off of a winning season. They went 15-6 on the season last year, losing the first game in the district playoffs.

Haske said this year should be better all-around as the team includes several strong offensive players.

He said last year, the team relied heavily on senior Jared Hunt's ability to score and when he suffered an injury in the thirteenth game of the season things went downhill.

"Our strength is going to be overall, we have a lot of kids that can score. I don't think we'll be dependent on one guy," he said.

With extensive pre-season practice under their belts, Haske said his team is ready to play.

The team's next home game will take place at 6 p.m., this Friday, Dec. 16 when the Rayders will face the Rams of Harbor Springs.

"We have tremendously high expectations and a lot of skilled kids. Hopefully we'll use that to our advantage," Haske said.

Haske's fellow coaches are assistants Brett Erskine and Jim Gels.

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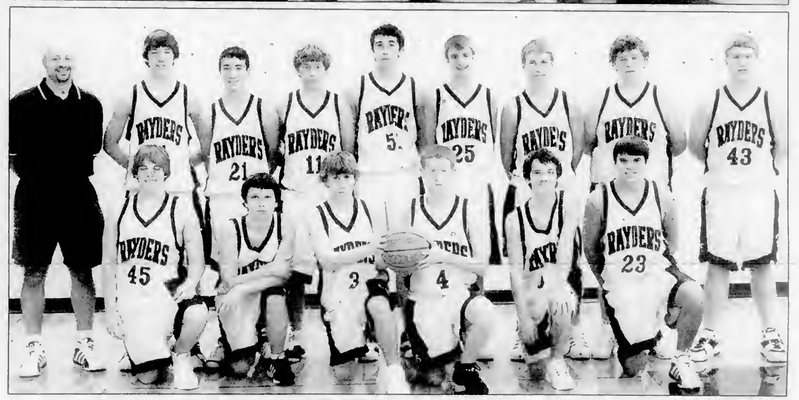
(Above) The Charlevoix junior varsity boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Nate LaBlance, Chase Beatty, Kyle Jones, Sam Balasz and Cliff Jones. (Back) Coach Brett Erskine, Tyler Munroe, Hunter Boss, Trevor Cole and Jacob Hunt. (Right) The Charlevoix freshman boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Drew Largent, Wayne Bryant, Josh Wolletz, Collin McDonough, Alex Buday and Michael Pelon. (Back) Coach Bryan Hawkins, Brock Yenglin, Jonathan Putman, Weston Bryan, Justin Friske, Thomas Parrish, Scott Silberhorn, Rex VanPelt and Corey Loucks.



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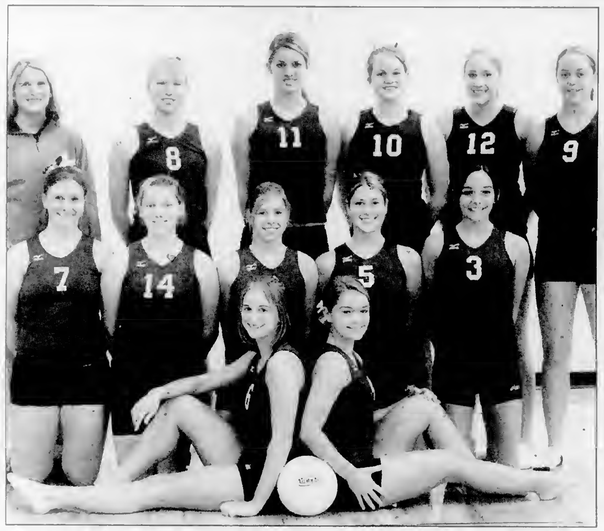

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(Left) The Charlevoix varsity girls' volleyball team is (front, from left) Emily Heffling and Zita Anderson. (Middle) Teresa Potter, Jessica Stewardt, Robyn Petzak, Janay Drost and Sasha Spencley. (Back) Coach Liz Grunch, Sally Haselschwardt, Bethany Pearson, Murphy Gillespie, Jourdan Holecheck and Ashlie Bradley. (Above) The Charlevoix junior varsity girls' volleyball team is (front, from left) Sarah Titus, Desi Faust, Caitlin Mitchell, Chelsea Biddick, Shauna Spencley, Michelle Burke and Emily Foster. (Back) Tammy Potter, Katie Withrow, Lauren Mielke, Gena Gaudio, Ameila Meier, Kandis Way and coach Audra Randall.

Volleyball team looking strong this year

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

With the first week of practice complete Charlevoix High School varsity volleyball team coach Liz Grunch is confident her team will be successful in tournament and conference play this season.

Grunch said while she has a pretty young team — out of 12 players, six are juniors and one is a sophomore — the Rayders are coming off of a strong season last year. Last year, the girls' volleyball team won the Lake Michigan Conference championship and lost the district championship to semi-finalists Suttons Bay.

"Our returners have really stepped up. We are doing a great job keeping the intensity level at practice up. I'm pleased with our level of play early on," she said.

Grunch has five key players this year. First is junior setter Zita Anderson who was named to the Michigan all-region team last year.

Second is the team's only senior, Sally Haselschwardt who commands the right side of the court.

Third is middle front power player Bethany Pearson.

Fourth is Ashley Bradley, a junior who plays a high intensity game on the left side of the court.

Fifth is back row specialist Emily Heffling who will also fill the liebro's role on the team.

Grunch explained that the liebro player was introduced to high school level play this year and is a movement toward the collegiate format of volleyball.

She said this person is a floater who can substitute where needed.

"That will tremendously help our defense. She (Heffling) is a very strong back row player," Grunch said. "She won't be able to serve, but that's the only downfall."

Grunch said her team's strong defensive game is supported by its powerful hitting. She said these two strengths, coupled with the group's cohesion are a good formula for successful match-ups.

"They are a close group. In the long-run that will make our team successful," she said.

Areas of improvement Grunch pointed to that are needed in order to claim a championship title are the team's serve receive game and increasing offensive speed.

She said the teams that will challenge the Rayder volleyball unit are East Jordan, Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis.

"I want to win and I think we can win every game," she said.

The volleyball team's first competition will be a tournament to take place Dec. 10 in Pellston.

CHEERLEADING

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix cheerleading team is (front, from left) Shecolby Green and Molly Braniecki. (Back) Ashley Price, Rachel Barta and Maria Hall. Coach Erin Nickel is not pictured.

Charlevoix cheerleaders declare competitive status

"If cheerleading is to be recognized as a competitive sport, we can't pick and choose — we have to abide by the rules."

Erin Nickel,
Charlevoix High School cheerleading head coach

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The six-member Charlevoix High School varsity winter cheerleading team will blaze a new path in the Lake Michigan Conference.

According to head coach Erin Nickel, the team is the first in the six school conference to declare competitive status with the Michigan High School Athletic Association — moving Charlevoix into a new realm of competition this year.

"We chose to take the bull by the horns and start a year early to work out the bumps that everyone else will be working out next year," she said. "At first I was incredibly apprehensive. But once I found out more information and did my research, I found the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association) is out there to regulate high school athletics. If we are high school athletics we have to abide by the rules. If cheerleading is to be recognized as a sport we can't pick and choose — we have to abide by the rules."

She explained that during the 2006-2007 school year the Michigan High School Athletic Association will require all cheerleading teams that wish to compete to become competition cheerleading teams. This differs from what Nickel referred to as sideline teams that don't compete.

In the past her group has competed in one to two events a season but this will provide more stringent competition parameters.

The competition includes three rounds of music-free cheerleading. The first is leadership where the girls perform a floor cheer void of stunts. In the second round, precision, their gymnastic skills are tested. The final round, creative, is a 2-and-a-half-minute round with stunts and tumbling included.

In past competitions Nickel said the team did fairly well but is not the strongest in the conference. She is hoping an extra season of competitive experience will give her girls the leg up they need to beat front runners East Jordan and Grayling.

Areas Nickel pointed to that need improvement are the girls' tumbling, flexibility and stunting skills.

She said new support safety material provided by the school will help facilitate the team's progress.

This new horizon is being pursued with leadership coming from cheerleaders Ashley Price, Rachel Barta and Maria Hall.

"These girls are doing a really good job heading up the team," Nickel said. "The team's overall strength is attitude. They really want to do this and are having a lot of fun with it."

Nickel is looking forward to the possibilities this new competitive program brings with it and said she has a new group of prospects climbing up the middle school ranks under the watchful eye of coach Kari Kauffman.

The team's first competition will take place Wednesday, Jan. 5 at the Houghton Lake Invitational in Houghton Lake.

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SKIING

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The Charlevoix/East Jordan ski team is (front, from left) Joe Hidakatsu, Zack Smith, Andrew Boyer, Geoff Baier and Michael Cardwell. (Middle) Ben Archer, Nic Williams, Tanner Fisher, Logan Priess, Billy Brodin, Mac Brennan, Andrew Mallory, Jeff Miller and Jason Palmrose. (Back) Coach Steve Pirie, Steffy Poindexter, Kristen Kovel, Kelsey Poineau, Katherine Rowley, Kristin DuPuis, Liz Hasseld, Mary Gocha, Hailey Crick and coach Sue Miller.

Experienced skiers to face tough conference

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix ski team coach Sue Miller said her team will have to work hard to compete in a tough Lake Michigan Conference this year.

"We have a tough region and conference this year," she said. "Overall, I see our teams being really successful, we have a lot of skiers returning and a lot of experience."

The girls' team placed fifth in the state last year while the boys' took fourth in the region.

To follow-up this year with post season wins, Miller said her skiers will have to hit the slopes on their own time as well as attending practices.

"They've got to put the extra time in," she said.

The Charlevoix ski team is composed of students from Charlevoix High School and East Jordan High School.

The girls' team includes nine competitors six of which are returning from last year. Kristin Dupuis is the lone senior skier from Charlevoix High School. The other eight team members attend East Jordan High School.

Katherine Rowley, a sophomore at East Jordan High School is returning following her 2005 state championship showing in the giant slalom event.

The boys' team has 15 members 11 of which are returning from last year. The team includes nine Charlevoix High School students and six from East Jordan High School.

Seniors are Cameron Attee and Andrew Mallory from Charlevoix and Jason Palmrose from East Jordan.

Mac Brennan a sophomore attending East Jordan High School is back after a strong showing at the 2005 state finals.

While the two teams are carrying seven freshman, Miller said she is confident the young brood will perform well as most came from middle school ski programs coached in Charlevoix by Erik Lundteigen and in East Jordan by Wendy Crick.

At the time of the interview for this story, the team had not practiced on the slopes yet. Pre-season training lead by Miller and assistant coach Steve Pirie has been focused on conditioning, agility and coordination drills.

The first meet of the season is scheduled to take place Jan. 5, 2006 at Boyne Mountain, the team's home venue.

High school races are made up of giant slalom and slalom events. Six racers compete in each event and the top four times are used in the final standings.

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WRESTLING

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The Charlevoix varsity wrestling team is (front, from left) Zeke Daman, Spencer Hankins, Troub Golovich, Jeffery Nitchman, Nate Golovich, Joey Left, Nick Mailloux and Justin Meggison. (Beck) Coach Craig Golovich, Nathon Tripplehorn, Nick Gotshall, Matt Novotny, Jeff Golovich, Shannon Gillespie, Patrick Russell, Jeb Daman, statisticain Megan Cross and assistant coach Nick Gould.

Wrestling team faces loss of experience to injury

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix wrestling coach Craig Golovich, said his team will be successful on the mats this year.

"As a team they are doing great," he said.

The team of about 20 wrestlers has a long list of new blood this year with several freshman faces having made the cut. But as of last week the team had gone undefeated in its first three matches of the season.

The young team is following up a successful year. Last year, the wrestling team ended the season with a winning record and took Jeff Golovich to the state finals. At the finals he won one match and then tore his rotator cuff in the second match to a wrestler who took the tournament.

Golovich, a senior this year, jumped a weight class and is now wrestling at 189 pounds. Coach Golovich said his son is back in good health and is leading the team to another successful finish.

Coach Golovich said his other two seniors, Matt Novotny and Jed Daman are rounding out the leadership with junior Nick Gotshall who also suffered an injury last year when he tore ligaments in his knee.

Coach Golovich said Gotshall is wrestling strong this year.

He is hoping to go through the season without the major injuries that have plagued his team in the past.

Golovich, who has coached for about 11 years, this being his fourth at the varsity level, said the past two years have been terrible as far as injuries go.

This season, accomplished wrestler Chris Aepelbacher will have to sit out due to a displaced shoulder he suffered during the fall 2005 football season. And Nathaniel Sotuyo, who broke his elbow at the district meet two years ago, also won't be returning.

"They're not wrestling and that's a real loss to us," coach Golovich said. "If they were here, we would be solid and strong. We are wrestling freshman on varsity but they are doing well."

Freshman providing the team's new base to build from are Zeke Daman, Joey Left, Matt Golovich and Nick Mailloux.

Challenges coach Golovich pointed to that the team will face include the Dec. 16 Bridge Brawl at Rudyard where five Upper Peninsula schools will compete against Charlevoix.

In their plight to take the conference Grayling will be their nemesis.

"Grayling is the toughest in the conference," coach Golovich said.

The next home meet for the Charlevoix wrestlers is at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 19 when Charlevoix will face Grayling, Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis.

The popular Charlevoix Takedown tournament is at 10 a.m., Jan. 21. Golovich said what makes this tournament so popular is that only take downs are counted. The guy with the most take downs wins.

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December 16	Friday	2:30 p.m.	AT Rudyard "Bridge Brawl"
December 19	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE w/Grayling/Kalkaska/TCSF
December 21	Wed.	6:00 p.m.	AT Cheboygan
January 5	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska w/Elk Rapids
January 7	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Frankfort Invitational
January 14	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Rogers City Tournament
January 19	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Grayling w/TCSF
January 21	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	HERE Charlevoix Takedown
January 24	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TRI w/Elk Rapids/Grayling
January 28	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AT Gaylord N.M. Invitational
February 4	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Kalkaska LMC Tournament
February 11	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Petoskey/Northstar Invitation
February 16	Thursday	TBA	AT Rogers City Team Districts
February 18	Saturday	TBA	AT Rogers City Individual Districts
February 25	Saturday	TBA	AT Manton Div. 4 Individual Reg.
March 9-11	Thur.-Sat.	TBA	AT Palace in Auburn Hills Div. 4 Individual State Finals

Varsity Coach: Craig Golovich Asst. Coach: Nick Gould

SKI TEAM

January 5	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	LMC AT Boyne Mt.
January 10	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Harbor/Petoskey Invit. AT Boyne Highlands
January 12	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Nubs Nob LMC
January 21	Saturday	TBA	BC/CHX-EJ Invit. AT Boyne Mtn.
January 26	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Boyne Mt. LMC
February 2	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	LMC AT Nubs Nob
February 6	Monday	9:00 a.m.	AT Crystal Mt. Manistee Invit.
February 9	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	LMC Make-up
February 16	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	REGIONALS @ Boyne Mt.
February 21	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	LMC Champ. @ Boyne Mt.
February 27	Monday	9:00 a.m.	STATE FINALS @ Nubs Nob

Varsity Coach: Sue Miller Asst. Coach: Steven Pirie

FRESHMAN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

January 5	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 9	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 12	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
January 19	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
January 21	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Gaylord Invit. Frosh/JV
January 26	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
January 30	Monday	5:00 p.m.	JV/Frosh AT Grayling w/H. Springs
February 6	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TC St. Francis
February 9	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
February 11	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Harbor Springs Invit.
February 13	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
February 16	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
February 22	Wed.	6:00 p.m.	AT Pellston
February 27	Monday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Frosh/JV Grayling/ Harbor Springs
March 2	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	AT TCSF

Freshman Coach: Marie Votovsek

VARSITY & J.V. BASKETBALL

December 16	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
December 20	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Grayling
January 3	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Cheboygan
January 6	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT TCSF
January 10	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
January 13	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 17	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
January 20	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
January 27	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
January 31	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	AT Benzie Central
February 3	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Grayling
February 7	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Petoskey
February 10	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TCSF
February 17	Friday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
February 21	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
February 24	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
February 28	Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
March 3	Friday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Bellaire
March 6-11	Mon.-Sat.		DISTRICTS
March 14-18	Tue.-Sat.		REGIONALS
March 21	Tuesday		QUARTER-FINALS
March 23-25	Thurs.-Sat.		SEMI-FINALS/FINALS

Varsity Coach: Keith Haske JV Coach: Bret Erskine

FRESHMAN BOY'S BASKETBALL

December 16	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Harbor Springs
December 20	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Grayling
January 3	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Cheboygan
January 6	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT TCSF
January 10	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
January 13	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 17	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
January 20	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
January 27	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs
January 31	Tuesday	3:45 p.m.	AT Benzie Central
February 3	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Grayling
February 7	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Petoskey
February 10	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE TCSF
February 14	Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	HERE Bellaire
February 17	Friday	4:15 p.m.	AT Boyne City
February 21	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
February 24	Friday	4:15 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
February 28	Tuesday	4:15 p.m.	AT East Jordan

Freshman Coach: Bryan Hawkins

JV & VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

December 28	Wed.	8:30 a.m.	AT Leland Invit.
January 5	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Kalkaska
January 7	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Petoskey Invit.
January 7	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT JV Cadillac Invit.
January 9	Monday	6:00 p.m.	AT East Jordan
January 12	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Boyne City
January 14	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Scottsville Mason CC Invit.
January 14	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Inland Lakes JV Bulldog Invit.
January 19	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Elk Rapids
January 21	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Gaylord Invit. Frosh/JV
January 26	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	HERE East Jordan
January 28	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	HERE Charlevoix Invit.
January 30	Monday	5:00 p.m.	AT Harbor Springs w/Grayling
January 30	Monday	5:00 p.m.	JV/Frosh AT Grayling w/H. Springs
February 6	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE TCSF
February 9	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Kalkaska
February 11	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	AT Suttons Bay Invit.
February 11	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	AT Harbor Springs Invit. Frosh/JV
February 13	Monday	6:00 p.m.	HERE Boyne City
February 16	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT Elk Rapids
February 27	Monday	5:00 p.m.	AT Grayling w/Harbor Springs
February 27	Monday	5:00 p.m.	HERE Frosh/JV Grayling/H. Springs
March 2	Thursday	6:00 p.m.	AT TCSF
March 4	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	DISTRICTS AT
March 11	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	REGIONALS HERE
March 14	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	QUARTER-FINALS
March 16	Thursday	4:30 p.m.	SEMI-FINALS
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By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

The Charlevoix Municipal Marina and East Park renovation project is taking major strides toward becoming a reality.

Permits are in place, a construction schedule has been approved and on Dec. 13 the Michigan House of Representatives approved $5 million to be appropriated to the $8.1 million project. Senate approval is also required.

The city's Downtown Development Authority has agreed to fund the balance.

The House of Representatives' funding decision came after a Dec. 9 Waterways Commission meeting when the capital outlay was unanimously approved by the commission's seven members.

The Waterways fund program is not part of the state's general fund budget supported by state taxpayer money. Program funding is provided through Michigan boater registration fees, which are restricted for use on boating-related projects only.

At a joint Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and city council meeting Monday night, Dec. 19, a project plan was approved.

According to the preliminary project schedule, construction will begin with sea wall replacement preparation starting on July 23, 2006. Bids for this project will go out in March of 2006.

Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner said this will result in the late season loss of seven existing docks. On the flip side, he said the early start will allow for a cushion in the spring of 2007 which will allow contractors to lay sod in East Park in preparation for the grand opening of the completed project.

The final site review is expected to take place on May 27, 2007.

According to Wiesner, city harbor master Hal Evans has said the 2006 season loss of dock space is workable.

This was little comfort to first ward city councilman Bill Haggard who said he's concerned with construction disrupting business affairs in downtown Charlevoix at the tail end of the tourist season.

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Local winter sports mecca opens its doors

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Friends Chelsie Hoffman, Kelby Behan, Stirling Witthoeft, Maddy Zimmerman and Erin Holdsworth were one of the first groups of snowboarders to brave the runs at city-owned Mt. McSauba Saturday, Dec. 17. The facility will open for the season Friday Dec. 23. (Left) Charlevoix resident Matt Good, 7, took advantage of the weekend preview opening at McSauba last Saturday. The facility has established holiday break hours and will resume its season-long hours of operation on Jan. 3. Group lessons are scheduled to begin Jan. 11

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Cold, snowy weather may be dreadful to some but for outdoor winter sports enthusiasts like Bo Boss, manager at Charlevoix's Mt McSauba, it's just what the doctor ordered.

The local, city-owned recreation facility opened on Saturday, Dec 17.

"The conditions are awesome, we are 100 percent open," Boss said. "This is the earliest that we've ever had everything open."

That means that the facility's four rope tows, six runs and miles of cross country skiing trails were covered in powder and groomed to the liking of snow boarders, bladers and skiers.

McSauba staffers have worked around the clock since late November, making snow to make the winter wonderland a reality.

"We're tired but we have to take advantage of this cold weather," Boss said.

Their next stop will be the famed sledding hill where Boss said thrill seekers have already braved the winter weather to catch some speed. He said snow guns will likely be aimed at the sledding hill in about a week.

While the facility was open this past weekend it is closed this week

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Delario Andraus-Terrell Hall, 27, Detroit. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve five days in jail with credit for two days, to serve two days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

John Coyle Flynn Jr., 51, Petoskey. Disorderly person/drunk; and innkeeper defrauding. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for 42 days, to serve 48 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Theodore Leonard Krogh, 38, Sault Ste. Marie. Non-sufficient funds-three within 10 days. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for 12 days, 168 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; $1,783.40 in fines and costs.

Matthew Scott Kretz, 18, Saginaw. Operating minor with a blood alcohol content. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; serve six months probation; $580 in fines and costs.

Bethany Ruth Sundelius, 19, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property under $200. Serve 31 days in jail with credit for one day, 27 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve four months probation; no contact with the victim; $601.83 in fines and costs.

Robert Frederick Davis, II, 32, Boyne City. Disorderly person/drunk. Serve four days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Nile Martin Moore, 55, Boyne City. Operating while under the influence of liquor-third offense. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 20 days, to serve 20 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; serve 480 hours of community service work; serve six months on a tether; $1,195 in fines and costs.

Tracey Marie Karaszewski, 35, Boyne City. Controlled substance-possession of methamphetamine/ecstasy. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 26 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $770 in fines and costs.

Amy June Mathers, 24, East Jordan. Probation violation-larceny in a building. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 171 days, to serve 270 days.

Marvin Darnell Hailey, 41, Charlevoix. Aggravated stalking. Sentenced to a minimum of three years in prison to a maximum of five years in prison; $1,464.27 in fines and costs. Two counts of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 20 years in prison with credit for 107 days in jail; $180 in fines and costs.

Assumed Names

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

All-Serve, 1404 West Mason Creek, Charlevoix, by Craig Wagner

In Perfect Order, 15358 Phelps Rd., Charlevoix, by Pamela S. Potter and Tina M. Simmons

Accents Floral, 1100 Boyne Ave., Suite A, Boyne City, by Stacey Amesbury

Hot Rod's Floor Covering, 9091 Lord Rd., East Jordan, by Rodney Brewer

Carl's Handyman Services, 11301 Lord Rd., Charlevoix, by Carl Shutler

Marriage

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Matthew Thomas Umulis, 23 and Tanya Donna Wyniawskyj, 22, both of Charlevoix

Divorces

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Elizabeth L. Grunch Pardee vs. Daniel Ward Pardee

Mary C. Haasch vs. Jerry M. Haasch

Kathleen Irwin vs. Robert W. Irwin, Jr.

Bethany Sundelius vs. Lyle Eisenman Sundelius

Births

Nina Lignell-Lane weighing 3 pounds, 13 ounces and Stellan Spear Lane weighing 4 pounds, 10 ounces were born Nov. 27 at Tahoe Forest in Truckee, Calif. to Kristen Lignell-Lane and Tom Lane of Alpine Meadows, Calif. Her grandparents are Sally Lignell-Blackwood of Charlevoix and Naples, Fla. and John Lignell, M.D. of Charlevoix.

Luke Andrew Gines weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce was born Dec. 7 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Cam and Gillian Gines of Mancelona. He has a sister, Hannah Lee.

Karlee Ann Eaton weighing 7 pounds was born Dec. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brad and Kristin Eaton of Ellsworth. Her grandparents are Steve and Cathy Czerkes of Boyne City and William III and Jeanne Eaton of Charlevoix. Her great-grandparents are Joseph and Teresa Czerkes of Boyne Falls, Maxine Bergmann of Charlevoix and Ed and Ruth Linds of Port Huron.

Audrey Belle Rathjens weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces was born Dec. 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to John and Bobbie Rathjens of Charlevoix. Her brothers are Gavin and Liam. Her grandparents are Frank and Donna Rathjens and Judy Bunton, all of Charlevoix.

Weather

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Dec. 15	31	25	3.4
Dec. 16	32	27	1.5
Dec. 17	34	27	1.9
Dec. 18	28	22.2	—
Dec. 19	26	20	4

Snow day

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Charlevoix resident Matt Peterson enjoys a snow day from his teaching duties in East Jordan with his sons Sam and Ben Dec. 19. Classes were canceled in Charlevoix due to the weather.

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Chamber to sponsor Men's Night at Charlevoix stores

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has teamed with participating businesses to make sure local ladies get the gift they want.

From 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 22 men will have the opportunity to shop at the third annual Men's Night where they will have assistance in choosing the perfect holiday gifts while enjoying refreshments.

This event provides an opportunity for ladies to visit participating stores before Men's Night to create a gift "Wish List." Each store keeps the list on-hand and calls the person of your choice and invites him to Men's Night making it possible for everyone to get personal service from the owners of unique shops and galleries.

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Wiesner said the bulkhead crew will be working from a barge in Round Lake and disruptions should be minimal.

Authority member and long-time retailer Jeannine Wallace said late summer is not a huge moneymaker for retailers.

"I think retailers will be more excited to see the project happening. The people aren't here then anyway," she said.

The marina project will include replacement of the sea wall, removal of the existing 17 docks which at the furthest point extend 75 feet into Round Lake and replacement of those docks with a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220 feet into Round Lake at the furthest point.

Dock work is expected to take place from April 15, 2007 through May 27, 2007.

East Park changes include demolition of the existing Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building and harbormaster's headquarters and construction of a new harbormaster's building and boater support facility at the foot of Clinton Street.

Construction on the harbormaster facility is expected to begin Sept. 13, 2006 with completion in March of 2007.

A new performance venue will be built at the south end of East Park. Demolition of the existing bandshell has been slated for Nov. 5, 2006 with construction of the new facility starting a week later, on Nov. 12, 2006.

Bids for building construction will go out in June of 2006.

Conditions at McSauba allow for early opening

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while the workers continue to blow snow.

The official "opening day" will take place Friday, Dec. 23, after students are released from school for winter break, Dec. 22.

McSauba will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Jan. 2. It will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

On Jan. 3, normal season hours of operation will be in effect. Hours are from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The snack shack hours coincide.

Season pass rates were increased $5 this year and cost $80 per pass. Daily passes went up $3 from $7 to $10.

Boss said about 75 percent of the facility's users are season pass holders. McSauba does allow for pass payment plans.

During the holiday break private ski and snowboarding lessons will be available.

Group lessons are scheduled to begin Jan. 11 and will take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The four week sessions are offered to beginner, intermediate and advanced skiers and snowboarders.

Group lesson rates are $35 for skiers and $40 for snowboarders. Equipment rental for both is available. Snowboarding boots are also available this year.

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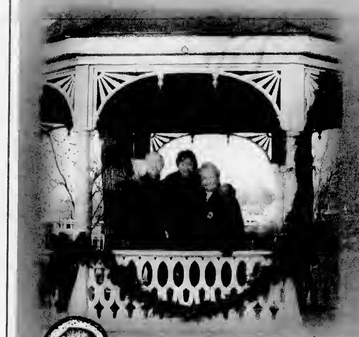

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Here's to a happy and healthy 2006!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

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Commissioners need to improve communication

EDITORIAL

We want to second the vote of confidence the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners gave to the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office.

The three attorneys in that office recently successfully prosecuted a first degree murder conviction of David Goldstick in the shooting death of Charlevoix resident Bill Brady. This was the first, first degree murder conviction to be handed down in Charlevoix County in years.

We have also watched as the attorneys in that office put away multiple criminal sexual conduct offenders, including sending a repeat sex offender from Boyne City back to prison who took advantage of a mentally incapacitated girl.

We want to commend the office staff for working with the U.S. District Attorney's Office for the Western District of Michigan to prosecute a case involving the overdose death of an East Jordan girl.

These successes support a pat on the back for county prosecutor John Jarema and his staff.

We hope the recommendation from the county's internal government committee to hire outside counsel for civil matters doesn't resurface without the county board of commissioners first approaching Jarema and his capable staff and asking the question, "Are you overloaded?"

The recommendation was considered at the commissioners' meeting Dec. 14.

In a previous interview, Jarema said this would cost the county at least $10,000 a year.

Commissioners who supported the recommendation said the prosecutor's office was up to its ears in work.

The staff maintains they can hack it and we think before the board starts supporting throwing money around they should ask the man voters elected to do the job.

When we approached Jarema and asked that simple question, he said his support staff is overloaded with paper work and they could use a boost in manpower.

He told this to the commissioners as well and even proposed bringing on a person from a temp agency so the county would save on insurance and other costs associated with hiring a new county staffer.

He was told, "No," the money just isn't there.

So we ask where was the money going to come from to pay the thousands of dollars outside civil counsel would cost?

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Winter solstice reminds us of our place in the grand scheme of life

Roger Knutson

'Ear to the ground'

Dec. 21 is designated on my calendar as the "first day of winter." I prefer to think of it as the last day when the sun has nearly faded from sight in the southern skies, and the first day of a dawning new solar year.

In any case, we probably ought to acknowledge that the whole earth is making its way around the sun again, and that while here above the northern 45th parallel the sun seems to have abandoned us, in those tiny bits of land an equal distance south of our earth's equator, the sun stands as high in the sky as it ever does and summer reigns.

There aren't many people along the southern 45th parallel to celebrate their summer solstice Dec. 21. That southern 45th parallel runs through the southern tip of South America and the extreme southern tip of New Zealand. There are a few oceanic islands at that latitude in the southern seas, but most of them are completely uninhabited by people and viewed as being too small or too harsh in climate to provide a livelihood. There are tiny bits of land at that southern extremity that belong to France, to South Africa and to Norway, and no one is disputing their ownership. That seems to suggest they aren't worth much. I still cannot understand why England fought a short war with Argentina in defense of the Falkland Islands in that part of the world. What could they possibly have been defending?

By contrast with the bleak situation and tiny populations basking in their summer solstice, the northern high latitudes house millions of people, even though many of us might be willing to acknowledge that the winter climate is really too harsh for successful survival. For as long as humans have occupied this forbidding place, we have joyfully recognized that around the end of December, the sun, which has been fading to the south, will now begin to warm us with progressively longer days. The sun is, of course, not moving, the earth is, but it remains difficult to avoid that human oriented view of the cosmos.

Maybe in these times of extremity, the winter and summer solstices, we could put in a few minutes to tell ourselves that all of us live things oceupy the same earth. Biblically, we are told that the sun shines on both the evil and the good. And while the sun doesn't always shine at the same angle, the whole earth keeps on moving through space, occasionally reminding us that we, whether good or evil, are not the drivers, but only the passengers. A little perspective is not a bad idea, and a solstice can help us recall our place in the great scheme of things.

We all live on, and completely depend on, a single earth at a known and understood distance and angle from the sun. During the 364 days that are not our winter solstice let's remember that.

In the 1940s, a presidential candidate named Wendell Wilkie flew around the world and produced a book titled "One World." It is still a good thought for the season.

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Letters to the editor

Sheriff Lasater's heroes

Editor:

I have a new set of heroes starting with the Boyne City EMS crew who responded so quickly and got me to the Northern Michigan Hospital emergency room just in time. Also for the Boyne City, city manager and city council to have the foresight of providing the citizens with "advanced life support" with their EMS crews.

The Northern Michigan Hospital Emergency Room doctors, nurses and technicians who saved my live, twice.

The cardiac surgeon and his surgical team that repaired my heart and gave me a second chance.

The nurses and technicians in the intensive care unit and the cardiac floor — they were the greatest.

The health department visiting nurse.

The staff of the cardiac rehabilitation unit at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Tim and Monica are the greatest.

My children and friends, who supported and took care of me.

I was so humbled by the support of citizens who sent cards, telephone calls, flowers and prayers. It's so great to live in a small community.

The staff of the sheriff's office made me very proud under the leadership of undersheriff W.D. Schneider. This proves the philosophy of surrounding yourself with a great staff and in your absence things will be ok.

In summary, I feel that the Lord gave me another chance to do some good things for the citizens of Charlevoix County.

George Lasater
Charlevoix County Sheriff

Merry Christmas

Editor:

'Tis the season all year round in Charlevoix

One of the great things about living in the Charlevoix area is the snow. Another is that I can wear a sweater to work in July and the same sweater in November. We all tolerate our weather. Sometimes we get a black eye with a blizzard, or tornado, but we pick ourselves up and with the help of others we know deep down that God will provide a new day. The holidays offer us

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that new day. Although we celebrate the holidays at the same time, we do it from different perspectives. This reminds me of the meaning of the feeling I have during the holidays. Whether we are celebrating the birth of Jesus, or remembering the night the oil lamp remained lit at Hanukkah, or just welcoming in the New Year, these celebrations have special meaning for each of us.

As we go to our parties and religious services this season think about the freedom we have to celebrate and sing our God's praises. As a Christian I love getting in touch with old friends at Christmas and gathering for a feast with family at Thanksgiving. The Rabbi talks about potato pancakes, and even an agnostic friend declared that he really likes the colored lights. Even my son Troy Drebenstedt who served in Iraq talked about how our brothers and sisters fighting for freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan will take special moments and celebrate with faith in God's love and purpose.

May I say a prayer for you and yours that God will speak to you during these days of celebration. I pray that you may hear and listen to the sounds and feel the joy and excitement that come to people of faith. May God be with you and may you truly feel God's love and grace in this holy season.

Merry Christmas
Robert Drebenstedt
Charlevoix

Publicize library matter

Editor:

In reading your Nov. 23 article about the public schools impending budget crisis, and search for proactive solutions, I have listed the following facts and recommendation.

- Listed value of existing public library as of May 12, 2004 $595,000.
- Debt Interest on the $595,000 is $300,000.
- Renovation cost to convert it to an administrative central office $190,000.
- Lost private property taxes for 20 years at $18,000 per year are $360,000.
- Overall cost to taxpayers, $1,445,000.

With all the discussion about the (Charlevoix Public) library's future in the recent past, I am surprised that the school board and/or budget committee has not identified this unnecessary expenditure. I am recommending that the library be sold, put on the tax rolls and not be used for an upgraded administrative central office. For the benefit of the taxpayers, the school board should publicize their decision on this matter now so it may be scrutinized by the taxpaying public.

George K. Schultz
Charlevoix

Exercise religious rights

Editor:

Each year the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and its many like-minded allies deliberately bully individual citizens, schools, and government officials into removing any mention of Christ or Christianity from the public celebration of Christmas.

Christmas has historically been one of the most celebrated holidays of the American people. Misconceptions and controversy about the fictitious "separation of church and state" and the celebration of Christmas has led many public officials to "remove Christ from Christmas" in places such as schools, parks, libraries and government offices.

This was not the intent of the founding fathers. No court has ever ruled that the Constitution requires government officials to censor Christmas carols, eliminate all references to Christmas or silence those who celebrate Christ's birth.

In order to eliminate any confusion with regard to your right to publicly celebrate Christmas, the following will equip you to dispel the myths and excuses that are used to silence the public celebration of Christmas.

Religious Christmas carols may be sung by individual students or by a group of students during school activities such as choir, Christmas programs and other events.

School officials may refer to the school break in December as a "Christmas holiday." The Supreme Court has acknowledged with approval that government has long recognized holidays with religious significance such as Christmas. Congress has proclaimed Christmas to be a legal public holiday.

School districts may not ban teachers or students from saying, "Merry Christmas." The Supreme Court has stated that teachers and students do not, "Shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." In order to violate the Establishment Clause, a teacher would have to use his or her authority to promote religion to his or her students. The Supreme Court has stated that, "The Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion or the like. The court explained that the, "study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education," is constitutional under the First Amendment.

The Supreme Court has held that the Constitution "affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions, and forbids hostility toward any." First Amendment rights accompany each student throughout the school day both inside and outside the classroom. School officials must permit students to convey religious sentiments through their school assignments, selection of reading materials, and clothing that conveys a religious message through words or symbols.

Public school officials may display religious symbols such as a nativity scene if they have a clear educational reason for doing so. The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday.

Public officials may display religious symbols such as a crèche or nativity scene. To determine the constitutionality of municipal religious displays, lower courts evaluate whether the religious display passes the Supreme Court's three-prong lemon test. Under the lemon test, courts will inquire, "whether the challenged law or conduct has a secular purpose, whether its principle or primary effect is to advance or inhibit religion, and whether it creates an excessive entanglement of government with religion." The Supreme Court has held that the display of a nativity scene is constitutional if it is displayed for legitimate secular purposes, such as to celebrate a holiday and to depict the origins of the holiday. Courts often look to the endorsement test or "The Three Reindeer Rule," which asks whether a reasonable observer would believe that the municipal display constitutes an endorsement of religion by the government. This rule requires a municipality to place a sufficient number of secular objects in close enough proximity to the crèche to render the overall display sufficiently secular.

The Constitution does not require government officials to eliminate all public religious expression of Christmas. The right of public school students and public officials to publicly celebrate the Christmas holiday is protected by the U.S. Constitution and the various court decisions. It's ok to say, "Merry Christmas," regardless of the legal threats from the American Civil Liberties Union and its allies. To support and encourage others in your community to exercise their right to say, "Merry Christmas" you'll be part of an important effort to protect and preserve the rights of people everywhere to practice and observe their beliefs. We must protect what we have, reclaim what we've lost and shape who we will become.

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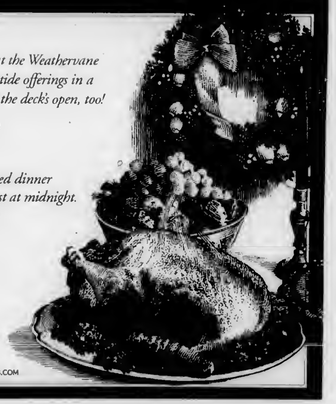

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Holiday Home Tour

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Karen Campbell stands with Charlevoix resident Betty Renton in her home at 507 Dixon Ave. which was featured on the Historical Society's Holiday Home Tour Dec. 14. The Renton home featured Betty's theorem art as well as antique Christmas silverware made in Denmark that dates back to the early 1900s.

Charlevoix Area Hospital sponsors Freedom From Smoking program

Charlevoix Area Hospital is offering a Freedom from Smoking program to give quitters the tools, techniques, and motivation to quit smoking for good.

Offered in cooperation with the American Lung Association, Freedom from Smoking is a lively, interactive, step-by-step program with a proven track record.

A new, eight-week series of classes will begin at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3 at the hospital. There is no charge for this clinic.

Each week participants will learn how to break the nicotine habit; get practical tips for handling stress, maintaining weight and making changes in daily routines; and receive encouragement and support as they adjust to their post-smoking life.

Space in the classes is limited. To register, call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Freedom from Smoking coordinator, Michelle Potter, at (231) 547-8672.

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Ragamuffin Theatre & Company to perform 'A Little Princess' at Castle

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will be presenting an adaptation from Frances Hodgson Burnett's wonderfully imaginative novel, "A Little Princess," at the historic, Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 28 and at 1 and 7 p.m. Dec. 29.

The colorful, full-scale musical production will feature "Toby" the rat, who makes his début the opening night of the performance, along with both the adult and youth cast members who regularly perform with the company.

"We are excited about presenting 'A Little Princess' at the Castle where beauty and art so amply exist," said director Kathleen Whittaker. "We hope to create a wonderful memory-making experience for families — inviting them to soak in the rich atmosphere of the location, while being delightfully entertained and touched through our drama."

Tickets for the three performances can be purchased on-line at: www.RagamuffinTheatre.com, or reserved over the phone by calling (231) 237-9686.

A portion of the proceeds from this month's show will go to supporting the MLD Foundation in honor of a very special "little princess" who lived a brave and courageous short life among us, Maddie Trimper.

Those wanting more information on how they can help the Trimper family raise both awareness and funds for metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD) go to their Web site, www.trimperchildren.org.

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Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will perform "A Little Princess," at Castle Farms Dec. 28 and 29.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Andrew Bullard

Marine Corps Recruit Training graduate

Andrew D. Bullard, a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School and son of Denny and Jeanne Way of Charlevoix and Randy and Lesa Bullard of Archdale, N.C., graduated Nov. 18 from Marine Corps Recruit Training at Paris Island, S.C.

He will be stationed in Pensacola, Fla. at Marine Aviation Training focusing on aeronautical electronics.

Brian Christiansen

Seaman graduates

Seaman Brian D. Christiansen graduated Nov. 10 from the Great Lakes Training Center in North Chicago, Ill.

He graduated in 2004 from Charlevoix High School.

He is the son of Dave and Julie Christiansen of Charlevoix and grandson of Ken and Myrt Christiansen of Eastport.

Art and design school graduate

Amber Chellis of Ellsworth recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design located in Savannah, Ga. Chellis received a master of architecture degree.

Kiwanis Club recognition

The Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix was recognized for sponsoring Boy Scout Pack 11 for 30 years at the 66th annual recognition dinner of the Scenic Trails council, Boy Scouts of America which took place in November in Traverse City.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis – December 14, 2005

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. in Charlevoix on December 14, 2005. All Commissioners were present. Minutes of the October 26, 2005 meeting were approved as revised.

Motion approved Resolution #05-106, Sergeants and Detective Sergeants Agreement and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #05-107, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #05-108, 2006 Building Department Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #05-109, 2006 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.

Motion approved Resolution #05-110, Subsidiary Fund Budget Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #05-111, Marine Grant, and authorized the Sheriff to sign it.

Motion approved Resolution #05-112, Remonumentation Grant, and authorized the Clerk as Grant Administrator to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #05-113, Surveyor Contracts and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contacts.

Motion approved Resolution #05-114, Park Rules and Regulations.

Motion approved Resolution #05-115, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement and authorized Chairman Patrick to execute.

Motion approved Resolution #05-116, Gosling Czubak Contract, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said contract.

Motion approved Resolution #05-117, Agreement Between Charlevoix County and the Charlevoix Senior Center and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign said application.

Motion approved Resolution #05-118, Application for Funds and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign any necessary documents.

Motion confirmed the appointment of Nancy Trisch to the Commission on Aging Board.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Obituaries

Kathryn Neebes: Oct. 17, 1908 - Dec. 12, 2005

Kathryn Elizabeth (Tumath) Neebes, 97, died Dec. 12.

She was the older daughter of James Livingston Tumath and Charlotte Jane (Lottie) Williams. She was born Oct. 17, 1908 in Boyne City and lived in Michigan her entire life.

Kathryn grew up in the Charlevoix area. After receiving her teaching certificate from Central Michigan College, she taught school in Shepherd where she met a teacher named George Neebes. They were married May 9, 1931. They were living in Caro when David was born, and in Deckerville when Donald was born. They lived in Port Huron before settling in Davison in 1948 after purchasing the Neebes Lumber and Coal business.

Kathryn was active in the Davison United Methodist Church, primarily teaching Sunday school and the women's organization. She was involved with her sons in the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts and attended their after-school activities. After her sons completed college, she resumed her career teaching second grade in the Davison Public Schools. Her friends, as she called her students, benefited from her strong belief that early development of reading, writing and arithmetic skills was essential for life-long learning.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband of almost 50 years, in 1980. She is survived by two sons, David J. Neebes (Margaret) of Cottrellville Township and Donald Lee Neebes (Martha) of Shaker Heights, Ohio; four grandchildren Jonathan, Angela, Kristin, and Kevin; and seven great-grandchildren Daniel, Sean, Dylan, Lindley Kathryn, Jon Thomas, Mallory, and Zachary Lee.

Arrangements are being handled by Allen Funeral Home. Services took place Saturday, Dec. 17 at the funeral home, with interment in the Davison Cemetery.

Adeline Franchino: July 7, 1921 - Dec. 13, 2005

Adeline Franchino, 84, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A funeral mass took place on Friday, Dec. 16 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Rev. Fr. James Gardiner officiated.

She was born on July 7, 1921 in Medelia, Minn., the daughter of Alfred and Edna (Turcott) Fournier. She married Frank Franchino on March 30, 1939 in Wakefield.

She enjoyed bowling and dancing. Adeline also loved to cook and make afghans.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Franchino of Charlevoix; four children, Frederick (Sandy) Franchino of Boyne City, Frances (Tom) Fleming of Clarkston, Michael (Ronda) Franchino of Petoskey and Margaret (Harry) Neusius of Commerce Township; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Alfred Fournier of Warren, Walter (Cecily) Fournier of Portolo, Calif. and Robert (Celeste) Fournier of Versaille, Mo.; one sister, Phyllis (John) Coyle of Clare; and two sisters-in-law, Virginia Fournier of St. Louis, Mo. and Patricia Fournier of Royal Oak; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Dorothy Allen; and two brothers, Raymond and Ted Fournier.

The family received friends Dec. 15 at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. A rosary service was held that night with a memory sharing time that followed.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 3434 M-119 Suite F, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Evelyn Wall: March 17, 1916 - Dec. 14, 2005

Evelyn Vander Wall, 89, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A funeral took place Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pastor Chip Sauer of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix officiated.

Evelyn was born March 17, 1916, in Muskegon, the daughter of Cornelius and Lena (Kooi) Noordhof, and graduated from Montague High School. She married William Vander Wall on April 30, 1936, and they moved from New Era to Ironton in 1944.

Evelyn attended Northwestern Community College in Traverse City. She worked as a nurse at Charlevoix Area Hospital for many years, and was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Evelyn loved music and nature and enjoyed painting in oil and watercolor.

William preceded her in death on June 17, 1986. Evelyn's sisters Selma Medema and Jennie Southland preceded her in death.

Evelyn is survived by her son, Jim Vander Wall of Coal Creek Canyon, Colo.; daughter, Carol Robinson; grandson, Sam (Jenifer) Robinson, and granddaughter, Wendy Robinson all of Ypsilanti.

Visitation took place Dec. 16 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery.

Christopher Crain: Nov. 15, 1988 - Dec. 15, 2005

Christopher Allen Crain, 17, died Thursday, Dec. 15 at his home in East Jordan.

Funeral Services will take place at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Rev. James Jordan will officiate.

Chris was born on Nov. 15, 1988 in Petoskey. He was in his junior year at East Jordan High School. Chris also worked at Spicy Bob's Italian Cuisine in East Jordan for the last year. He enjoyed skateboarding, fishing, video gaming and reading science fiction.

Christopher's biggest goal in life was to become a dentist.

He is survived by his mother, Diane T. (Mike Green) Crain of East Jordan; his father, James R. Sanger of Carson City; one sister, Nicole Crain of East Jordan; maternal grandparents, Larry and Theresa Crain of Boyne City; paternal grandmother, Norma Spangenberger of Clearwater, Fla.; maternal great-grandparents, Marie Forton of Petoskey and Elmer and Clara Crain of Boyne City; his aunt and uncles, Renee and Stan Malkowicz of Boyne Falls and Mark Crain of Boyne City; special friends, Andrew Green of East Jordan and Justin Pardee of Central Lake; as well as numerous other aunts, uncles, family members and friends.

Visitation will take place from 9 a.m. until the time of the service Dec. 21 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church. The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Mildred Amick: Aug. 22, 1926 - Dec. 17, 2005

Mildred Ruth Amick, 79, died Dec. 17 at the home of her son Terry, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 22, at Craven Funeral Home in Mount Gilead, Ohio.

Mildred was born Aug. 22, 1926, in Climax, Ohio to Edward and Margaret (Gauerick) Hedrick. Mildred married longtime sweetheart William Clemens Amick on Aug. 5, 1943, in Biloxi, Miss. William preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1997.

The Amicks' owned and operated the Gallion Nursing Home in the 1950s and 1960s. The home was later known as Atwood Manor. Mildred and William owned and worked a farm with over 10,000 chickens and 500 pigs. It is said they gathered over 9,000 eggs a day.

Mildred instilled in her children "anything is possible" and she would be supportive in their endeavors. She was a loving mother with a sense of humor and a strong determination in all she did.

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Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Kloster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Jeffrey F. Walton

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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State Street at Clinton
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care 10:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-6322

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205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday 2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66
Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society 12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins SBB-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace SBB-7455

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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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Embezzlement trial adjourned on mental illness

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Karla Lockman

The trial set for January of 2006 for Karla Lockman, who has been charged with embezzlement, was postponed for at least 120 days following a forensic evaluation which questions the status of her mental health.

Lockman was arraigned in Charlevoix County District Court June 23 on charges of embezzlement between January and May from Northern Preferred Title Company, LLC with whom she was a closing agent.

According to owner John Taylor, the embezzlement scandal forced Northern Preferred Title Company to severely curtail its activities and 14 employees at the company's three offices have been laid off.

According to Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, Lockman is charged with two counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of $20,000 or more, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and/or a $15,000 fine or three times the amount embezzled.

Jarema maintains that she embezzled about $775,000.

A suit, which was filed in United States District Court Western District of Michigan on June 15, alleges Lockman may have embezzled as much as $975,023.64.

On Dec. 12 Charlevoix County Circuit Court administrators conducted a conference call along with Jarema and Lockman's defense attorney Fred Gibson.

The court was advised of a report from the Center for Forensic Psychiatry which stated, "It was the opinion of the forensic psychologist that defendant (Lockman) met the statutory criteria for mental illness and insanity; that based on the content of the forensic report defendant anticipates a trial as opposed to resolution via plea."

According to the report authored by Lockman's examining physician, Dr. Jeffrey Wendt of the Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Lockman meets the statutory criteria for legal insanity.

"To summarize, it is my considered opinion that Mrs. Lockman suffered from a substantial disorder of thought and mood, meeting the statutory criteria for mental illness at the time of the alleged offense. As a result of her mental illness, it is further my opinion that Mrs. Lockman did not appreciate the nature and quality of her conduct, the wrongfulness of her conduct and could not conform her conduct to the requirements of the law," Wendt stated in the report issued Dec. 7.

Gibson's brief in support of adjourning the trial also states that Lockman has a pregnancy delivery date of Jan. 8 which under state law is a reason for trial adjournment.

Jarema said he is going to pursue an independent exam.

When Lockman is referred to an independent examination, her defense will have 60 days to file a report in addition to a 30 day extension which may be filed.

Lockman remains free on a $50,000 surety/bond

John Jarema

Jarema's office determined Lockman is a low flight risk and therefore will remain free on bond until her trial.

As a closing agent for Northern Preferred, a couple of Lockman's duties were to collect closing funds from purchasers and deposit them into the escrow account.

According to a press release from the Boyne City Police Department, a lengthy investigation determined a minimum of $670,000 was converted into Lockman's personal bank account and was used to purchase a new home and furnishings, new vehicles, horses, trailers and other personal possessions or expenses.

Lockman, who filed for bankruptcy in Grand Rapids on Aug. 2, 2004, said she received an inheritance to explain her sudden windfall, but her parents later refuted the claim.

Due to the nature of this case, Lockman is prohibited from transferring or selling any property she personally or jointly has an interest in.

A scheduling conference between Jarema and Gibson has been set for Dec. 30. At this conference a date will be set for Lockman's jury trial.

Obituary

Mildred Amick: Died Dec. 15, 2005

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Mildred is survived by her sons, Donald (Carolyn) of Punta Gorda, Fla. and Terry (Gaye) of Charlevoix; daughter-in-law Carol Amick of Charlevoix; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Ellen DeWitt, Betty Runge, Rosaline Davis, and Marie Foster; two brothers Dale Hedrick and Roy Hedrick.

Her son Edward Amick also preceded her in death earlier this year.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society. The family is being served by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Special City Council Meeting Synopsis
Tuesday, December 13, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Deputy Mayor Gabe Campbell, presiding. All council members were present.

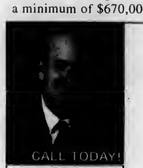
The following proceedings took place:

- Council approved a method for proceeding with the Police Chief interviews.
- Council held a closed session for a performance evaluation of the City Manager, per his request.

Council adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Gabe Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem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BUSINESS

Attorney joins local branch of Running, Wise and Ford

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

A local branch of an established Traverse City law firm has welcomed a new attorney.

Bob Grzech, 46, recently transferred to the Charlevoix office of Running, Wise and Ford. He joins attorneys Mike Corcoran and Katrina Martin.

The three are the Charlevoix arm which opened Aug. 1 of the 60-year-old firm which includes 10 other attorneys based in Traverse City.

The office is located at 203 Mason Street in the former Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof and Snyder, P.C. building. Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof and Snyder, P.C. dissolved Aug. 1.

Grzech started with Running, Wise and Ford in 2003 after working with the firm Plunkett and Cooney in Gaylord. He also spent 10 years as prosecuting attorney for the City of Gaylord.

Grzech, a Detroit native who has been in northern Michigan for almost 18 years, moved to Charlevoix with his family in November.

"I've always liked Charlevoix. I'm happy to be here — it' a great place to raise kids," he said.

Corcoran described Running, Wise and Ford as a full-service law firm specializing in insurance defense work, municipal law, real property law and general practice representation.

Grzech said he has done some criminal defense work but his specialty is real property law. He has represented numerous title insurance agencies in the past.

"We're very busy, it's good to have Bob here," Corcoran said.

Corcoran, who has been an attorney in Charlevoix since 1992, said he anticipates three trained mediators with the Traverse City office of Running, Wise and Ford also working out of the local branch.

"It's wonderful to have the resources of a bigger firm. It's allowed me to really serve my clients better," he said.

The Charlevoix office of Running, Wise and Ford is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The staff of the Charlevoix branch of Running, Wise and Ford are (from left) Vicki Voisin, Mike Corcoran, Bob Grzech and Katrina Martin. Grzech, who specializes in real property law, recently relocated from the firm's Traverse City office to the local branch.

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BUSINESS

Local photographer opens exhibit in Palestine

Charlevoix film maker/photographer, Rebecca Glotfelty, opened her photography exhibit, "What I'm Thinking: American Thoughts on the Middle East," at An Najah University in Nablus, Palestine.

The exhibit consists of 13 black and white portraits of Michiganders accompanied by their feelings on events in the Middle East. The statements are printed in both Arabic and English. The purpose of the exhibit is to reveal the variety of American cultural and political views. Although the Palestinian students did not agree with some of the views expressed, they expressed their gratitude for the chance to discover, "What Americans are Thinking."

During the opening of the exhibit, Glotfelty videotaped student reactions to the exhibit. She will edit this into a short documentary also titled, "What I'm Thinking." She plans to debut the documentary at the upcoming art show and film festival, "From Women's Hands," to take place in Traverse City.

Glotfelty also presented her film, "Sucha Normal Thing: A Simple Journey into the Israeli-Occupied West Bank," to nearly 150 university students. A lengthy discussion followed the showing.

Courtesy photo

A student from An Najah University in Nablus, Palestine experiences Charlevoix resident Rebecca Glotfelty's photo exhibit there.

Glotfelty has been touring the West Bank for the last five weeks shooting her next documentary, "One Empty Manger." The documentary focuses on the lives of three Palestinian Christian families as they prepare to visit Bethlehem for Christmas.

For more information on Glotfelty's projects, go to www.realpeoplevideo.com. For information about An Najah, go to www.najah.edu.

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Charlevoix film maker/photographer, Rebecca Glotfelty, cuts the ribbon, officially opening her photography exhibit, "What I'm Thinking: American Thoughts on the Middle East," at An Najah University in Nablus, Palestine.

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Sheriff Lasater to release book on WWII vets

By BENJAMIN GOLIS
Staff writer

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Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater will release his book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," in January.

Following four years of work, a book highlighting the accomplishments and contributions of Charlevoix County veterans who served during World War II will soon be hot off the press.

According to author Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater, he finished the book titled, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II," this summer. He said it's about the size of a Detroit telephone directory and full of many great stories and pictures.

"There is a total of 1,350 individuals with 435 photographs," Lasater said in an interview which took place in late October.

According to Lasater, 67, the book is his second literary work. His first was called, "The Lasater Family in the Civil War." His latest tome covers the individuals from Charlevoix County who served in World War II and what they did before, during and after the war.

"I've also included a segment on industry's contribution in Charlevoix County and about three civilians who had unusual contributions," he said. "We had representation in every battle you can think of in World War II — from the invasion of Normandy to Iwo Jima and Pearl Harbor to the Baton Death March and every battle in between. And, every job classification in the military you can think of, from infantry to fighter pilot, to frogmen to nurses to medic — we even had two from Charlevoix who were English Spitfire pilots."

In his research, Lasater found that Charlevoix County soldiers who served during World War II received a total of 290 bronze stars, 13 silver stars, one medal of honor and 139 purple hearts.

"We had one pilot killed and 36 KIAs (killed in action) countywide," he said.

One of Lasater's favorite stories is that of the crew of a B-24 shot in a mission over Germany.

"The Luftwaffe beat them up terribly. There were holes all over the plane. After they were out of harm's way it was the crew's responsibility to get down from their positions and pick up the loose shells," Lasater said. "And right behind the pilot's seat was a big auxiliary shell lodged under the gas tank."

Lasater said the Charlevoix soldier was on his hands and knees gathering shells when he noticed the 20 millimeter canon shell which had passed through the fuselage unexploded.

"The slightest jar could have set it off. He told the pilot and the pilot radioed ahead for priority landing," Lasater said. "Normally this particular pilot landed rough-bumpy landings, but this time he landed like they sat down a pillow and as soon as the aircraft stopped, everyone began hailing out."

He added, "A month later the crew got the report back on why the shell didn't explode. It was filled with sand and it was made by Polish slave laborers in a German munitions plant. The Poles had sabotaged the shell and some poor Polish slave laborer, who is probably dead, saved the lives of 10 crewman and a United States airplane."

Another event which touched Lasater's heart was the story of a grandmother from the Village of Walloon who lost both her grandson and his best friend on a B-17.

Lasater said the kids grew up together and were constantly around the grandmother's home.

"She was so devastated, when they put up a plaque memorial in the park, she had her wedding and engagement ring melted down to make gold stars to be placed by their names," Lasater said.

Lasater said there are so many wonderful stories which are dying as the veterans pass on.

"One of the great benefits for me was meeting a great deal of people who I never would have met — what a great, great generation this was," he said.

Lasater said the books will be ready in late January and all proceeds will go into a fund to help World War II veterans and their spouses.

"The citizens of Charlevoix have been good to me and this is my way of saying thanks," he said.

Veterans featured in the book and their families will have the opportunity to buy the book at cost.

Lasater is planning a book signing at the Bridge Street Book Shop at a later date.

Lasater, who has been sheriff for the past 29 years, suffered a heart attack Nov. 14 and underwent open heart surgery Nov. 17 at Northern Michigan Hospital.

County undersheriff Don Schneider, who stepped into the sheriff's position during Lasater's absence, issued a news release Dec. 12. In the release he states, "Sheriff Lasater continues to recover from his recent heart attack. The sheriff has been given the go ahead to spend a limited amount of time in the office each day of two hours. The sheriff is feeling a lot better and his improvement is exceeding his doctor's expectations."

According to the release, "The sheriff has been overwhelmed with the amount of cards, letters and calls which him well."

"I have been humbled by the concern and response of the community," Lasater stated in the release.

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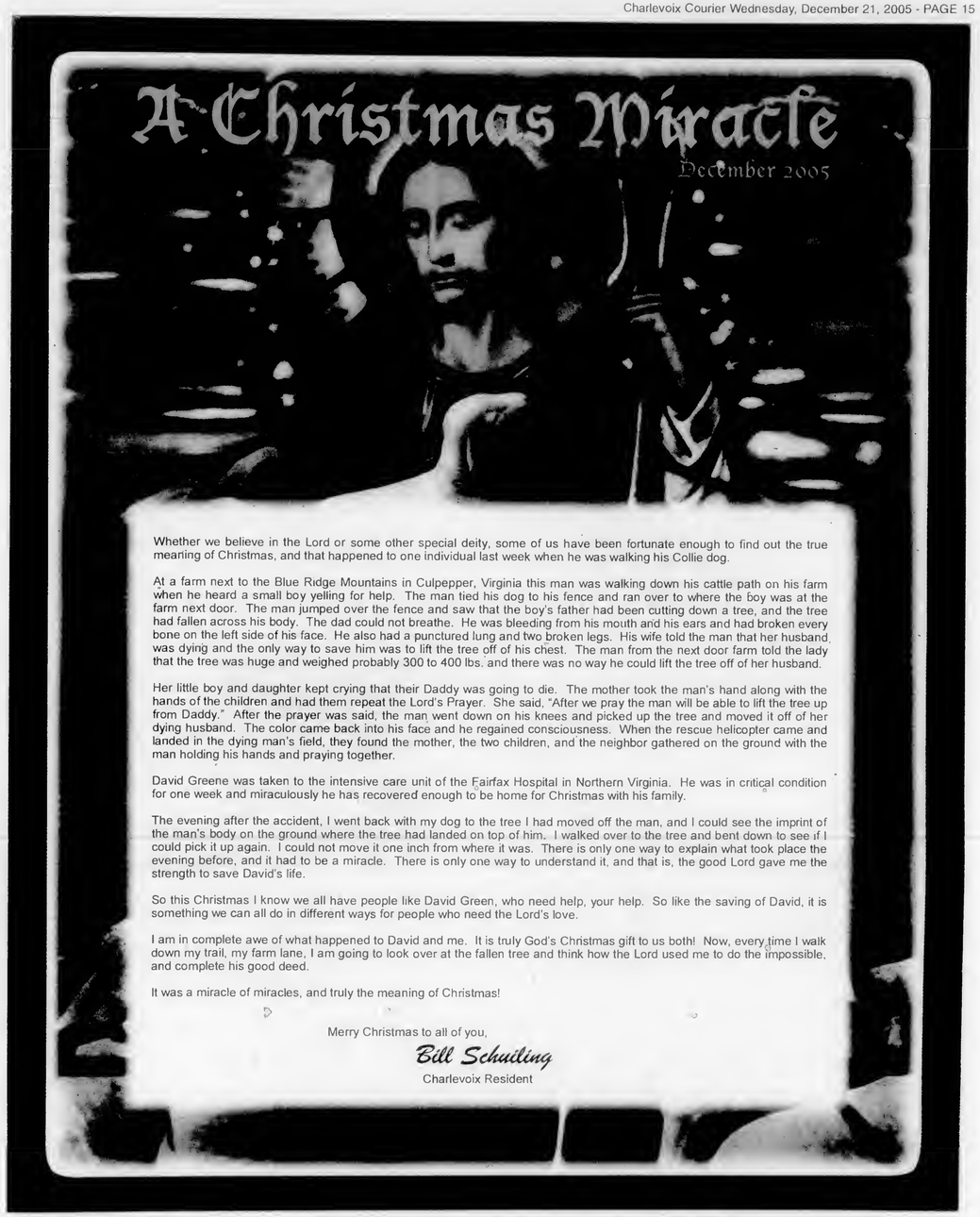

Whether we believe in the Lord or some other special deity, some of us have been fortunate enough to find out the true meaning of Christmas, and that happened to one individual last week when he was walking his Collie dog.

At a farm next to the Blue Ridge Mountains in Culpepper, Virginia this man was walking down his cattle path on his farm when he heard a small boy yelling for help. The man tied his dog to his fence and ran over to where the boy was at the farm next door. The man jumped over the fence and saw that the boy's father had been cutting down a tree, and the tree had fallen across his body. The dad could not breathe. He was bleeding from his mouth and his ears and had broken every bone on the left side of his face. He also had a punctured lung and two broken legs. His wife told the man that her husband was dying and the only way to save him was to lift the tree off of his chest. The man from the next door farm told the lady that the tree was huge and weighed probably 300 to 400 lbs. and there was no way he could lift the tree off of her husband.

Her little boy and daughter kept crying that their Daddy was going to die. The mother took the man's hand along with the hands of the children and had them repeat the Lord's Prayer. She said, "After we pray the man will be able to lift the tree up from Daddy." After the prayer was said, the man went down on his knees and picked up the tree and moved it off of her dying husband. The color came back into his face and he regained consciousness. When the rescue helicopter came and landed in the dying man's field, they found the mother, the two children, and the neighbor gathered on the ground with the man holding his hands and praying together.

David Greene was taken to the intensive care unit of the Fairfax Hospital in Northern Virginia. He was in critical condition for one week and miraculously he has recovered enough to be home for Christmas with his family.

The evening after the accident, I went back with my dog to the tree I had moved off the man, and I could see the imprint of the man's body on the ground where the tree had landed on top of him. I walked over to the tree and bent down to see if I could pick it up again. I could not move it one inch from where it was. There is only one way to explain what took place the evening before, and it had to be a miracle. There is only one way to understand it, and that is, the good Lord gave me the strength to save David's life.

So this Christmas I know we all have people like David Green, who need help, your help. So like the saving of David, it is something we can all do in different ways for people who need the Lord's love.

I am in complete awe of what happened to David and me. It is truly God's Christmas gift to us both! Now, every time I walk down my trail, my farm lane, I am going to look over at the fallen tree and think how the Lord used me to do the impossible, and complete his good deed.

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County commission gives Jarema vote of confidence

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix County Commission unanimously voted to retain Charlevoix County Prosecutor, John Jarema, as civil counsel at its Dec. 14 meeting.

"Now, my understanding is, we're back to where we were where civil stuff will come to me and if I can't handle it or my office can't handle it or if it's prudent to get outside counsel I will instruct the board," Jarema said.

Following discussion among the commission and audience members as to whether the board should farm out civil issues requiring legal representation, sixth district County Commissiongr, Shirley Roloff, made a motion to give Jarema a "vote of confidence."

"We still have the right to go out for other things if he can't handle it," Roloff said. "I think this right here (draft of the resolution) should be thrown in the garbage. The way I look at it, it embarrasses me to be a part of it."

The discussion over whether to keep Jarema on as civil counsel stemmed from a resolution drafted weeks before the meeting which would have given the board the right to hire outside counsel to represent them in civil matters.

Roloff demanded to know who wrote the resolution.

Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon said, her office drafted the resolution with input from the Personnel/Internal Government Committee, which consists of first district commissioner Josh Barnes, fourth district commissioner Vic Patrick and second district commissioner W. Randolph Frykberg.

Prior to the "vote of confidence," commissioners discussed concerns they have with Jarema and his department.

Frykberg mentioned the sharp increase in criminal cases and the importance of the prosecutor's office focusing on those cases.

"We've had several meetings where its come out about the rather sharp increases in the criminal case filings and the time for that — that's the critical nature of the position, that they have plenty of time to focus on those priorities and that's what's stated right here in this resolution," Frykberg said.

Jarema said he wants the taxpayers to know he can handle both the criminal and civil caseload.

Barnes expressed concerns over Jarema releasing information to the press about whether state law was violated in scheduling an election for his appointed seat, before releasing it to the board of commissioners.

But, Jarema said, "The board never asked me for an opinion on when this election should have been held. And with all of the election stuff that's going on (it) probably makes sense if it would have been held in May."

Commissioner Patrick said counsel may need to attend all county meetings since county resident Bob Taylor regularly attends and routinely questions the board on legal matters.

"He is stating laws which we are not familiar with and we are going to need some type of legal representation," Patrick said.

Jarema said, "If you want to pay to have a civil counsel sit in at these meetings because Mr. Taylor is taping them and asking questions, have at it, but I think it's a waste of money."

"I don't believe it's fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of this county," he added.

Jarema then asked the commission what he'd done wrong or if there was something he failed to do.

Frykberg responded that his question begs a discussion of performance which he has the right to talk over in closed session.

Jarema waived his right to a closed session meeting and Frykberg said Jarema sent an issue to a labor attorney which cost $400. Jarema countered that he was directed by Frykberg to send the issue to outside counsel.

According to Fifth District County Commissioner, Dennis Jason, he doesn't believe the proposed resolution was meant to relieve Jarema of all civil counsel duties.

"I'm sorry you're taking this as a slap in the face, because I don't think that's what the intent is," Jason said. "I think the intent is cases where there may be a (controversy) maybe internally in the county."

Jason said the commission needs the right and ability to hire outside counsel if they choose.

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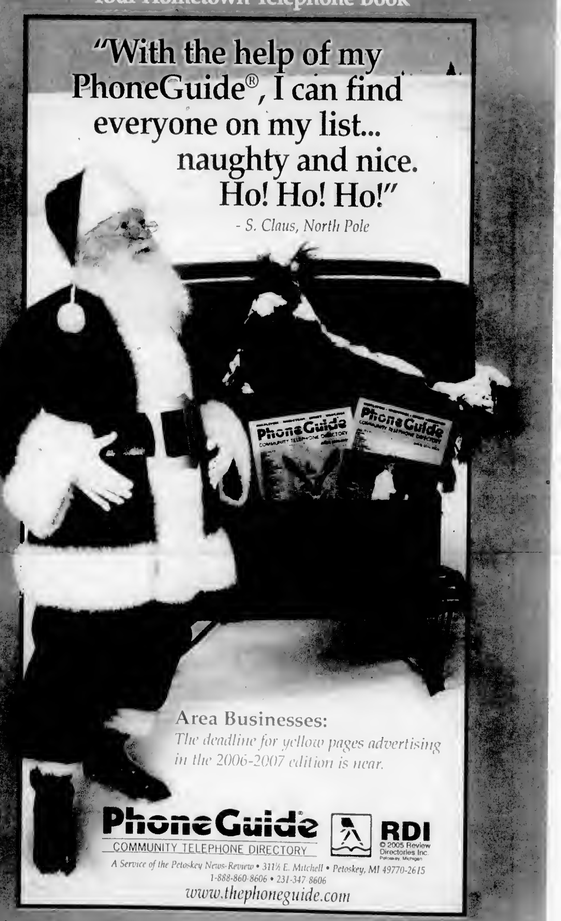

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Nine applicants for chief of police move on

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Dennis Halverson

Charlevoix City Council evaluated 29 applicants for the new city police chief position at its meeting Dec. 20, passing nine along for review by a professional committee.

At the meeting council members agreed that they are looking for a long-term working chief who is visible in the community.

Now, they plan to move into steps two and three of a three-step process they approved, to find the right match.

At a special meeting which took place Tuesday, Dec. 13 council discussed how they will fill the seat of former chief Dennis Halverson who announced his resignation in late September.

Halverson, the longest serving Charlevoix Chief of Police, accepted the "Safe Schools Coordinator" position with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. He started in this position in early November.

Deputy police chief Scott Hankins has filled the role of interim chief during the transition time. Council hopes to hand the reigns over to the new chief soon.

"Let's get it done," second ward councilman Gabe Campbell said.

By the Nov. 11 application cutoff, Charlevoix City Manager Mike Wiesner had received 29 applications at his office.

Council decided to review each of the applications using a matrix of qualifications and send the group of nine along to a professional committee for its review.

Wiesner suggested this group include city fire chief Paul Ivan, Traverse City Commissioner and former police chief Ralph Soffredine, as well as the current police chief in Mackinaw City.

Any local applicants bypassed council's original review and are included in the group of nine headed to the professional team.

Those the professional group feels have the skills to fill the chief's seat will be recommended to council for final review and hiring.

"What I really see the professional team doing is evaluating whether applicants have the skills and tools to perform the job and council picking the flavor," Wiesner said.

Campbell agreed to this hiring process but said he feels it shouldn't include the professional team.

"I think council can do the job. We shouldn't leave it to a team of people that don't live in this city. The council knows what they expect from a police officer," he said.

Mayor Norman Carlson disagrees with Campbell and said he supports applicant review by a professional team.

"There's no way you or I could tell what it takes to be a police chief. There's so much more than interaction with the community and who we like and who we think is good. There's a lot of administrative, technical aspects to the job," he said. "You are going to make the final hire. I don't think you could do it as well as someone who does that job every day."

The names of the applicants will be withheld pending a decision by council as to who the finalists will be. Once the group of finalists has been determined, their names will be released.

Carlson said he hopes to have the new chief hired by the second week in January.

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County jail passes recent exam with flying colors

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

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The inspection was conducted by Wayne Schaudt, a correctional facility specialist, with the County Jail Services Unit of the Michigan Department of Corrections.

According to Charlevoix County Jail Administrator, Babette Meggison, the department of corrections issues either pass or fail grades on jails.

"They just have certain areas they monitor and they come in and inspect them," Meggison said. "Areas include life, health and safety issues for inmates and our policies and procedures. They review them and make sure everything is in order and that the jail is clean."

Meggison said she has been told numerous times that Charlevoix has one of the cleanest jails in the state by inspectors from the department of corrections.

Meggison said there is no reason for the jail to be anything less than clean.

"The sheriff won't tolerate anything else," she added.

"I think that we just take a lot of pride in the facility," she said. "We expect inmates to keep things clean and they do and the staff follows through with that."

The jail has three maximum security cells for a total of three beds, five low security cells for a total of 60 beds and six medium security cells for a total of 26 beds. The Charlevoix County Jail is rated to hold up to 89 beds.

"We don't have 89 beds full right now. We are currently at about 71," she said. "When I started here in 1988 there were only eight inmates and that number was actually kind of high because several people were lodged here during a grand jury investigation."

Meggison added, "Of course in '88 we only had 25 beds."

Constructed in 1971, the jail had a capacity of 25 beds. In 2000 an additional structure was constructed which increased capacity to the current 89 beds.

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The Web site is located at www.michigan.gov/roadconditions.

The public may view current road conditions for any area of the state from this Web site. Road conditions are listed for freeways and state truck lines, which are the first to be cleared during bad winter weather. Road conditions are categorized as clear, wet, icy, snow covered, slushy, overpass icy, drifting snow, lanes reduced, blowing snow or roads closed.

While road conditions for rural and county roads are not on the Web site, it would be unusual for road conditions on these roads to be better than those listed for the area freeways.

The Michigan State Police Winter Travel Advisory is updated twice a day from information provided by law enforcement and public safety personnel working throughout Michigan. The advisory is posted on-line from November to March each year.

The public can also aceess weather or road conditions by calling the Michigan State Police Travel Hotline at 1-800-381-8477. State police representatives ask that you utilize either the Web site or the hotline rather than calling your local state police post.

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DNR releases deer harvest numbers

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, early estimates of the 2005 firearm deer season harvest indicate that around 243,000 deer were taken.

Of those taken, it has also been estimated that roughly 56 percent were antlered and 44 percent did not have antlers.

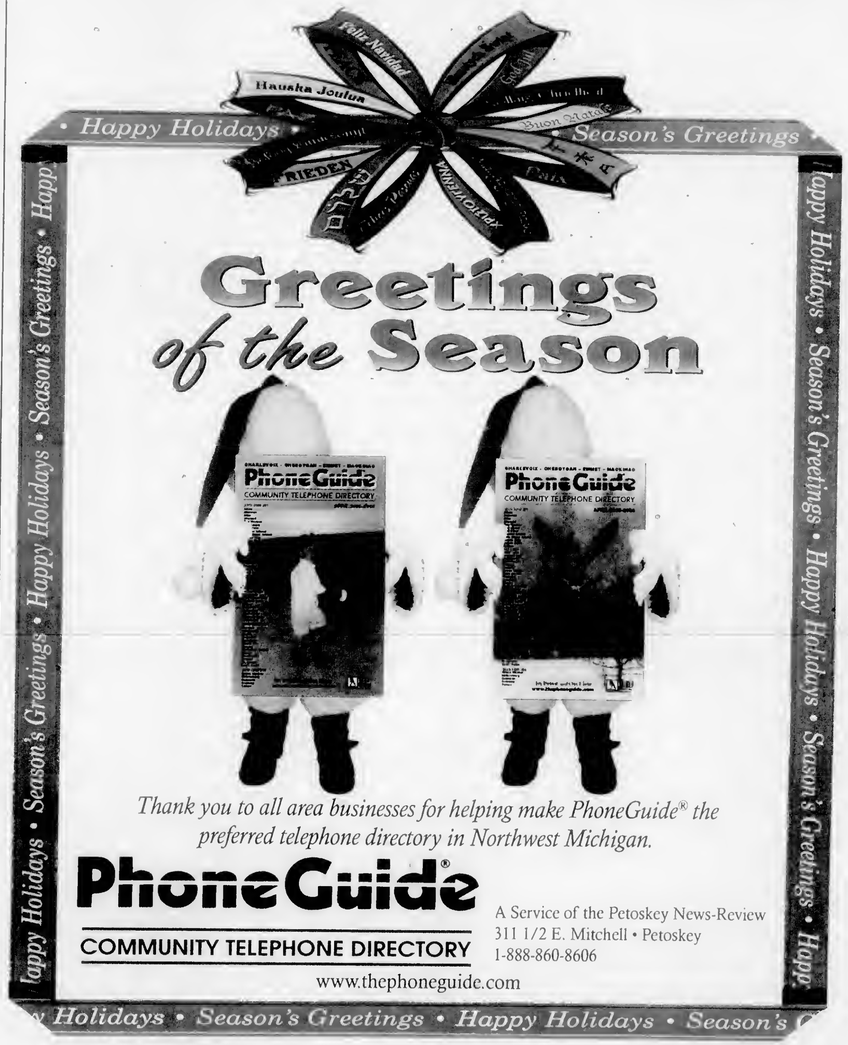
The final deer harvest, which won't will be available until July, is computed pursuant to a mail survey of over 50,000 deer hunters.

The 2005 estimate is below the 2004 estimated harvest of 265,000. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the state's record firearm season harvest occurred in 1998 when an estimated 351,000 deer were taken.

In addition to the amount of deer taken, the department also estimated that some 700,000 hunters took to the fields. Upper Peninsula hunters took an estimated 30,000 deer this fall, lower than last year's final harvest estimate of 34,000 deer.

The preliminary harvest estimate in the Lower Peninsula is 213,000, compared to last year's estimated final harvest of 231,000.

The decrease is primarily in the Northern Lower Peninsula. It is estimated that about 20 percent of the total 2005 deer harvest is expected to be taken during the remaining deer season.



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School financial steering committee brainstorm cuts

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

"Everything is a cost benefit analysis. Because, if you drive students away, you've defeated the purpose."

Bob Heath,
Charlevoix Public Schools, Financial Steering Committee

Determined to examine budget issues which face Charlevoix Public Schools, the Financial Steering Committee met for the second of four scheduled meetings, Thursday, Dec. 15 at Charlevoix Middle School.

Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education member, Dean Spencley, said he believes the steering committee will produce positive results.

"I think we've got the majority of Charlevoix's brightest and I think they're going to come up with a lot of good ideas," he said.

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Dr. John Sturock opened last week's meeting with a brief overview of monetary cuts which have been made to school budgets over the past couple years as well as the revenue which has been generated. He stressed to the committee that they are only making suggestions for the board to review.

"We're not asking you to make these cuts and you're not suggesting cuts. You are helping our board think through the process," Sturock said.

The committee then broke into groups of five and spent about 30 minutes brainstorming potential expenditure cuts.

Some of the ideas produced during the session were to reduce bussing, offering pay-to-play sports programs and altering the early retirement incentive.

Committee member Bob Heath, said the board might consider a four-day school week because taking a day off of school saves roughly $2,000 for a total of just over $70,000 a school year in savings.

"Everything is a cost benefit analysis," Heath said. "Because, if you drive students away, you've defeated the purpose."

Heath also mentioned his group discussed a possible grass roots movement to, "Restructure the funding formula. Not necessarily to raise taxes, but to let education get a bigger slice of the pie."

According to committee member Tom Barnes, early retirement could be detrimental in the long-run because paying medical benefits and salary in retirement to those who retire early means more money coming out of the school system for a longer period of time with no return of services from those teachers retiring at a younger age.

Barnes also mentioned his group wanted to look at possible cuts to the superintendent's office and wanted to know why the schools are losing money on the lunch program.

Committee member Cindy Whitley asked if the responsible thinking classroom was necessary. She also expressed a desire for responsible utility management and possibly hiring cheaper custodial help during the summer months to cut costs.

Committee member Christine Cole said, perhaps the high school could go to stadium style seating with larger classes, sell the administrative building and incorporate the superintendent's office into the high school.

"Not only would we save money, but there would be no more operation costs," she said.

According to Cole, her group also discussed eliminating the hot lunch program, looking into the rates of coaches salaries for potential cuts and to see how Charlevoix schools compare with other schools to determine where improvements can be made.

Student committee member Chuck Mason, said one of the ideas his group had was perhaps the library could try working on monetary or materials donations for a couple years.

During the meeting the groups were also supposed to brainstorm a potential philosophy for prioritizing expenditure cuts, but due to time constraints, did not get to it.

Holiday hosts

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

Members of the City of Charlevoix Fire Department hosted area children at a holiday gathering Dec. 17 which took place inside their headquarters at city hall. (Above) Brynn Matters checks out the inner workings of a fire truck while firefighter Jesse Silva looks on (Below) Emma Kane tells Santa her gift wishes before taking away a huge bag of candy.

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Blasts at Big Rock soften the trademark sphere

Three individual and precisely controlled blasts were successfully completed on Dec. 8, 9 and 11 at Consumers Energy's Big Rock Point Restoration Project.

The work assists in the demolition of the large concrete monolith located inside the plant's former containment sphere.

The blasts were used to "soften" the concrete and steel rebar monolith that once housed Big Rock Point's reactor vessel, steam drum, spent fuel pool and other equipment. The explosives were designed, placed and detonated in order to fracture, but not drop, the structure which stands 75-feet tall at its apex.

The "softening" allows workers to more efficiently demolish the structure using standard demolition equipment – a 16,000 pound wrecking ball and ramming equipment.

The explosives were employed in response to the difficulty encountered in earlier demolition projects of similar structures at Big Rock Point and other nuclear sites across the country.

"Demolition of the turbine building earlier this year using the wrecking ball proved just how solidly the plant was constructed," said Ray Flowers, Big Rock Point demolition project manager. "It took us longer than expected to bring the turbine building down due to its superior structural integrity."

Controlled Demolition Inc. (CDI) was contracted by Consumers Energy to plan, engineer and execute the blasts.

"CDI was hired because it is the recognized worldwide leader in using explosives to assist in the demolition of unwanted buildings," said Kurt Haas, Big Rock Point site general manager. "In addition to successfully performing similar work at other nuclear sites, they have also brought down such recognizable structures as the containment building at the Maine Yankee nuclear site, Seattle's Kingdome, Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium and the J. L. Hudson Building in Detroit. For a job like this, it was important that we identify and hire the industry leader."

Preparation for the blasts began several months ago as the plant's trademark containment sphere was being dismantled. CDI personnel developed the blast plan, which details the amount and placement of explosives in the concrete, along with safety procedures and contingency plans.

Using powered machines and hand drills, CDI personnel drilled 271 horizontal and vertical two-inch diameter holes compromising almost 4,000 liner feet into the concrete. CDI personnel then placed the exact amount of explosives into the predetermined holes for each individual blast.

The first blast occurred Dec. 8 and was located in the area where the reactor vessel was once located. The second blast occurred Dec. 9 and was located in the former spent fuel pool area. The third blast occurred Dec. 11 and in the former steam drum area. Approximately 500 pounds of explosives were used in the three blasts.

An extensive number of safety precautions were implemented for the work, including:

- Establishment of a 800-foot blast zone in which all personnel were required to vacate.
- A blast mat constructed of chain link fencing and fabric was laid over the individual blast zones to keep debris in place.
- A detailed countdown procedure and contingency plan was established and followed.
- Site security was increased and all non-essential personnel left the site during the blasts.
- Advance notification of appropriate authorities was made.

"The months of planning paid off – the structure remains standing as planned after the blasts and the concrete and rebar has been softened," Haas said.

The structure is now being brought down using the wrecking ball and other equipment. The approximately 23 million pounds of debris will be loaded into containers and shipped out of state for disposal.

The concrete monolith is the last large remaining structure at Big Rock Point. The majority of the site is scheduled to be returned to a green field status, free for unrestricted use, by fall of 2007.

Big Rock Point was the world's first high power-density boiling water reactor and an important research site for the nuclear power industry. The plant was shut down on Aug. 29, 1997, after 35 years of service, making it the nation's longest running nuclear plant. Due to its many contributions to the nuclear and medical communities, Big Rock Point was named a Nuclear Historic Landmark by the American Nuclear Society.

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Three controlled blasts were successfully completed on Dec. 8, 9 and 11 at Consumers Energy's Big Rock Point Restoration Project to assist in the demolition of the large concrete monolith located inside the plant's former containment sphere.

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Charlevoix homeowner named Waterways chairman

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

Charlevoix's representation on the Michigan Waterways Commission remains strong.

Todd Wyett

At the Dec. 9 Waterways Commission meeting real estate developer Todd Wyett was appointed commission chairman after 10 months as a commissioner.

Wyett, 40, calls Bloomfield Village his homestead but spends his free time at his home in Charlevoix.

With former commissioners John Winn of Charlevoix and Dave Griffin of Bay Harbor having left their positions this fall after their terms expired, representation from Charlevoix's immediate area was at a low.

Wyett said his first visit here was Dec. 24, 1993 when just after moving to Birmingham from New York City, N.Y. he came to the great white north for what he called the perfect holiday destination.

That night he watched snowflakes fall from the Weathervane Restaurant and was snowed in at his hotel.

"I fell in love right then and there," he said.

Soon after, he bought a home here and has returned every chance he gets.

In spite of Wyett's love for the lakes and boating, he said Charlevoix in the summer has nothing on its winter wonders.

"I still like Charlevoix better in the winter than in the summer," he said.

However, he said his summer boating experience will improve with the upcoming overhaul of the marina and East Park.

He explained that recent Waterways approval of a $5 million outlay of funds for the upcoming marina and East Park revamping was approved a few years ago when the commission gave the project the go ahead. But he said the recent vote was for the capital expenditure to be allocated in 2006.

"Once a project is approved, it gets funded," he said.

He said the floating dock system will improve the marina's safety and will also be more responsive to continually fluctuating water levels. And he said the finger pier system will limit boat stacking by giving captains greater dock space to work in.

One change he hopes to see statewide during his three-year tenure as chairman is a blanket in and out policy that regulates dock time and encourages transient use of space.

Wyett, a successful real estate developer, founder and president of Touchstone Corp., has also brought his business savvy to town. Three years ago, he purchased Captain's Corner Shopping Center and has also undertaken real estate endeavors in the surrounding area.

When asked how Wyett's Charlevoix roots would impact the upcoming project, he said he plans to stay out of the way and let the contractors do what needs to get done.

Crooked Tree accepts photo submissions for exhibit

Crooked Tree Arts Center will be hosting its 25th Annual Juried Photography Exhibition during the months of January and February.

The juror for the exhibition is Rebekah Modrak, an Associate Professor in the School of Art and Design at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Artwork will be accepted from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Jan. 4, 5 and 6 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

All work must be dependent primarily on photographic processes. The jurying for the exhibition will took place Saturday, Jan. 7 and will be closed to the public.

The opening reception will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 14 and will coincide with the opening reception of Kim Aikens' exhibition in the Edith Gilbert Gallery entitled "Winter Horses." Both exhibitions will run from Jan. 14 through Feb. 25.

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Garden Club meeting

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The Charlevoix Area Garden Club had its annual meeting at Mahogany's Restaurant in the Charlevoix Country Club on Dec. 13. New officers were sworn in (top, front from left) Barb Clagett, secretary, Rhea Dow, president, and Nancy Cleland, treasurer. (Back) Mary Watson-Chavez, first vice-president, Audrey Etienne, recording secretary, Margaret Heath, second vice-president and Ingrid Nedwick, at-large delegate. At the meeting three members achieved the Michigan Garden Club's Lifetime Membership status. They are (bottom, from left) Mary Kengle and Anne Marie Barnes. Joyce Hosmer is not pictured. While members enjoyed lunch they were entertained by the Charlevoix Men's Chorus.

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SPORTS

Rayder wrestlers take second at Bridge Brawl

The Rayder grapplers posted big wins throughout the week capturing decisive victories over Elk Rapids and Traverse City St. Francis and taking second place for the Lower Peninsula in the scrappy Bridge Brawl.

During the 63–18 win over Elk Rapids, senior Rayder Jed Daman marked his 100th career win.

The individual results for the Elk Rapids match were: Zeke Daman 7-1 decision; Woody Nitchman pin; Nate Golovich pin; Jed Daman pin; Matt Novotny pin; Jeff Golovich pin; Nathan Tripplehorn pin; Ray Jones pin.

They also saw success on the mats Dec. 13 when the team took Traverse City St. Francis 60-24.

The individual results for the Traverse City St. Francis match were: Zeke Daman pinned; Woody Nitchman pin; Joey Left pin; Jed Daman pin; Matt Novotny pin; Ray Jones fell by a pin.

On Friday, Dec. 16, the Rayders traveled to Rudyard for the Bridge Brawl. This four- year-old tournament lives up to its name because of the tough competition. Five Upper Peninsula teams wrestle five Lower Peninsula teams.

Winners are decided upon total team scoring. St. Ignace took first place for the Upper Peninsula. This year, Charlevoix missed taking first place in the Lower Peninsula division by only 20 points. Cheboygan took first place.

Charlevoix won against Norway 51-30, Negaunee 51-30, Rudyard 41-37 and Manistique 72-6. Charlevoix fell to St. Ignace 30-51.

Senior Jeff Golovich marked his 100th career win during this tournament. Jed Daman went undefeated during the day after pinning all his opponents.

The individual results for the Bridge Brawl tournament were: Zeke Daman 3-2 with two pins, one void; Matt Golovich 3-2 with one decision, two voids; Woody Nitchman 3-2 with one pin, two voids; Nic Mailloux 3-2 with three voids; Joey Left 3-1 with 3 voids; Nate Golovich 3-2 with one pin, two voids; Matt Novotny 3-2 with two pins, one void; Nate Tripplehorn 2-3 with one pin, one decision; and Ray Jones 2-3 with one pin, one decision.

Medalists for the Rayders were Spencer Hankins 4-1 with three pins, one void; Nick Gotshall 4-1 with three pins, one void; Jed Daman 5-0 with five pins; and Jeff Golovich 4-1 with four pins.

Coach Craig Golovich named senior Matt Novotny "Wrestler of the Week" because he "gutted out" two key pins to help the Rayders take a close second place in the Lower Peninsula division.

The Rayders have a current record of 13-2.

Charlevoix hosted Grayling, Kalkaska and Traverse City St. Francis on Monday, Dec. 19 and will travel to Cheboygan on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Results from these matches were not available by press time.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix High School wrestler Nate Golovich in his winning match over Wes McFadder of Elk Rapids in the 140 weight class last week.

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Official Notice

Charlevoix City Council
2006 Meeting Schedule

The Charlevoix City Council will hold regular meetings on the following dates in 2006. Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. When a holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting moves to Tuesday, as noted below. Meetings will be held in Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall at 210 State Street and begin at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise. The first meeting in January, by City Charter, will begin at 8:00 p.m.

January 3**	May 1	September 5***
January 16	May 15	September 18
February 6	June 5	October 2
February 20	June 19	October 16
March 6	July 3	November 6
March 20	July 17	November 20
April 3	August 7	December 4
April 17	August 21	December 18

**The Charlevoix City Charter requires that the first meeting in January shall start at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday
***Tuesday

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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SPORTS

Charlevoix man named to softball hall of fame

LeRoy Buchanan to be inducted Jan. 21, 2006

The Michigan Amateur Softball Association recently announced the election of Charlevoix's LeRoy Buchanan to the organization's softball Hall of Fame.

Buchanan, who was elected as manager, managed the Dowagiac Dolls Fast Pitch team of Dowagiac from 1951 to 1952. He then managed various men's fast pitch teams over the next 12 years.

LeRoy Buchanan

After moving to Petoskey, he began coaching a women's fast pitch team in 1981 and is still coaching today. Since 1994, Buchanan has been the assistant coach for East Jordan High School's varsity girls' softball team.

His coaching achievements include: An estimated record of over 500 wins and 115 losses, having coached over 100 players, winning 15 Petoskey women's league championships, having participated in numerous invitational tournaments, having competed in 20 state final tournaments and having participated in five national tournaments.

Buchanan has also played fast pitch over the years for Decatur Narregan Drugstore, Roscommon Merchants, Parson's Manufacturing, Trude Hardware, Duffy Eggs, Ironworks and Rennie Oil.

He is still playing today out of Florida in a senior slow pitch league.

Buchanan's induction into the Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame will take place at 7 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Midland Holiday Inn located at 1500 West Wackerly St. Tickets for the event are $30 and must be purchased by Jan. 6.

Pool offers lifeguard training course

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will offer a Lifeguard Training Certification Course.

Class will meet from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30. Students are asked to bring a lunch with them each day to class.

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Sunday Evening, 6 pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm

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Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Informal Family Worship, 7 pm
Lessons and Carols, 11 pm
Christmas Day, 11 am

Charlevoix United Methodist Church
104 State Street, Charlevoix
Christmas Eve:
7 pm Candlelight Service
(Nursery provided) & 11 pm
Christmas Day:
11 am Worship Service

Christ Episcopal Church
200 State Street, Charlevoix, 231-547-6322
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8 pm Candlelight Service
with The Rt. Rev. Robert R. Gerpert, the 8th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan presiding.
Christmas Day:
Christmas Worship and Carols 10 am

St. Mary Catholic Church
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Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services
at 5 pm and Midnight
Carols prior to Midnight
service at 11:30 pm
Dec. 25 Christmas Services at 9 am

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Sunday the 18th: *In the 10:30 service will be our children's Christmas program. Also after the service we will be giving out a special bag of Christmas treats to everyone.*
Sunday the 25th: *We will be having a special Christmas Morning Worship Service at 11 am. Our youth will be presenting a play entitled "Let's go to Bethlehem." Everyone is invited. Communion will be served at the conclusion of the service and special singing from Dan Mills.*

SPORTS

Rayder basketball team open the season 2-1

By ALLEN TELGENHOF
Sports writer

The Charlevoix Rayders are off to a 2-1 start early in the haskethall season. The Rayders opened their season with wins over Suttons Bay, 69-44 and Maple City Glen Lake, 65-46 before losing to Harbor Springs, 71-70.

Charlevoix has been short-handed thus far this season with six players, including three projected starters serving six game suspensions. As a result, against Suttons Bay, eight of the 10 Rayder players were seeing their first varsity action.

"I was real pleased with the guys playing their first varsity games (against Suttons Bay)," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "They settled in and played real well."

The Rayders started tentative, as would be expected from such a young group, and trailed 14-8 after the first quarter. Charlevoix rallied to tie the game 33-33 at the half.

Early in the third period, the Norsemen pulled back ahead to a 40-35 advantage forcing a Haske time-out with 6:09 to play in the quarter. The Rayders responded, going on a 12-0 run to close the frame.

Mitch Crandall scored eight of the Rayders' 12 in that spurt, including two three-pointers.

The run continued into the fourth quarter as a Billy Roloff bucket and another Crandall three pushed the lead to 52-40. Suttons Bay was no closer than 10 the rest of the night.

Crandall led all scorers with 24, of that 17 came in the second half. Matt Kautz had 12 points, five assists and five steals. Austin Wilhelm added 11.

Corey Gotshall grabbed 10 rebounds. Cliff Jones contributed five steals and three assists.

"Our defensive effort in the second half was outstanding," Haske observed. "I thought outscoring them 36-11 like we did was due to real strong defense."

"Mitch Crandall had a great game offensively and played a good second half defensively, he made a couple of good blocks," Haske noted. "I was also impressed with Matt Kautz's effort. He does a lot of things that don't show up in the box score that help the team win."

Against Glen Lake, it was a close game until the end of the third quarter when Charlevoix broke the game open. The Rayders led 13-9 after one quarter. 26-21 at the half and 40-34 after three periods.

Crandall again led the Rayder scorers with 14 points. Derek Friske had eight points and eight rebounds. Cliff Jones and Trevor Mays each had eight points. Kautz contributed six assists.

"We had a key run in the late third, early fourth quarter where Cliff and Kyle Jones made a couple of steals and Trevor Mays played real well," Haske observed.

Charlevoix made a valiant comeback effort against Harbor Springs only to fall one point short. The Rayders never led after starting out the game trailing 7-0. Charlevoix pulled to within four at 14-10 on a Gotshall jumper but the Rams scored the final five points of the period for a 19-10 advantage.

In the second quarter, the Rayders trailed between five and 10 points the entire way, heading off the court at the half losing 32-24.

The Rams went on an 11-0 run in about two-and-a-half minutes to pull to a commanding 52-33 lead with only 2:46 left in the third stanza.

"It was real disappointing to have about four minutes there in the third quarter where we just didn't compete at all," Haske said. "We just didn't work nearly as hard as we needed to."

Kautz took the game over almost single-handedly from that point on, scoring 24 points in the game's final nine-and-a-half minutes. He scored five straight points late in the third quarter to cut the lead to 14.

After the Rams extended the lead back to 18 early in the fourth, Kautz scored the next five Rayder points to cut the lead back to 15, at 60-45. Crandall later hit back-to-back threes to trim the advantage to 63-51 with five minutes to play.

Friske scored and Kautz drained two free throws to cut the lead to 63-55 with 3:05 left. Harbor then tried a slow down, forcing Charlevoix to foul. The Rams missed two straight front ends of one-and-ones but the Rayders failed to take advantage of either miss.

The Rams upped their lead to 67-55 before Kautz hit four straight threes for Charlevoix to pull the Rayders to within three with 15 seconds to go, at 70-67. Harbor hit one of two free throws with 11 seconds left to ice the win. Crandall hit a three at the buzzer to cut the final advantage to one.

"It was a nice comehack but it's unfortunate that we took so long to get going," Haske said. "We were 1 for 17 in three point shots in the first three quarters. We're just a better shooting team than that."

Charlevoix only committed eight turnovers but the poor shooting was too much to overcome.

Kautz finished with 33 points, 26 coming in the second half and 19 in the fourth quarter. He also dished out six assists and had five steals.

Crandall scored 11 points. Wilhelm tallied 10. Friske grabbed seven rebounds.

The Rayders (2-1 overall, 0-1 Lake Michigan Conference) traveled to Grayling on Tuesday, Dec. 20 for a tough conference match-up. Results will appear in next week's Courier.

Charlevoix's next game following the holidays will take place Tuesday, Jan. 3 at Cheboygan.

The 50 and Over Club meets Thursdays at the pool

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool has kicked off a new program called The 50 and Over Club.

The club is for women age 50 and over or women under 50 with health issues. It meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, located off U.S. 31.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool has set aside swim time for the group. During the swim time club members check blood pressure, and are weighed and measured. Participants can opt out of any or all body checks. Records of the information collected is kept confidential and is available to club members in order to track progress.

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Birdies Beauty Shoppe	23	37

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

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Carol Burry		192
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Camie Blanchard	492	
Lisa Nicola	486	
Cindy Mansen		181

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	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	433	317
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St. Mary's	304	446

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
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	W	L
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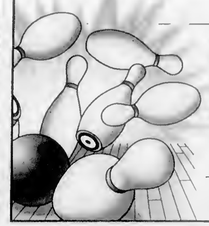

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GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY has an opportunity for an RN with long term care and supervisory experience to join our state-of-the-art, newly renovated facility as a Clinical Coordinator. Successful candidate will possess MDS experience, strong clinical and assessment skills, experience in working with residents with dementia, and experience in care plan development and implementation. Ability to communicate effectively with residents, families and facility team members is key. Grandvue offers an attractive benefits package for full-time employment including: Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurace, Delta Dental and VSP Vision insurance, company paid life insurance and MERS retirement plan, generous paid time off packages, and premium salary commensurate with experience. Stop by our facility at 17287 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, to fill out an application or call Jane Korthase, Human Resource Director at (231) 536-2286 with questions or to arrange a facility tour. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, December 27, 2005.

(12-14-2-086)

EMPLOYMENT 086

GRANDVUE MEDICAL Care Facility is looking for relief staff for our dietary, laundry and housekeeping departments. If you are a friendly team player with a flexible schedule and a desire to make a difference in the lives of our residents, please stop by 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan, and fill out an application. Starting wages for these year round positions range from $8.86 to $9.07 per hour based on time off benefit plan selected, with increases after 90 days and 180 days. Apply in person; if you have questions, please call Jane Korthase at (231) 536-2286.

(12-21-2-086)

SALES HELP WANTED 088

SALES - I am a busy Insurance Executive who needs someone to personally learn all aspects of my business. That person must be able to make decisions, be a good moral character, and eager to learn. He or she will be involved in all areas of sales operation and could go into management. Sales experience will help, but is not necessary. I am primarily looking for attitude and personality. Many company fringe benefits are available, with an opportunity to earn up to $50,000 first year. This position offers unlimited upward mobility for someone who is a hard worker and is determined to succeed. Please call (231) 347-6958 and ask for Human Resources.

(12-21-5-088)

ESTATE SALE 100

ESTATE SALE on Friday, January 30, 2005 from 12 noon until 6 p.m. at 11000 Evergreen Lane, at the end of Evergreen Point in Charlevoix. Some items include marble table, beds, linens, kitchenware and glassware.

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(12-7-4-170)

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(12-14-3-170)

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael J. Whisler, Sr. and Karen S. Whisler, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-gagee, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 6, 2003 and recorded August 11, 2003 in Liber 562 Page 603 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Twelve Cents ($164,117.12) including interest 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, January 6, 2006. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11 of Sequanota Heights, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 217 and 218, Charlevoix County records, and as amended in Liber 252, Page 529, and as further amended in Liber 256, Page 404, Charlevoix County records. Commonly known as 11601 Sequanota Heights, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: NOVEMBER 29, 2005 Mort-gage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-41142 ASAP736756

L(12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 05-010899-DE

Estate of Gregory B. Smith
Date of Birth: January 1, 1946
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gregory B. Smith, who lived at 520 Michigan Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died February 15, 2003.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate of Gregory B. Smith will be forever barred unless presented to Linnell H. Smith, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 21, 2005

William L. Meengs, Jr. P52711
303 Howard Street
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 348-6415

Linnell H. Smith
520 Michigan Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231) 347-1040

L(12/21)

LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT – CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
FILE NO: 05-035-21-CH

LINDA H. MATTHEWS and SALLY RANDALL SWANSON LLC,
Plaintiffs,
v.
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP, EDWARD YOUNGER and CAROLINE YOUNGER, his wife, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF LAURA BOWMAN CASE, AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN PERSON CLAIMING THROUGH SUCH HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES, Defendants. TOPP LAW PLC
By: SUSAN HLYWA TOPP (P46230)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
213 E. Main Street
P.O. Box 1977
Gaylord, MI 49734-1977
(989) 731-4014

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE TO: The heirs, assigns, devisees and legatees of Laura Bowman Case, and any other person claiming through such heirs, assigns, devises or legatees.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs, Linda H. Matthews and Sally Randall Swanson LLC, have filed a Complaint to Quiet Title and Declaratory Judgment in the 33 rd Judicial Circuit Court, Charlevoix County, Case No. 05-035-21-CH. You must file an answer with the court or take other lawful action permitted by law. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TOP LAW PLC
By: Susan Hlywa Topp P46230
Attorney for Plaintiffs
Dated: December 8, 2005

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CHARLEVOIX BRIEFS

Area events

Hallelujah Chorus

Handel's "Messiah" a "Hallelujah Chorus" will take place at 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve at the First Congregational Church located at 101 State Street at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue for the candlelight service. Bring your own score or use one of our many copies to welcome in Christmas day. Great event for families or those who just love this treasured classic. Call (231) 547-9122 for more information.

Ragamuffin performance

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company presents "A Little Princess" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 and at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29 at Charlevoix's beautiful, historic Castle Farms located at 05052 M-66 North, in Charlevoix. Tickets are $10 per person for the evening shows and $7 per person for the matinee. For more information, or to purchase tickets on-line visit www.ragamuffintheatre.com or call Kathleen Whittaker at (231) 237-9686.

Fiddlers and Pickers Day

The 3rd Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located off Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix. Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are welcome. The entrance fee is a $5 donation to benefit the East Jordan Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund. Food and beverage will be available. For more information call Gabe Campbell at (231) 547-9739, Bill Stevens at (231) 547-9153 or Dan Johnston at (231) 526-5145.

Assistance for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is $12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is $40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Winter museum hours

The Harsha House Museum's hours of operation are from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Jan. 1 2006 through April.

Special openings or visits can be made by appointment by calling (231) 547-0373.

Area meetings

Service organizations —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner preceedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 7 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Alateen meeting at 7 p.m. on Sundays at the Alano Club on Mason Street.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US-31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

Sororities, fraternities —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

American Legion, VFW —

The American Legion Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

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SEE-North offers annual Twelfth Night excursions Jan. 6 and 13

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SEE-North's Twelfth Night events include hiking a candle-lit trail and talking with the forest animals.

This year, Twelfth Night will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6 and Jan. 13 at Bay View Inn/Bay View Woods in Petoskey.

Families will meet at Stafford's Bay View Inn, ride a horse-drawn sleigh to the trail head and venture into the forest to meet the animals.

Those with young children may bring a small sled. Everyone should come dressed for a hike outdoors. SEE-North will provide snacks, hot beverages, face-painting and mask-making indoors.

Because of the popularity of the events, registration has changed from past years. Tickets are required.

Participants may call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700 to reserve a time slot. They must then purchase their tickets within one week of registering, either by mail or in person at SEE-North's office in downtown Petoskey. No refunds will be issued unless the event is canceled due to bad weather.

Tickets for Twelfth Night this year are $7 per person, which includes the sleigh ride. Children under 3 are admitted free.

For more information, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700 or visit SEE-North's Web site at www.seenorth.org.

Charlevoix-Emmet ISD staff members won two state-wide awards for videos

The Communications Services staff at Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District recently won statewide awards for two videos.

The honors were received from the Michigan School Public Relations Association's (MSPRA) 2005 Communications Contest.

Dianne Litzenburger, Director of Communication Services, and Randy Caleaterra, videographer, received a first place honor for a video featuring the Career and Technical Education classes offered throughout the Intermediate School District. Andy Hayes, President of Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, narrates and is host in the video. In bestowing the Distinguished Award, Michigan School Public Relations Association's highest honor for communications work, judges cited the creative editing and writing and called the video, "a quality piece of work."

Litzenburger and Caleaterra received a second place, Commendable Award, for the video "Restore the Promise of Proposal A." This video, created on behalf of the Char-Em School Boards' Association, helped explain school funding. In their comments about the award-winning production, judges noted the effective camera work, strong writing, and effectiveness of the video in explaining a complicated subject. "Obviously well planned...effective 'call to action' at the end. Bravo", one judge wrote.

The Michigan School Public Relations Association Communications Contest encompasses print and electronic media entries. Eighty entries, from across the state, were judged in both categories. Video productions were evaluated on product quality, content and appeal.

The Michigan School Public Relations Association, an affiliate of the National School Public Relations Association, is committed to advancing education through responsible communications. The Michigan School Public Relations Association's contest is held annually.

Council names Peggy Brennan to the shade tree commission

At the Charlevoix City Council meeting, Monday, Dec. 19, the Shade Tree Commission nominated Charlevoix resident Peggy Brennan, to be a commissioner.

Peggy Brennan

Brennan will fill the position being vacated by Mary Adams at the end of the year.

At the meeting, commission members recognized and thanked Adams for her service and support over the past three years.

The Shade Tree Commission is a voluntary body that provides information, advice and assistance to various city departments and council members on matters related to trees on city properties.

Another commission function is to apply for state and national recognition as a Tree City USA community, from the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters, USDA Forest Service and others organizations.

A special accomplishment of the Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission this past year was the determination that despite the local belief that the city is in agricultural zone 4, it is actually located in a pocket zone 5 with a mean low temperature of -12 degrees.

This finding has special significance in that it allows the commission to recommend for planting a wider selection of street-side trees.

Commission member, Kenneth J. Polakowski, a registered landscape architect, is in the process of selecting additional species of trees.

This expanded list of approved street-side trees will be presented in May during "Plant a Tree Week," the city's celebration of National Arbor Day.

Charlevoix has been recognized as a Tree City for 13 years and has applied for the fourteenth year.

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Goldstick sentenced to life in prison

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

"But you Mr. Goldstick, will leave a legacy as a selfish killer — so the sentence you receive will be just."

Judge Richard Pajtas,
Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court

David Goldstick

At a sentencing hearing which took place Dec. 22, a Charlevoix man recently convicted of first degree murder in the shooting death of Bill Brady was given life in prison without parole.

Before Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court Judge Richard Pajtas handed down the sentence, defendant David Edward Goldstick apologized for his actions.

According to Goldstick, while he knows no words will make a difference now, he regrets what he did.

"I feel very, deeply sorry about this tragedy. I am very deeply sorry about everything that happened," he said. "I'm not trying to make excuses and even though my body doesn't show it, inside I feel deeply sorry."

He added, "I don't express my feelings very good, that's all I can say."

According to Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema, he didn't have the honor of knowing Brady before his death.

"I have been told by numerous persons how caring and compassionate he was. He died because of his caring for the VFW," Jarema said. "He was married for over 50 years, raised four children, he survived the war, he survived being a Detroit police officer and he died in a makeshift VFW office."

Jarema added, "I take offense to the defendant's statements contained in the PSI. The defendant claims he was shafted and that the detective lied twice on the stand and that I knew it."

Jarema said neither he or the detective in question deserve such accusations.

"These accusations are unfounded, unfair and simply wrong," Jarema said. "It is time that the defendant takes a good long look in the mirror to find the reason that he will be removed from society for the rest of his life."

He added, "It was his choice and his selfish act that our community doesn't have Bill Brady alive anymore. It was his selfish act that the Brady family doesn't have their husband, brother, father, grandfather and best friend anymore. It was his selfish act that caused Mrs. Goldstick (Rosalyn), who I do know and is a wonderful person and did not deserve to be put through this ordeal either."

Jarema said Goldstick has no one to blame but himself for the selfish choices he made.

"Mr. Goldstick wants justice — this court will impose a sentence of life without the possibility of parole and that is justice in this case," he added.

Judge Pajtas then told those in the courtroom that Brady was a giving person who will leave a legacy of helping others.

"But you, Mr. Goldstick, will leave a legacy as a selfish killer — so the sentence you receive will be just," Pajtas said.

Pajtas sentenced Goldstick to two years in a Michigan Department of Corrections correctional facility with credit for 247 days.

"Then you will serve a term of life in prison without the possibility of parole," he said.

Goldstick was also fined $180 and advised of his rights to appellate review before being led out of the courtroom.

Local woman celebrates 100th birthday

By JULIE WITTHOEFT
Editor

While Charlevoix residents and visitors rev up to ring in the new year, one of the town's newest residents prepares to become a centenarian.

Florence Mayhew, who moved to Charlevoix in June of 2005 from her home along the Crooked River in Alanson, turns 100 on Jan. 3.

"It's a very big deal," her daughter Ann Hall, said. "She's in great shape."

Mayhew lives with Ann and her husband John Hall in the Charlevoix Country Club but was on her own into her late 90s.

She said she doesn't necessary watch what she eats or exercise regularly and added that there's no real secret to her longevity.

Mayhew has genetics on her side, her mother, May Doud, lived to be 98 and her younger brother Lee Doud, 87, moved to Independence Village in Petoskey two weeks ago.

In spite of a recent loss of feeling in her hands Mayhew continues to paint. In her 100th year, she said she plans to complete two more of her signature landscape paintings for her grandchildren.

Ann and John are also planning a trip this winter with Mayhew to their home in Hilton Head, S.C.

To mark Mayhew reaching this birthday milestone, her family participated in a blowout celebration on Dec. 23 at the country club clubhouse and restaurant Mahogany's.

"Everyone is here for her," Ann said.

The accomplished woman was born on Jan. 3, 1906 in Mt. Pleasant.

She graduated from Mt. Pleasant High School in 1924 and went on to receive her art certificate in 1928 from Central State Teacher's College in Mt. Pleasant. This is the site of the current Central Michigan University.

She opted not to become a teacher and instead attended beauty school. She worked at an on-campus salon while living nearby with her parents.

During her stint at the salon,

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Florence Mayhew (left) was joined by hundreds of family members including daughter Ann Hall (right) in recognition of her 100th birthday Dec. 23 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Mayhew turns 100 Jan. 3.

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On the record

District Court

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court for Charlevoix County:

Michael Dennis Sheean, 69, Boyne City. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $770 in fines and costs.

Jason Mark Venema, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Kaley Marie Weller, 19, Petoskey. Minor in possession-second offense. Totaling $200 in fines and costs.

Colleen Margaret Martin, 53, Beaver Island. Reckless driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Perry Jon Matthew, 24, Charlevoix. Violation of restricted license. Serve 12 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

James Albert Novotny, 43, Charlevoix. Impaired driving. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 30 days in jail, serve 30 days on electronic monitoring device, 57 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,330 in fines and costs. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 12 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Jacqueline Marta Glynn, 52, Alanson. Two counts of non-sufficient check less than $100. Serve 20 days in jail; $707.40 in fines and costs.

Anthony Thomas Raymond, 31, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated; and controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, 334 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,495 in fines and costs.

Harry Lee Carson, 40, Kalkaska. Impaired driving. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Stephanie Diane Laurie, 18, East Jordan. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve 93 days in jail, 93 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; $395.66 in fines and costs. Stolen property-receiving/concealing over $200 but less than $1,000. Serve 180 days in jail, to serve 15 days in jail, 155 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to enter Glen's in Boyne City or Oleson's; to write a letter of apology; $947.70 in fines and costs.

Eugene H. Randall, 52, East Jordan. Domestic violence; and interfering with a police investigation. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 92 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; not to reside with victim; $700 in fines and costs.,

Kenneth Michael Wilson, 42, East Jordan. Wildlife conservation-general violation. Serve 20 days in jail; $1,500 in fines and costs.

Paul Robert White, 45, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Jason Andrew Burch, 21, Petoskey. Minor in possession-third offense. Serve nine months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Donald Albert Clark, Jr., 26, Boyne City. Simple assault. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; $500 in fines and costs.

Lori Jean Bumstead, 48, Charlevoix. Controlled substance-possession of analogues. Serve 15 days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Circuit Court

The following cases were recently heard in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

David Edward Goldstick, 57, Charlevoix. Homicide-murder first degree. Sentenced to minimum of life in prison to a maximum of life in prison. Weapons-felony firearm. Sentenced to two years in prison with credit for 247 days in jail; $180 in fines and costs.

County resident killed in one-vehicle car accident

Deputies from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a one-vehicle crash in Bay Township which took place at 7:35 p.m. Dec. 23.

Passing motorists reported finding a vehicle crashed in a field along Camp Daggett Road just north of Camp Sherwood Road.

Investigation revealed that Robert C. McKerracher, 73, of Evangeline Township had been traveling south on Camp Daggett Road when his 1997 Buick failed to negotiate a curve. The car left the roadway striking several mailboxes before plowing through a 10 foot high snow bank and coming to rest in a field.

McKerracher was pronounced dead at the scene.

The vehicle suffered minimal damage.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Boyne City Emergency Medical Service.

The incident remains under investigation by the Sheriff's office and Charlevoix County Medical Examiner's Office.

Clarification

In an article titled "School financial steering committee brainstorm cuts," that appeared on page 22 of the Dec. 21 edition of the Courier Cindy Whitley was quoted as saying a possible expense cut would be to hire "cheaper custodial help." A member of the group she was in suggested hiring summer intern custodial help. The article also states that Whitley "asked if the responsible thinking classroom was necessary." A member of the group she was in asked that question.

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Local woman enters her second century of life Jan. 3

MAYHEW

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Mayhew met her true love, Preston "Bill" Mayhew, a student at Central State Teacher's College.

The two married in 1932. Bill went on to become head of the music department at Central Michigan College of Education as well as band director at the nearby high school and grade school.

Their first child, Valerie, was born five years after they married. Ann came five years later and Preston "Bill" Jr. was born three years after Ann.

After Bill's birth, Mayhew returned to work at an up-scale dress shop in Mt. Pleasant called the New Yorker. There, she was head of alterations.

She said her greatest accomplishments thus far are having finished college, being a working parent and learning to drive at 60.

"There are a lot of things you should do that you don't always do," she said.

In the late 1970s, after living in Mt. Pleasant for 70 years Florence and Bill retired in Alanson where Florence pursued her passion for cultivating landscaping with special attention paid to beautiful blooms.

Bill died in 1982 after 48 years of marriage.

Mayhew currently has 12 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, 18 great-great-grandchildren and more on the way.

Holiday turkey trot

Photo by Kim Taylor

(From left) Brendan Hyatt and Aliah Pearsall, Kindergartners at Charlevoix Elementary School, do the Turkey Trot at the school's annual holiday musical Dec. 20.

County Relay for Life event needs volunteers

Relay For Life coming to Charlevoix County this summer.

The American Cancer Society and citizens in the local community are currently rallying together to fight cancer by planning the 2006 Relay For Life event of Charlevoix County.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature fund-raising event, where teams of people camp out for 24 hours, walking laps on a track, socializing and participating in planned activities. Teams can be made up of family, friends, co-workers or community groups.

Volunteers are needed to help plan the 2006 event. A location for the Relay For Life of Charlevoix County has not yet been set. For more information on Relay or to volunteer, contact Lisa Haselton at (231) 947-0860 or lisahaselton@cancer.org.

This year, Relay For Life will be held in more than 4,200 communities across America and in up to 16 countries and is expected to raise more than $300 million in aid for the American Cancer Society's ongoing programs of research, education, advocacy and service. As the most successful not-for-profit event in America, Relay For Life provides a platform for raising cancer awareness and connecting communities to the programs and services of the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. the society has 13 regional divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States. For more information call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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Resolutions: The good, the bad and the ugly

Benjamin Gohs

'Staff writer'

I was going to lecture on the importance of hanging in there when it comes to self-improvement. Something my old mother calls stick-to-itiveness. Then I realized, a pudgy, former two-pack-a-day smoker with a checkbook in the red is the last person who should be preaching the virtues of being a better you.

Making positive life changes aren't easy. If they were, we would all resemble those toothpaste models with the frighteningly white smiles and $600 haircuts.

I'll never forget the year I vowed to lose weight on the cabbage soup diet. It was only slightly less disgusting than the headcheese diet. For those of you unfamiliar with this sulfurous sauce, cabbage soup is a metabolic food. From the Greek "metabolic" meaning, "tastes so bad we know you won't eat it."

After a few weeks of the putrid pottage I began to feel like Oliver Twist. I heard somewhere that more people are afraid of public speaking than death, obviously they never tried cabbage soup. Ditto goes for the cruel and unusual grapefruit diet which I hear was recently outlawed by the Geneva Convention.

Exercise more? To my chagrin, the Food and Drug Administration doesn't recognize lying on the couch as a physical fitness routine. Though the cardiovascular benefits of screaming at the TV are arguable, workout gurus advise you to get your heart rate up for 30 minutes, three times a week — you'll know you reached your target somewhere between, "I can't breathe" and "Oh my God, I'm going to die."

I knew I was out of shape when I pulled a hamstring stepping out of the shower. For those of you who thought I pulled it diving for the game winning touchdown at the family reunion last year, I was lying.

Giving up cigarettes is another big resolution people like to make. It took a month-long bout with double pneumonia back in the spring of 1999 to convince me to give up the smoky little darlings.

I wish I could say it was done for something noble like saving money or preventing cancer, but I simply couldn't breathe — $1,200 worth of x-rays and tests later — the doctor said I had the lung capacity of an asthmatic chipmunk.

Some people resolve to spend more time with family. Time with immediate family (extended family is completely different beast) is a grand idea. It takes about 10 sweaty-palmed, pulse pounding minutes in the presence of my gun-toting, ordained minister cousin or the great-aunt who married a convicted mass murderer (currently residing on death row, by the way) and I remember why I seldom leave town for the family farm. Don't get me wrong, I love them dearly, but they are best taken in small doses, from great distances.

Learning something new is a popular goal for many. I'm not saying humans have a finite capacity for attaining knowledge, but this particular resolution makes me nervous. I was 9 when I found my father in the garage hyperventilating over a tear soaked, half-assembled bicycle. He called it holiday stress, but I know the truth. Upon reading the instruction manual, he forgot how to get back to the house. Now, I don't fancy myself a moron (another arguable notion) but I can't chance forgetting something integral like how to operate the microwave or program the VCR.

Getting organized is a great idea for the New Year. I envy folks with a special spot for everything — whose towels hang on racks and whose refrigerators don't resemble fight night at the International House of Condiments.

Yes, the moldy applesauce on the third shelf is a biohazard. But, if I pull it out, then where would I be? I might as well grab that meat loaf leftover from the Carter administration and how about that margarine container of, well, I can't remember what it was, but should I really risk stinking up the house with some kind of a demented archeological dig?

Besides, I don't think my frail ego could take seeing just how empty the icebox is after a thorough cleaning. Perhaps it is simply better to let sleeping dogs lie, or in this case, to let the fuzzy casserole grow.

Resolutions are the cornerstones of self-improvement. But, no amount of cleaning, exercise, diet or thriftiness will ensure fame, fortune or immortality — only self-imposed neuroses.

Just find yourself a happy medium and stick with it. Hopefully you'll have better luck than I did.

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Resolve to pick a resolution to improve your life

Gayle Gennett

'A look at life'

New Years resolutions — OK, who came up with this idea anyway?

I've yet to keep one though I try to come up with one every year. The reason for my coming up with some type of resolution is due to someone asking me what grand idea I've come up with to be resolute about. Feeling pressured that I don't have an answer, I usually make one up. "Save the world, eat healthier or pay my bills on time."

As a young child who loved being the center of attention and talked too much, my parents would casually suggest having me make the resolution to focus on listening more and talking less. Actually, I think it's my parents who came up with the game of "whoever can stay quiet the longest wins a prize."

One of our daughters reinstated this game when she would babysit. Not a bad idea really when you think of it. How many people do you know who really listen, give eye contact and respond with an appropriate comment that lets you know they really are paying attention to you. There's fast food, fast pace, lots to do in so little time. If you had an extra hour in the day how would you spend it? Now there's something to ponder. Would you stay an extra hour at work if you knew there'd be a tomorrow? Would you get that extra hour of sleep that your body is screaming for? Would you have fun playing with your kids or visiting a friend? Maybe you'd just put your feet up and "veg out" or learn to speak Portuguese.

Back to listening, it's an art. Paying attention and being able to recall all that was said can mean the world to the person sharing their story. When you listen are you busy thinking of your list of things to do? Are you hoping they can quickly tell their story so you can share yours? Or worst of all are you more interested in one upping their story so they feel what they are sharing is less important. Be honest. I know I've done this and you may have too.

So for 2006, I think all of us should concentrate on being better at listening and hold our tongues when it comes to talking too much. Conversation is wonderful and a good exchange of information is what keeps our minds brimming and brewing. But too much talking can get you into trouble too. Meet with any politician and they'll tell you that. Good conversation requires attentive listening as well.

Rumor has it that women like and need to converse, but I've met men who enjoy a good conversation over a cup of coffee or glass of wine now and again. As we increase our time spent on earth our hearing becomes less clear and we remember far less, big surprise for you young folk reading this. So when my husband says, "pass the ketchup please," and I respond with, "what do you mean the dog caught fleas," it will come to no one's surprise that we will all experience hearing loss as we age. So coupled with hearing loss I now need to focus more than ever on what someone is telling me.

Hint, always look at the person speaking to you. I'm getting better at reading lips so don't think I'm admiring your teeth or lipstick color or that there's a piece of food caught on your enamel. I am giving you a closer look so I can see and hear all you are saying with hopes of giving you the best response I can muster. It's an adventure getting older. I say that in the true sense as I feel each day I am finding a new way to survive my aches, pains and memory losses.

Maybe there should be a reality show entitled, "Senior Citizen Survivor Series." First assignment — open childproof bottles in record time. Or maybe — let's watch grandma find her car keys.

The moral of the story is if you pick a resolution to be resolute about, pick one you can possibly achieve and one that may improve your life in some small way.

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St. Mary students' Hawaiian holiday

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, St. Mary School musical director Don Neidert and the children of St. Mary School presented "Christmas in Hawaii," featuring holiday songs. (From left) Andrew Plude, Justin Pearl, Jaclyn Merrill and Molly Jeakle sing "Christmas is coming, the pig is getting fat" as their characters, the Johnson family, in the school production.

Readers react: Cheers and Jeers from 2005

Editor's note: The following are two submissions we received for the 2005 jeers and cheers section.

For more information on Charlevoix happenings in 2005 see the top stories of the year on page 9 of this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier.

Inadequate representation

After reading the Courier for years, it seems that the city officials are always conducting some very expensive "study" on something, spending tons of money and coming up with no answers.

My jeer is that these officials get into office and all of a sudden the power goes to their heads and they make irrational decisions.

There is plenty of money coming into Charlevoix especially from big taxes that we have to pay because we have lakefront properties. Taxation without representation — it's not fair.

We are downstaters that own lakefront property. So we pay big taxes and we do not get to vote on anything.

A southern Michigan resident with a second home in Charlevoix

Cheers to military

Cheers to all who are in the military, or have served in the past.

Jeers to those who one way or another choose not to serve, but now call those who served with honor, "unpatriotic" or "cowardly" for disagreeing with their lies.

Gahe Campbell
Charlevoix

Letters to the editor

Column response

Editor:

Mr. Roger Knutson wrote in his column (Winter solstice reminds us of our place in the grand scheme of life) which appeared on page 4 of the Dec. 21 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, "I still cannot understand why England fought a short war with Argentina in defense of the Falkland Islands in that part of the world. What could they possibly have been defending?"

There were indications of large deposits of oil and gas. In 1998, Argentina and the United Kingdom began drilling operations.

Ray Peltz
Charlevoix

Clarification

Editor:

In last week's Charlevoix Courier there was an article in regards to Charlevoix Schools titled, "School financial steering committee brainstorm cuts." The Charlevoix Courier quoted me as saying that the responsible thinking classroom might not be necessary as well as hiring cheaper custodial help for the summer. I feel it is necessary for you to understand the background of this situation.

I volunteered to be on this committee to help in this time of financial crisis without affecting personnel. Last week at our meeting we were asked to break up into groups of five. During that time, each group was asked to generate a non-prioritized list of possible ways to save our school district money. At the end of that small group brainstorming, I was left to be the spokeswoman for our small group. That responsibility entailed repeating the ideas that were generated from our group, which were not necessarily my ideas.

A member of my group wondered if it was possible to hire an intern for the summer to do custodial work at a lower cost to the school. In my opinion, the custodians have been cut to the bone and further cuts would only hurt the school district. Another discussion was on the Responsible Thinking Classroom/ Focus Classroom. Dr. Sturock informed us that funding for these programs comes from At Risk money, which is a state grant, not from the general fund. I did not ask if the responsible thinking classroom was necessary. In my opinion, I feel that classroom is very necessary in both schools, so children have a place to go if necessary to make a plan on making better choices in the classroom, chill out or even finish school work if needed.

Please understand that this is a tough situation to be in as a school employee. I chose to be a part of this committee to support our school district, employees and their jobs.

Cindy Whitley
Charlevoix

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Birthday bash

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Norma Cunningham, mother-in-law of Charlevoix resident Dean Davenport, celebrated her 99th birthday on Dec. 21. She is now in her 100th year living in northern Michigan. Pictured with Norma is her youngest grandchild, Mary Kay Pederson at daughter Bonnie's 50th wedding anniversary party. Norma is wearing the dress she wore at Bonnie's wedding 50 years ago, and Mary Kay is wearing her mother's wedding dress. Norma now resides at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey.

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company to perform 'A Little Princess' at Castle

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will be presenting an adaptation from Frances Hodgson Burnett's wonderfully imaginative novel, "A Little Princess," at the historic, Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Dec. 28 and at 1 and 7 p.m. Dec. 29.

"We are excited about presenting 'A Little Princess' at the Castle where beauty and art so amply exist," said director Kathleen Whittaker.

Tickets for the three performances can be purchased on-line at: www.RagamuffinTheatre.com, or reserved over the phone by calling (231) 237-9686.

A portion of the proceeds from this month's show will go to supporting the MLD Foundation in honor of a very special "little princess" who lived a brave and courageous short life among us, Maddie Trimper.

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Drummer boy

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Middle School student Conner Klooster plays percussion at the middle school musicians' holiday performance which took place Dec. 6 in the Charlevoix High School auditorium.

Garden Club names student winners in a poster contest

Each year the National Garden Clubs along with the National Park Service sponsor a poster contest for students in Kindergarten through sixth grades.

The purpose of the contest is to enlighten children about our environment and to teach them the importance of preserving our natural resources.

The Youth Education Committee of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club works with art teachers, Mary Beth Morgan at Charlevoix Elementary School and Lori Bolt at St. Mary's School to instruct the students.

This year's themes are "Create a Beautiful Tapestry," "Smoky the Bear" and "Help Us Stay the Invaders."

In November, the committee judged all the posters. Judging is done using criteria set by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. In May of each year, the winners and their parents are invited to attend a tea and the winners are presented with certificates and a live tree.

This year's kindergarten student winners in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. "Create a Beautiful Tapestry" category are Raymond Cunningham, Camden Musilek and Lauren House. First grade winners are Grace Sutherland, Kelli Wakulat and Cameron Clark. Second grade winners are Jonathon Pischner, Quinsy Greene and Emily Zabawa. Third grade winners are Kourtney Putman, Ali Schwein and Zoie Moblo. Fourth grade winners are Pauline Sheets, Erin Stebe and Karli Johnson. Fifth grade winners are Janaye Baier, Jamael Kelly and Jacob Doskoch. Sixth grade winners are Molly Jeakle, Trent Bradley and Nicole Pischner. The grand champion in this category is third grader Kourtney Putman of St. Mary's School.

This year's first grade student winners in the National Garden Clubs, Inc. "Smoky the Bear" and "Help Us Stay the Invaders" category are Maggie Potter, Julia Doskoch and Malcolm Williams. Second grade winners are Spencer Tibbits, Hunter Isaac and Arianna Houghton. Third grade winners are Brody Roharge, Nick Plude and Hannah Fraley. Fourth grade winners are Mallory Murray, Jacob Novotny and Jonathon Lindfors. The grand champion in this category is third grader Brody Roharge who attends Charlevoix Elementary School.

The grand champions in each category will go on to be judged at the national level. Charlevoix students have taken honors every year.

County commission meeting time change

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners will have its regular board meeting at 3 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 28. The meeting will take place in the commissioners' room, located at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

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Obituaries

Harold 'Bucky' Vreeland: March 12, 1921 - Dec. 21, 2005

Harold W. "Bucky" Vreeland, 84, of Beaver Island, died Wednesday, Dec. 21 at his home.

Mass of the Resurrection took place Tuesday, Dec. 27, at Holy Cross Church, on Beaver Island. The Rev. Pat Cawley officiated and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.

Bucky was born March 12, 1921, in Bowen Township, in Kent County, the son of Basil and Mary Emma Vreeland. He graduated from Caledonia High School. On Feb. 14, 1952, he married Genie Setsma in Caledonia.

He was a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Air Force. Harold worked as a Tool and Die Maker, managing a shop for Middleville Engineering. He went to work for Bissell Corporation in Grand Rapids in 1964, and retired in 1980 as supervisor.

Bucky and Genie moved permanently to Beaver Island in 1980 where they had been part-time residents since 1956. For 16 years, they had spent half of each year in Feakle, Ireland. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, Caledonia VFW, and Creston Rod and Gun Club in Ada. Harold was an avid reader of westerns, a friend of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club, and a supporter of the Beaver Island District Library.

His wife Eugenia "Genie" Vreeland of Beaver Island survives.

Contributions may be made to Holy Cross Catholic Church or the Beaver Island Wildlife Club.

Toni Joki-Schlicht: Dec. 19, 1955 - Dec. 22, 2005

Toni Joki-Schlicht, 50, died on Thursday, Dec. 22 at her home in East Jordan.

Memorial services took place Monday, Dec. 26 at the Lighthouse Missionary Church in East Jordan. Chaplain Rev. Ray Moore officiated.

Toni was born on Dec. 19, 1955 in Detroit, the daughter of Bobby and Aleta (Matthews) Britt. Toni had worked as an accounting assistant for the Department of Corrections. Earlier in her life, she had worked as the first Miss Dig in Michigan.

On Sept. 3, 2005 in Charlevoix she married George Schlicht.

She enjoyed baking, flower gardening, music, fishing, camping, spending time in the Upper Peninsula; as well as anything in the great outdoors.

She is survived by her husband, George Schlicht of East Jordan; son, Javits Britt of Atlanta, Ga.; daughter, Chelsea Joki of East Jordan; sister, Laura Britt of Howell; brother, Geoff (Kelly) Britt of East Jordan; three nieces, Katie Cosmi of Ypsilanti, Lindsay Cosmi of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Michelle Britt of East Jordan; three nephews, Caleb Cosmi of Oklahoma City, Okla., Shane Britt of Oak Park and Brendan Britt of East Jordan; step-daughters, Breeane and Julia Joki, both of Ispeming; and two step-grandchildren, Trinity and Aidan Joki.

She was preceded in death by her father in 2004 and her mother in 1996.

Memorials may be given to the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, 3434 M-119 Suite F, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Or the American Cancer Society located at, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

The family was served by the Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

George Belusar: Feb. 26, 1921 - Dec. 24, 2005

George Belusar, 84, beloved husband of Lucille (Taylor); loving brother of Anne Yurcho, Elizabeth Gura, Margaret Androsek, William Belusar and Madeline Sharp; brother-in-law of Gloria Gerritsen; uncle and great uncle of many, passed away Dec. 24. Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 at the Yurch Funeral Home, located at 5618 Broadview Rd., Parma, Ohio (between Snow and Brookpark streets). Interment is at Brooklyn Heights Cemetery.

The Belusar family summers at their lake home in Charlevoix.

The shopping spirit

Courtesy photo

Student musicians from Charlevoix Middle School performed at Charlevoix businesses during the annual Christmas Open House which took place Saturday, Dec. 3. (Left) These students were at Elements located near the drawbridge, off Bridge Street.

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Pastor: Henry Hankins 547-6430

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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
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11906 US-31 North
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Looking back at 2005 Charlevoix happenings

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

Here are a few of the top stories which occurred in Charlevoix in 2005.

Big Box

The Charlevoix Township big box issue, ordinance amendment 1.73, was passed by a vote of 340 to 215. Shortly after the vote it was brought to the attention of township board members that some of the language in the township zoning ordinance was misleading and incorrect. The township planning commission then recommended the two sections of language be stricken from the ordinance.

Hurricane relief

Amanda Powell and her 2-year-old daughter Riley as well as Nancy Pryce are new residents to northern Michigan after evacuating hurricane ravaged New Orleans, La. and Pass Christian, Miss. respectively. Thanks to the kindness of many locals, these people were able to begin new lives.

Charlevoix student Maggie Hamilton wrote a letter to an elementary school in tsunami ravaged Indonesia. The letter was also read by the Indonesian president who directed his ambassador, Soemadi Brotodiningrat, to visit Charlevoix Elementary School on June 9 where he presented letters and addressed the students and faculty.

First degree murder conviction

Found guilty of murdering longtime friend and fellow VFW member Bill Brady, David Edward Goldstick was sentenced Dec. 22 to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

AmeriCorps shake down

Convicted felon, Arthur Kirk, a former contract worker with AmeriCorps

Arthur Kirk

in 2000 and 2001 and an AmeriCorps volunteer at Charlevoix Middle School and volunteer counselor at Camp Daggett, was arrested by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office this summer on multiple counts of felony weapons charges and will face two trials to begin in mid-January.

Charlevoix turns 100

File photo

Charlevoix marked 100 years as a city this year. Commemorative flags were created to showcase the milestone as well as numerous displays by the Charlevoix Historical Society including a headlight from a 1907 Cadillac, the bell from the old bridge and a 1930s era drinking fountain.

Embezzlement

The trial of Karla Sue Lockmap was postponed for 120 days after a doctor from the State Center for Forensic Psychiatry said Lockman met the statutory requirements for legal insanity. Lockman was charged with two counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of $20,000 or more, after it was discovered that at least $775,000 was embezzled from her former employer Northern Preferred Title Company with an office in Charlevoix.

Workplace smoking ban

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners passed the revised Public Health Clean Air Act of 2005, just before opting to exempt Charlevoix County from it. The board chose the exemption due to the possibility of costly lawsuits, the potential for needed revisions of the language of the regulation in the future and it allows Antrim, Emmet and Otsego counties, which fall under jurisdiction of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, to make the choice on whether or not to adopt it for themselves.

County loses $1 million

Mary Beth Kur

Sandra Ward was awarded $552,068.74 and Jacqueline Rozema was awarded $505,713.65 in damages after filing suit against their former boss, previous Charlevoix County Prosecutor, Mary Beth Kur. The women's' claims against Kur started in 2002 when they testified against her in a Whistle Blowers Act case.

Chief retires

Dennis Halverson, the longest serving chief of Charlevoix Police, resigned his position of 19 years in late September and took a job as Safe Schools Coordinator with the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

City hall completion

The original $2.067 million renovation of Charlevoix's City Hall, a cost which climbed to about $2.3 million, was completed in early October. The project, which started in April 2003 was marked by a few snafus and a completion date that was missed by over a year.

CCMS debacle

The City of Charlevoix is pursuing reclamation of over $220,000 lost in a check mishap over a year ago. City officials claim the city should have been compensated by their insurer, United Fire and Casualty, for losses stemming from the check written in error on April 2, 2004 to CCMS and Associates, a contractor from Sault Ste. Marie hired in 2001 for road and sidewalk work. The check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. As a result, United sued the city and in December of 2004 the city agreed to pay United the over $220,000.

Motion to fire manager

In mid-September, city council members Gabe Campbell and Shirley Gibson said the $220,000 CCMS check debacle was grounds for Charlevoix City Manager of 21 years, Mike Wiesner's dismissal. First ward councilman Bob Timms, who originally vowed to vote against Wiesner changed his mind and Wiesner retained his position.

Mike Wiesner

Park renovations approved

East Park renovations were approved at the Nov. 8 election. Demolition of the current chamber of commerce building and bandshell will occur, Nov. 5, 2006, with construction of the new facility with amphitheater seating and restrooms slated for Nov. 12, 2006 at the south end of the park for an estimated cost of $1.5 million.

Library groundbreaking

Groundbreaking on the new Charlevoix Public Library began, Jan. 24 with inside demolition starting on June 20. The estimated $5.6 million, 24,000 square foot project, managed by contractor Clark Construction, is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2006.

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Almost all of the lakes monitored by the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for over 10 years show increased chloride concentrations, with a particularly large increase between 2001 and 2004. While concentrations of the monitored bodies of water are currently below the toxic threshold, increased concentrations can stress aquatic ecosystems particularly in smaller streams and lakes where concentrations can be higher.

A major source of chlorides are road de-icers, the most prevalent being sodium chloride. Many of them also contain nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, as well as minerals and heavy metals that can also have negative impacts on surface and ground water. Phosphorous, for example, is a significant pollutant in northern Michigan and can encourage excessive aquatic plant growth that is not only a nuisance for recreation, but can also deplete oxygen when it decomposes.

De-icers have a different combination of performance, cost and impacts, suggesting that different de-icers may be appropriate for different climates. While there are potentially many more "environmentally-friendly" products available, experts recommend using calcium chloride and calcium magnesium acetate, which are more costly than sodium chloride but may be less environmentally harmful to sensitive ecosystems.

"Take note of the label of contents and keep current on the de-icing products on the market," said Jennifer Gelb, restoration ecologist at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. "New and improved alternatives are continually being introduced. Look for a different de-icer that will perform as well or better than your current product, but without the negative impacts."

Gelb stresses the importance of avoiding over-application and encourages strictly following application guidelines.

"Where appropriate, apply sand or other abrasive along with a de-icing agent to help traction and reduce the amount of de-icer necessary. Additionally, keep de-icers, and other loose materials from inadvertently entering surface waters by using vegetation buffers. Also, clean up or redistribute piles of accumulated deicers, sand and kitty litters," she said. "Safer de-icing chemicals cost more than salt or sand, but instead of dwelling on spending more money, focus on what you're saving."

For more information, please contact Gelb at (231) 347-1181 ext. 112.

Friends of the Library offer genealogy class series

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the library. They will be held Jan. 18 and 25 and March 8 and 15.

The interview process and correspondence guidelines will be covered during the first class. How to use the U.S. and Michigan census records will be the topic of the second class. In March, the first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

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Housing development proposed for Hayes Township

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If approved by the Hayes Township Board, developer Joe Rivard (above), hopes to build six units on his 24 acre plot of land which abuts Old U.S. 31, Burgess and Upper Bay Shore roads.

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

A public hearing was held, Dec. 20 at the Hayes Township Hall to take public comment on a proposed planned unit development for a 24-and-a-half acre plot of land which abuts Old U.S. 31, Burgess and Upper Bay Shore roads.

Seven people attended the meeting including the developer, Joe Rivard, his engineer John Ferguson of Ferguson & Chamberlain Associates, Inc. and his lawyer, Maura Snabes.

Ferguson explained the highlights of the proposed development and offered a preliminary site plan to the township planning commission members and the audience.

Under Hayes Township zoning laws, a developer who maintains a certain number of acres of land in its "natural state," in this case 10 acres, is then allowed a bonus of the allowance of an additional home to be built on the property.

"If they agree with the site plan, then there would be six homes on the property," Rivard said.

According to Rivard, his hope is to create a condo site wherein all six homeowners would share ownership of the 24 plus acre property as opposed to selling off lots with each home separately.

Rivard currently resides in the only existing home on the site.

Following a few questions by audience members concerning the impact the project might have on the surrounding area, the issue was adjourned until an undetermined date in February to allow both the planning commission members and Rivard time to further prepare the preliminary plan.

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County energy audit brings to light potential savings

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The results from examinations on energy use conducted in several Charlevoix County facilities are in.

The Charlevoix County Building, Charlevoix County Road Commission and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department facilities underwent pollution prevention and energy efficiency investment grade audits this summer.

The audits, conducted by The Delta Institute, a nonprofit organization, found nearly $18,000 a year could be saved if certain changes were made to the facilities.

Charlevoix County Planning Department director, Larry Sullivan, said while the savings don't seem like much when compared to the county's overall budget, every tax dollar saved is a positive.

"It's another step in terms of the county minimizing costs while maximizing services," Sullivan said. "I think if we can reduce energy costs and maintain the level of services, it behooves us to do so."

According to Sullivan, the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments contacted The Delta Institute to start a few pilot programs, the county's energy audit being one of them, so this study was paid for entirely by grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Sullivan said the three facilities which were examined were in better shape than the inspectors from The Delta Institute had anticipated.

"They were fairly impressed with the condition of the buildings," he said. "They saw some areas where improvements could be made, but not to the extent they thought."

He added, "They were very happy with the maintenance and gradual improvements made to the facilities over the years."

Most of the money saving recommendations Delta conveyed to Sullivan dealt with electrical costs.

"These buildings were built back in a time when people worked with pencils, pens and typewriters and they needed more light," he said. "But now we can remove some of the bulbs and install motion censors in areas not heavily used."

Sullivan said all projected savings are based on last year's energy costs.

Sullivan said the initial cost to make the suggested improvements would be $48,000, but they would pay for themselves by the middle of the third year.

According to the report, "Overall, the three buildings are well maintained and the county has proactively implemented energy savings measures, such as the radiant heating at the road commission building and the computerized energy management system at the county building."

If the county were to capitalize on the energy saving measures recommended by The Delta Institute, a savings of approximately $17,800 could be seen annually. These savings are based on the 2004 usage and cost lists provided by the county.

In addition to saving money, authors of the study state that if Charlevoix County achieved the energy efficiencies for these projects, they could expect to achieve significant pollution reductions.

The authors said carbon dioxide would be reduced by 386,660 pounds; nitrogen oxides resulting from burnt fuel would be reduced by 770 pounds; sulfur dioxide which also results from burning fuel would be reduced by 1,600 pounds; mercury would be reduced by 0.01 pounds; particulate matter consisting of soot, dust or other small particles would be reduced by 20.49 pounds; hazardous, volatile organic compounds often found in solvents and inks would be reduced by 5.89 pounds; and carbon monoxide would be reduced by 56.58 pounds.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Several major county owned buildings underwent energy and pollution reduction audits this summer, including the Charlevoix County building shown here.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Regular City Council Meeting Synopsis
Monday, December 19, 2005 - 7:00 p.m.
210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Charlevoix MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Norman L. Carlson, Jr., presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to reappoint Councilmember Campbell to the Board of Review.
- Motion adopted to appoint Peggy Brennan to the Shade Tree Commission.
- Motion adopted to approve the Senior Citizen's Grant application contingent upon City Manager's satisfaction in addressing pre-existing items.
- Motion adopted to accept the bid from Whitefish Skate Ramp for Skatelite Pro Sheets in the amount of $20,740 plus shipping costs.
- Motion adopted to forward nine of the Police Chief applications to City Manager for review and a recommendation to Council.

Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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Charlevoix Township planners recommend ordinance changes

By BENJAMIN GOHS
Staff writer

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission voted unanimously on a recommendation, Wednesday, Dec. 21, that the township board strike language from two sections of their zoning ordinance.

This action followed the Nov. 8 referendum vote on zoning ordinance amendment 1.73, also known as the big box ordinance, which passed.

Some township residents have come forward and said according to requirements set forth in the existing zoning ordinance, the big box regulations were not passed.

The language in question is found in sections 12.3 on page 81 and 13G4 on page 84 of the Charlevoix Township zoning ordinance.

"After that referendum (vote on 1.73) it was brought to our attention that 13G4 stated that it required a majority of all of the people who are registered to vote in the township. State legislation does not require that," said Charlevoix-Township attorney, Richard Joseph. "It was suggested to us to completely delete that rather than try to make it right because it would be too difficult to write a statute that works in that instance."

He added, "It was suggested to us by MTA (Michigan Township Association) and by some other members of my firm that only do zoning work that we take that out because it is unnecessary and it is not correct. In all instances where our ordinance is stronger than state law our ordinance applies that's not correct. In some instances it is and in some instances it's not."

"We as citizens followed the process, played by the rules and then on Nov. 9 the rules seemed to have been tossed out."

Keith Bales,
Charlevoix Township resident

According to the state statute, even if only 10 people out of 1,000 registered voters were to vote and six of them were yes votes, then the vote would pass.

"That's what the state statute says and that's what happened on Nov. 8," Joseph said. "To make your ordinance different when it comes to election law than what the state legislature has enacted is improper and incorrect."

Section 12.3 which has been recommended to be deleted, states, "In the interpretation, application and enforcement of this ordinance, whenever any of the provisions or limitations imposed or required by the provisions of this ordinance are more stringent than any other law or ordinance, then the provisions of this ordinance shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any other law or ordinance impose more stringent requirements than is imposed or required by this ordinance, then the provisions of such other law or ordinance shall govern."

The portion of 13.4G recommended to be deleted, states, "The township clerk has determined that an adequate petition has been filed within 30 days of the effective date and has been approved by a majority of the registered electors residing in the township."

The board's decision was preceded by public comment on the issue.

Township resident Keith Bales said, "I am very, very concerned with where we currently stand in this process. We are here at a public hearing to remove a section of our law that has been recognized by our supervisor as being confusing and misleading. We as citizens followed the process, played by the rules and then on Nov. 9 the rules seem to have been tossed out."

Township resident Al Wojan said, "At the last board meeting I asked the question of Mr. Joseph if the board was acting properly in adjudicating their own laws. They seemed to have advocated their own law and then went on to say, we don't care about that section. We're just going to say that ordinance 1.73 is now law and that we're going to proceed."

Wojan added, "It's always been my understanding when there is the question of one law which is our ordinance 1.69 that these types of matters should be decided in front of a court — a judge, to be adjudicated by that person."

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Soldier returns

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Charlevoix resident and Army Sergeant, Country Middleton, returned Dec. 24 from Kuwait where he was stationed while performing transportation missions in the Sunni Triangle of Iraq. Above he is pictured at center with his nephew James Bellant, 10, and his mother Samantha Harris holding a certificate of appreciation for his service issued by the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs office.

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January 3**	May 1	September 5***
January 16	May 15	September 18
February 6	June 5	October 2
February 20	June 19	October 16
March 6	July 3	November 6
March 20	July 17	November 20
April 3	August 7	December 4
April 17	August 21	December 18

**The Charlevoix City Charter requires that the first meeting in January shall start at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday
***Tuesday

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk

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Township residents dispute validity of Nov. 8 big box vote

ORDINANCE

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Bales expressed concern over a statement made by Township Supervisor, Dale Glass in an article that appeared on page 10 of the Dec. 14 edition of the Charlevoix Courier to the effect that the township had an opinion from the attorney general's office on this matter.

"Just so that it doesn't keep going forever and ever," Joseph said. "I think Dale (Glass) misunderstood me about case law and speaking with other attorneys. In researching this, and I think where Mr. Glass may have made his mistake, we called the Michigan Township Association because both my firm and this township pay extremely good money to use their legal resources and that's all they deal with and they both were awestruck that this was even an issue, number one."

He added, "And, number two, there were two people that I spoke with — attorneys — and they both said to me that there was absolutely no doubt that the state statute controls in this situation. You cannot enact a zoning ordinance that is contrary to state election law."

Bales said he asked Joseph at a prior meeting to list some of the case law which validate the township's actions.

"He could not give specifics," Bales said.

Joseph said whenever there are errors in the zoning ordinance it's incumbent upon us to fix it.

"So we're taking out the one section 13G4 because it's clearly contrary to state law. And we're taking out the other section because it just doesn't serve any purpose whatsoever," Joseph explained.

The planning commission's recommendation will go on to the Charlevoix County Planning Commission and then to the township board for final approval.

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The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency recently welcomed two new nurses. (Above) New nurse, Mary Robinson stands with staffer Lori Malfroid, fellow newcomer Susan Rice and Nancy Bottomley, director of home health and hospice programs for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency.

Susan Rice and Mary Robinson have joined the nursing staff of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's certified home health and hospice programs.

"We are very pleased to have both Susan and Mary onboard," said Nancy Bottomley, director of home health and hospice programs for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. "As experienced nurses, they will head-up client care teams which may include medical social workers, occupational therapists, speech therapists, spiritual counselors, and/or home health aides."

Rice will be working part-time in Antrim County. She has over 20 years experience as a registered nurse, including 17 years working in rural Oakland County with the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan. She also worked in hospital medical/surgical units. Rice lives in Bellaire with her husband.

Rohinson will be working full-time in Antrim County. She joins the health department with a variety of nursing experiences. Rohinson has worked in a local hospital intensive care and has directed an Alzheimer's unit in a nursing home. She also taught college nursing courses. She lives in the Elk Rapids area.

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- You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**
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- The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by March 31, 2006

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** after July, of **2006. These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

The **amount due** listed indicates the balance which was due **as of forfeiture on March 1, 2005**. The **current amount** required to redeem **must be obtained from the Charlevoix County Treasurer**, as additional penalties, fees, and interest have accrued since forfeiture.

NAME	PID	TAX
ANDERSON, DONALD R	053-578-007-00	$1,084.06
ANTHONY, PAULINE	013-707-598-00	$434.73
BAMFIELD, SCOTT ALLEN	012-109-008-25	$601.05
BROCKETTE, JENNY A M	051-378-010-00	$386.99
BROCKETTE, MICHAEL E	051-378-010-00	$386.99
C H SMITH COMPANY INC	015-001-020-10	$2,377.04
C I T GROUP / CONSUMER FINANCE	051-378-010-00	$386.99
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	012-234-017-60	$1,883.16
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	012-234-017-65	$1,524.92
CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK	013-222-049-15	$6,343.30
CITIZENS BANK	015-001-020-10	$2,377.04
COLE, BRIAN P	013-227-029-00	$227.83
COLE, DONALD R	013-227-029-00	$227.83
COLE, DONALD R	013-227-029-00	$227.83
COLE, MRS BRIAN	013-227-029-00	$227.83
CONTIMORTGAGE CORP	051-467-251-00	$1,717.65
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-007-008-25	$603.34
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-007-011-15	$3,444.33
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-007-10	$1,275.57
CROZIER, HARVEY E III	002-018-032-00	$2,069.69
CURTIS, SHAWN L	053-725-004-00	$315.01
DENISON, MICHAEL	051-150-066-15	$384.55
DENISON, MICHAEL A	051-150-084-00	$570.74
DENISON, NICHOLAS L	051-150-084-00	$570.74
DODGE, MARTHA	053-423-006-00	$438.05
DUFFUS, ARTHELLA M	007-200-016-00	$1,109.39
EIBEN, ALBERT G III	014-002-012-10	$867.89
EIBEN, JACQUELINE	014-002-012-10	$867.89
FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK	005-024-014-00	$1,320.23
FETSCO, CYNTHIA L	009-300-006-00	$664.27
FETSCO, GEORGE A	009-300-006-00	$664.27
FIFTH THIRD BANK	015-001-020-10	$2,377.04
FIFTH THIRD BANK	051-150-084-00	$570.74
FLEENER, WILLIAM J	007-200-016-00	$1,109.39
FLEENER, YVONNE K	007-200-016-00	$1,109.39
GALLAGHER, MRS JOSEPH	013-227-029-00	$227.83
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	012-234-002-10	$538.52
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	012-234-017-60	$1,883.16
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	012-234-017-65	$1,524.92
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-222-049-15	$6,343.30
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-701-034-00	$309.40
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-701-047-00	$309.40
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-705-223-00	$640.06
GILLESPIE, LAURA L	013-751-030-10	$330.99
GILLESPIE, LISA L	013-222-049-15	$6,343.30
GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	012-234-002-10	$538.52
GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	012-234-017-60	$1,883.16
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GILLESPIE, RICHARD L	013-705-223-00	$640.06
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GILLESPIE, ROBERT J	013-222-049-15	$6,343.30
GOIKE, THOMAS	051-150-066-15	$384.55
GOSCHY, BARBARA A	007-200-016-00	$1,109.39
GOSCHY, PETER E	007-200-016-00	$1,109.39
GREEN TREE FINANCIAL	014-002-012-10	$867.89
GRIFFIN, ROGER J	053-024-080-00	$853.67
HANSEN, DONALD A	041-411-009-00	$668.12
HANSEN, GAYLE LYNN	041-411-009-00	$668.12
HANSON, VIVIAN ANN	052-123-075-00	$4,582.05
HARGAN, DONNA	009-300-006-00	$664.27
HARGAN, DONNA K	009-300-007-00	$935.43
HARGAN, WILLIAM	009-300-006-00	$664.27
HARGAN, WILLIAM S	009-300-007-00	$935.43
HAWES, ERIN T	051-103-019-00	$541.81
HOME LOAN & INVESTMENT BANK	005-024-014-00	$1,320.23
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HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK	014-001-007-00	$728.11
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	010-033-005-00	$585.27
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	014-001-007-00	$728.11
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	015-001-020-10	$2,377.04
JEPSEN, BRENDA JEAN	006-032-006-00	$946.00
JEPSEN, MICHAEL A SR	006-032-006-00	$946.00

Beaver Island residents band together to save Christmas

By PHYLLIS MOORE
Special to the Courier

We've all read or heard of the old story, "When Santa Missed the Boat to Beaver Island," by James Pooler. The Christmas of 2005 will probably have its very own story in a few years.

The generosity of the Islanders is legendary.

After two days of pea-soup fog and a combination of freezing rain and drizzle, Christmas on Beaver Island was looking mighty bleak for some families as folks were stranded both in Charlevoix and on the island who had intended to travel across to spend the holiday with mainland families.

There was no mail, no last minute holiday packages, no newspapers, no fresh produce, nothing, zip, zero, nada.

By Christmas Eve there were many upside down smiles on faces. It's mighty hard to keep up spirits when mothers, dads, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters and/or grandchildren are on one shore and you're on the other. The day before "the big day" was another of the same — gray, foggy and rainy. Islanders mumbled among themselves about how they wouldn't be able to be together since the ferry had stopped running and the planes couldn't fly.

Senior Beaver Island Boat Company Captain Kevin McDonough, general manager for Beaver Island Boat Company, Margo Marks and assistant manager Tim McQueer put their heads together. After checking with Barb Swartzfisher of the Beaver Island Transportation Authority, they were guaranteed the planes wouldn't be flying, so they decided to make a very special run with the Emerald Isle.

Island Airways called all those who were on stand-by, and hoping for clear weather, told them to head to the boat docks both on the island and in Charlevoix. In the meantime, Marks and McDonough, gathered up employees to man the docks and crew to operate the ferry. All these folks gave up spending Christmas Eve with their loved ones so that everyone would have a Merry Christmas.

At about noon on Christmas Eve the Emerald Isle left the island with 22 aboard bound for Charlevoix. Those 22 would not have been able to spend the holiday with their families without the special trip. Once in Charlevoix, folks lined up for the return trip with 47 as the final number as she set off for the island arriving about 6 p.m. to cheers and holiday music blasting from a boom-box set outside the office on a bench..

Car and truck lights lit up Whiskey Point and then the dock as the Emerald Isle glided into her berth. According to several passengers, Christmas carols were sung a good share of the way and probably with more feeling then ever before.

There is no doubt there have never been happier faces than those who stepped off the boat or happier tears than those shed by the greeters. Hugs and kisses abounded as families were reunited thanks to the selflessness of both the Beaver Island Boat Company and Island Airways.

As passengers departed, many stopped to give the crew members hugs and kisses along with heartfelt thanks for saving Christmas.

Postmaster Michelle Dreffs came into the Post Office on after 6 p.m. Christmas Eve. Dreffs opened just the bags that contained packages and then notified the recipients so that any last minute gifts could be placed under the tree in time for

File photo

On Dec. 24, the staff of the Beaver Island Boat Company worked with the staff of Island Airways to coordinate a special trip of the Emerald Isle to transport travelers stranded by the weather to Charlevoix and the island.

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KENWABIKISE FAMILY LAND TRUST	013-707-598-00	$434.73	OLD KENT BANK	051-150-066-15	$384.55
KENWABIKISE, JOSEPH	013-707-598-00	$434.73	OLD KENT BANK	051-150-084-00	$570.74
KENWABIKISE, LEONARD	013-707-598-00	$434.73	PHILLIPS, PETER ALLEN	052-123-075-00	$4,582.05
KITSON, ROY	051-467-251-00	$1,717.65	PHILLIPS, RICH A	052-123-075-00	$4,582.05
LANGMAID, MICHAEL SCOTT	009-025-012-00	$613.36	PINDZIA, FREDERICK A	003-035-007-35	$440.63
LANGMAID, SCOTT MICHAEL	009-025-012-00	$613.36	PORT OF ST JAMES ASSOCIATION	013-701-034-00	$309.40
LBJ HOLDING COMPANY INC	051-450-006-70	$7,759.05	PORT OF ST JAMES ASSOCIATION	013-701-047-00	$309.40
LBJ HOLDING COMPANY LLC	051-435-004-00	$2,441.62	QUICK, MARY A	051-357-168-10	$279.09
LBJ HOLDING COMPANY LLC	051-450-006-00	$14,337.42	RAMON, AMELIA	012-011-011-10	$496.41
LEONARD, KARI B	005-024-014-00	$1,320.23	ROBINSON, PETER M	051-320-001-10	$20,312.19
LEONARD, ROBERT W	005-024-014-00	$1,320.23	RUSSELL, BARBARA ANN	009-014-009-20	$877.16
LINTEAU, ETHEL	013-577-024-00	$1,503.38	RUSSELL, JOSIAH	009-014-009-20	$877.16
LINTEAU, JOSEPH	013-577-024-00	$1,503.38	RUSSELL, JUSTIN	009-014-009-20	$877.16
LOWER, ERIK CLARK	013-436-001-00	$2,026.48	SHENE, ROBERT	008-300-032-00	$297.39
LOWER, ERIK CLARK	013-436-002-00	$1,688.51	STATE OF MICH UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY	012-234-002-10	$538.52
LOWER, ESTATE OF ERIK CLARK	013-436-001-00	$2,026.48	STATE OF MICH UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY	012-234-017-60	$1,883.16
LOWER, ESTATE OF ERIK CLARK	013-436-002-00	$1,688.51	STATE OF MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY		
LOWER, GLORIA	013-436-001-00	$2,026.48		012-234-017-65	$1,524.92
LOWER, GLORIA	013-436-002-00	$1,688.51	STATE OF MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY		
MAKINO, KATHY	051-320-001-10	$20,312.19		013-751-030-10	$330.99
MAKINO, RONALD J	051-320-001-10	$20,312.19	STATE OF MICHIGAN UNEMPLOYMENT AGENCY		
MARCINKEWCIZ, JOHN C II	013-705-215-00	$298.66		015-001-020-10	$2,377.04
MARCINKEWCIZ, NICOLE M	013-705-215-00	$298.66	THE CIT GROUP	051-467-251-00	$1,717.65
MARCUCCI, THOMAS A	010-033-005-00	$585.27	UNITED FIRE & CASUALITY CO	015-001-020-10	$2,377.04
MATTHEWS, DAVID	014-001-007-00	$728.11	UNITED FIRE & CASUALTY COMP	015-001-020-10	$2,377.04
MAUDRIE, KATHLEEN M	012-235-005-20	$1,808.85	WALLOON LAKE TRUST & CONSERVANCY	010-721-058-00	$2,005.95
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	014-001-007-00	$728.11	WARD, ALLEN JR	013-702-104-00	$290.72
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	014-002-012-10	$867.89	WARD, MICHELLE	013-702-104-00	$290.72
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	015-001-020-10	$2,377.04	WIGGINS, KATHRYN	011-124-012-20	$312.32
MOORE, MYRA A	002-007-008-25	$603.34	WLADISCHKIN, MICHAEL	053-725-004-00	$315.01
MOORE, RICHARD D	002-007-008-25	$603.34	WOLVERINE FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN	051-320-001-10	$20,312.19
MOUNT, SHARON	051-467-251-00	$1,717.65	WYSKIEL, JOSEPH E	010-033-005-00	$585.27
NOLAN-FITZGERALD, PATRICIA	011-124-012-20	$312.32	YURKO, HELEN R	015-013-041-00	$470.07
OAK, KIM SOON	013-436-001-00	$2,026.48	YURKO, JAMES A	015-013-041-00	$470.07
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Global Business Funding offers new affiliate program

The cold may have set in, but Global Business Funding, Inc. is turning the heat up in Charlevoix.

Global Business Funding opened its doors in Charlevoix in August of 2005. Since then, the business has done over $100 million in business loans presented to their exclusive funders.

Now, the company is expanding again.

In September 2005, Richard Stotts was selected to be the Global Business Funding Regional Director for the southeast and he is located in Tampa, Fla. Their southeast office is working hand in hand with the Florida Minority Supplier Development Council, a national organization with a membership of over 3,500 corporations and 15,000 certified Minority Business Enterprise suppliers. The purpose of the council is to provide major corporations and government agencies with easy access to minority owned and operated businesses.

Devon Arlt, CEO of Global Business Funding, is particularly keen to work with businesses that are classed as a minority organizations.

"Being a female CEO of a corporation, I am also classed as a minority," Arlt said.

In January 2006, Global Business Funding is launching a brand new program. The Global Business Funding Affiliate Program can only be offered to those persons who are already in an allied financial service field such as; insurance, financial planning, real estate, CPA, accounting, law, banking, mortgage brokering, leasing agent or stock brokerage.

Pre-qualified affiliates shall receive an advanced formal training program covering all aspects of operating a business loan and lease brokerage company.

After completion of the training program, affiliates will be presented a certificate as a "Global Business Funding Aeceredited Affiliate."

Kirk Trammel, vice-president of Global Business Funding, said, "One of the most notable advantages of our program, which we believe places us head and shoulders above the competition, is the support system we provide. Each affiliate will be assigned their own 'Affiliate Program Director.'"

The program director will contact their approved funding sources on behalf of the affiliates with regard to the following types of financing; equipment leasing, business loans, small business administration loans, accounts receivable loans, commercial finanee loans, factoring, real estate loans, hard money loans and business sale/acquisition loans.

Global will only be training a limited number of affiliates in their 2006 program. An on-line application and basic financial aptitude test can be found on their Web site at www.globalbusinessfunds.com.

For more information, please contact Kirk Trammel or Gary Reed at the Global Business Funding headquarters in Charlevoix at (231) 547-0155.

It's all in the family

Courtesy photo

Shayne and Sheldon Smith recently received their first haircut from their great uncle, Garry, Charlevoix's Harbor Barber. The boys are the 1-year-old sons of Jim and Kendall Smith of Charlevoix.

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The rehabilitation center currently provides over 25,000 treatments a year.

Pat O'Brien, the head of his own real estate company recently committed $5,000 to the campaign.

"I believe that expanded health care facilities are vital for Boyne City," he said.

Those steering the capital campaign hope O'Brien's generous gift will stimulate other business and individuals in Boyne City to fund the effort.

Once this project is complete Charlevoix Area Hospital has committed to look into expanded urgent care facilities in Boyne City.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Area Hospital is expanding its Boyne City rehabilitation center. (Above) Boyne City real estate agency owner Pat O'Brien recently donated $5,000 to the campaign.

Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild presents a $10,000 check to hospital president Bill Jackson as the final payment on their $25,000 commitment to the Boyne Rehabilitation Center. Pictured from left are guild treasurer Joanne Friedman, guild president Chris Unbehaun and Jackson.

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Steve Seeley from the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus presents Bergmann Center, Inc. with a $500 donation that the civic group raised during the Knights Annual Tootsie Roll Drive that took place in October. The center is a private, non-profit organization that provides employment and community integration services to adults with developmental and mental disabilities.

Septage study reveals need for solution to waste disposal

Following two-and-a-half years of thorough study of the current status of septage disposal in its health district and community-wide discussions of possible septage treatment solutions, the Septage Committee organized by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency has released "Septage Treatment Study: Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego Counties."

"Septage" is the waste pumped from septic tanks.

Gerald Chase, Health Officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, presented the report to the Board of Health at its December meeting.

"The members of the Septage Committee recognized early on the critical need for septage treatment. They considered several approaches, from continuing to spread septage on farmland, to transfer facilities, to constructing one or more septage treatment plants. They held two well-attended community-wide meetings with septage haulers and considered their concerns. Ultimately, they decided the best approach for our four counties are small-scale, privately-owned treatment facilities," Chase said. "We think private enterprise with government enforcement of regulations to ensure public health and a level playing field is the best solution. The committee's work has already provided impetus to the creation of one new privately operated processing plant and others are on the drawing boards."

The 19-member septage committee is composed of representatives from board of health/county boards of commissioners, septage haulers, municipalities, environmental groups and staff from the health department, with technical assistance provided by consultants from Gourdie-Fraser, Inc.

The septage committee's study revealed several converging trends increasing the need for a long-term solution to septage waste. These include; increased growth and development, which is squeezing out land application sites and increasing the number of septic systems in the health district; new regulations from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality which impact many aspects of septic hauler operations, including the times of year they can spread or spray septage; increased soil fertility testing, which may cause some haulers to find new sites for land application or alternatives to spreading or spraying septage; and the lack of municipal facilities able to accept septage waste.

The Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is the local health department serving Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information, contact Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health, at (231) 547-6523 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

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SPORTS

Knights of Columbus youth free throw event

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual Youth Free Throw Championship Jan. 21.

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship. The local competition will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 in the gym at Charlevoix Middle School.

The winners progress through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions with trophies awarded to all champions.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Shawn McDonough at (231) 547-5437.

Winter Baseball Camp for students to take place Jan. 15

Oakland University baseball coach Dylan Putnam and his staff, together with the coaches of Charlevoix High School will host the Northern Michigan Winter Baseball Camp from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15. The clinic is for baseball players in grades 7-12 and will take place in the Charlevoix High School gym. Cost of the clinic is $50. Registration forms will be available in the Charlevoix Middle School and high school offices or by calling Allen Telgenhof at (231) 547-7388.

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Wrestling team face close match against Cheboygan

The Rayder wrestlers faced tough competition falling in a quad meet and tying Cheboygan.

On Monday, Dec. 19 the Rayders were out-wrestled as they hosted a quad meet between Grayling, Kalkaska, Traverse City St. Francis and Charlevoix.

The Rayders fell to Kalkaska 36-28 and Grayling 52-30.

Pinning for the Rayders against Kalkaska were Nate Golovich, Jed Daman and Jeff Golovich.

In the 112 weight class, Matt Golovich won by decision 8-0.

In the match against Grayling, pins went to Zeke Daman, Nate Golovich, Jed Daman and Jeff Golovich.

Charlevoix traveled to Cheboygan on Wednesday, Dec. 21 where they went 1–1.

The Charlevoix Rayder grapplers met Manistique and Cheboygan on the mats at this meet, coming away with a 50-24 win over Manistique and a narrow 40-33 loss to Cheboygan.

Going head to head against Cheboygan, the Rayders out-wrestled them 6–3, but the Rayders had five open weight classes due to injury or absence.

Wrestler of the week went to senior Jed Daman who went undefeated in all his matches for the week; winning all by pins.

The Rayders will face Kalkaska and Elk Rapids at 6 p.m. Jan. 5 at Kalkaska.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix High School wrestler Joey Left hit the mats in the Rayder match-ups Dec. 19 and 21 against Cheboygan, Manistique and Traverse City St. Francis.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

Men's Senior League • Dec. 19, 2005

	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	39	21
B Vanloo & Sons	36	22
J Arnold Painting "A"	34	26
J Arnold Painting "2"	33	27
Paul Bunyan Lanes	28	32
The Flight Deck	27	33
Bud's Buds	25	35
Selph Trucking	16	44

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chris Putman	636	233
Brian Dixon		227
Roger Vaneiman	613	225
George Gregory	605	

Tuesday Night Ladies • Dec. 20, 2005

	W	L
Grey Gables Inn	39.5	24.5
Charlevoix Fool Clinic	36	28
Great Lakes Concrete	36	28
Dleson's Food Store	33	31
Paul Bunyan Lanes	32	32
DM Construction	28	36
Central Drug Store	27.5	36.5
Birdies Beauty Shoppe	24	40

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Carol Kerr		202
Janice Thanasiu	536	186
Diana Spelgl	506	
Sue Shively		184
Carol Burry	496	

Church League • Dec. 21, 2005

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	455	345
Ferguson & Chamberlain	454	346
State Farm Insurance	438	362
Lutherans	412	388
R & C Roofing	404	396
Mark White Paint & Stain	361	439
St. Mary's	346	454
Lakeshore Tire	330	470

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ron Grulke	584	222
Larry Potter	605	
John Fiedorek	604	219
Don Potter		216

Gutter Gals • Dec. 22, 2005

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	184	136
Burger King of Charlevoix	156	164
Paul Bunyan Lanes	155	165
Express Yourself	145	175

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

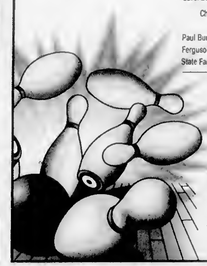
	Series	Game
Mary D'Brien	571	210
Diana Spelgl	460	184
Annette Nosler	445	175

Guys & Gals Mixed Doubles
Dec. 18, 2005

	W	L
Cunningham/Mikulski	23.5	8.5
Novotny	20	12
Hill-Martinchek	20	12
Herboldsheimer	18	14
Hart	18	14
Golovich	14.5	17.5
O'Leary	10	22
Bradley	8	24

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Tim Bradley	487	193
Butch Hart		180
Richard D'Leary	465	176
Chris Mikulski	442	
Cindy Novotny	398	158
Kathy Hill	402	147
Martha Herboldsheimer		147
Kathy Bradley	393	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the week: Chris Putman of the Monday Men's Senior League had an actual series of 636 with a high game of 233. Congratulations 1st half winners: Gutter Gals - Argonne Supper Club; Tuesday Night Ladies - Grey Gables Inn; Church League - Paul Bunyan Lanes

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael J. Whisler, Sr. and Karen S. Whisler, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mort-gagee, a Delaware Corporation Mortgagee, dated August 6, 2003 and recorded August 11, 2003 in Liber 562 Page 603 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Twelve Cents ($164,117.12) including interest 6.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM. on Friday, January 6, 2006. Said premises are situated in City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11 of Sequanota Heights, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 217 and 218, Charlevoix County records, and as amended in Liber 252, Page 529, and as further amended in Liber 256, Page 404, Charlevoix County records. Com-monly known as 11601 Sequanota Heights, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless de-termined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the dato of such sale. Dated: NOVEMBER 29, 2005 Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 05-41142 ASAP736756

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 33RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT – CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
FILE NO: 05-035-21-CH
LINDA H. MATTHEWS and

SALLY RANDALL SWANSON LLC, Plaintiffs,
v.
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP, EDWARD YOUNGER and CAROLINE YOUNGER, his wife, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF LAURA BOWMAN CASE, AND ANY OTHER UNKNOWN PERSON CLAIMING THROUGH SUCH HEIRS, ASSIGNS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES, Delendants.

TOPP LAW PLC
By: SUSAN HLYWA TOPP (P46230)
Attorney for Plaintiffs
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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ACTION TO QUIET TITLE TO: The heirs, assigns, devisees and legatees of Laura Bowman Case, and any other person claiming through such heirs, assigns, devises or legatees.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiffs, Linda H. Matthews and Sally Randall Swanson LLC, have filed a Complaint to Quiet Title and Declaratory Judgment in the 33 rd Judicial Circuit Court, Charlevoix County, Case No. 05-035-21-CH. You must file an answer with the court or take other lawful action permitted by law. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TOP LAW PLC
By: Susan Hlywa Topp P46230 Attorney for Plaintiffs
Dated: December 8, 2005

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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Trust
FILE NO.

Trust of Marion Chase Berkowitz, now deceased, dated February 18, 2000.

Settlor's Date of Birth: October 26, 1909.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Decedent/Settlor, Marion Chase Berkowitz, who lived at 08657 Gaunt Road, Eveline Township, East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, died on October 29, 2005.

Creditors ol the Decedent/Settlor are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented in writing to FRANCES M.D. CHASE, named Successor Trustee of said Trust at 8525, 210th Avenue, Reed City, MI 49677 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

December 28, 2005
James L. Talaske P25221
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104 West Upton Avenue

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Frances M.D. Chase
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's ESTATE
FILE NO.

Estate of Barbara J. Foster

Date of Birth: April 28, 1926

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Barbara J. Foster, who lived at 4927 Chatillon Drive, Boyne City, MI 49712, died November 13, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert G. Prebble, 946 N. Advance St., Boyne City, MI 49712, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at County Bldg., 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 28, 2005
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LEGAL NOTICE 210

"NOTICE OF SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 14th day of May, 2004, by Daniel McGillis, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 18, 2004, in the office ol the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 614, page 791, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FORTY THOUSAND SIXTY-TWO AND 30/100 DOLLARS ($40,062.30) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power ol sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, February 3, 2006 at 11:00 o=clock in the fgrenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at an axle shaft at the Southeast corner ol Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section North 00E06'22" East 1320.90 feet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said Section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89E32'31" West 1318.19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line of said section; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89E32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00E1 3'06" East 435.60 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89E32'31" West 200.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along the aloremen-toned line North 00E13'06" East 227.13 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section; thence along the aloremen-tioned line North 89E37'26" East 233.00 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 00E13'O6" West 226.79 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 89E32'31" West 33.00 feet to the Point ol Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

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Ragamuffin Theatre & Company presents "A Little Prineess" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 and at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29 at Charlevoix's beautiful, historic Castle Farms located at 05052 M-66 North, in Charlevoix. Tickets are $10 per person for the evening shows and $7 per person for the matinee. For more information, or to purchase tickets on-line visit www.ragamuffintheatre.com or call Kathleen Whittaker at (231) 237-9686.

Fiddlers and Pickers Day

The 3rd Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located off Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix. Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are welcome. The entrance fee is a $5 donation to benefit the East Jordan Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund. Food and beverage will be available. For more information call Gabe Campbell at (231) 547-9739, Bill Stevens at (231) 547-9153 or Dan Johnston at (231) 526-5145.

Winter baseball camp

Oakland University baseball coach Dylan Putnam and his staff, together with the coaches of Charlevoix High School will host the Northern Michigan Winter Baseball Camp from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15. The clinic is for baseball players in grades 7-12 and will take place in the Charlevoix High School gym. Cost of the clinic is $50. Registration forms will be available in the Charlevoix Middle School and high school offices or by calling Allen Telgenhof at (231) 547-7388.

Genealogy classes

A series of genealogy classes is being sponsored by the Charlevoix District Library Friends of the Library.

Carol Goodenough, a professional genealogist will be the instructor. All classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lower level of the library. They will be held Jan. 18 and 25 and March 8 and 15.

The interview process and correspondence guidelines will be covered during the first class. How to use the U.S. and Michigan census records will be the topic of the second class. In March, the first class will feature finding land records, ship records and immigration records and the second class will be taking a research trip.

The fee for the four classes is $14 for Friends of the Library members and $20 for non-members. The fee can be paid upon registration at the library located off Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information call (231) 547-2651.

Free throw championship

The Charlevoix Knights of Columbus will sponsor its annual Youth Free Throw Championship Jan. 21.

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championsbip. The local competition will take place at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21 in the gym at Charlevoix Middle School.

The winners progress through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions with trophies awarded to all champions.

Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Shawn McDonough at (231) 547-5437.

Assistance for homebound

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited. Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Tai Chi for Arthritis

Tai Chi for Arthritis classes offered by instructor Lynne Riedy, a registered nurse with over six years of martial arts experience and certified instructor takes place at 10 a.m., Tuesdays at the Charlevoix Public Library. Cost for those 60 and over is $12 for a six-week session. For those under 60 the cost is $40. To register, call Ruth at (231) 536-7831.

Story hour

Traditional Story Hour for 3 to 5-year-olds begins at 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Lap sit for ages 0-2 starts at 10:05 a.m. Thursdays. All Story Hours follow the school calendar.

Divorce Care

Divorce Care, a support group for anyone touched by, or contemplating divorce meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. in Charlevoix. Call the church at (231) 547-9482 for more information.

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Winter museum hours

The Harsha House Museum's hours of operation are from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Jan. 1 2006 through April. Special openings or visits can be made by appointment by calling (231) 547-0373.

Jordan River Arts Council to present fiber art show

From knitting and quilting to basket making, embroidery, needlepoint, surface design, quiltwork, beading, weaving and bookmaking — the Jordan River Arts Council invites local artists to submit their work for consideration for the fourth fiber arts show.

"Rare Threads with Another Twist," will open Sunday, March 5, 2006 and close Friday, April 7, 2006.

"Rare Threads with Another Twist" is a juried show. Artists are encouraged to submit work that is multi-media, multi-faceted, unconventional, whimsical and imaginative. Slides or photos and entry form(s) need to be received by Jan. 15, 2006 along with the names of others involved in the project if it is a collaboration.

Acceptance of the artwork will be announced by Feb. 1, 2006. Pieces must be delivered by Feb. 20, 2006 for exhibition.

Entry forms are available at www.jordanriverarts.com or by calling Donna Miller at (231) 599-2982 or e-mailing Birdr61@aol.com.

Send entry forms, slide(s) and/or photo(s) to Sylvia Walworth, P.O. Box 519. Eastport, MI 49627.

The Jordan River Arts Council is located at 301 Main St. in East Jordan. For more information call (231) 536-3385, or visit www.jordanriversarts.org.

Area meetings

American Legion, V.F.W. —
The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —
The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

Hobby groups —
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The program started in 1999 and combines $14 million in public service ads with highly visible law enforcement.

The administration's studies show that nearly 97 percent of Americans view drinking and driving by others as a threat to their families and themselves. Indeed, Americans support tougher enforcement and rank drunk driving abead of health care, poverty, the environment and gun control as an important social issue.

Overall, the administration estimates that 17,400 people were killed in alcohol related crashes last year alone.

Dr. Jeffrey Runge, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), was quoted in an AP story as saying that, "Since the early 1990's, we haven't made any progress," regarding effectively reducing drunk driving in the United States.

Combining efforts to curb alcohol consumption and dangerous behavior, Narconon Arrowhead, one of the nation's largest and most successful drug and alcohol education and rehabilitation programs, teams with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to offer these reminders:

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- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement.
- Always buckle up — it's your best defense against an impaired driver.
- Get help for friends or family members that have a drug or alcohol problem.

For more information about tbe Narconon program, facts about drug and alcohol addiction, a free assessment and referral or to get help for a loved one in need, call Narconon Arrowhead today at (800)468-6933 or visit www.stopaddiction.com.

Winter skin care from the Skin Cancer Foundation

If you are one of the 10 million skiers or snowboarders expected to hit the slopes this winter season, remember to pack your sunscreen.

It is easy to think that being in a cold environment does not put you at risk for sunburn, when in fact ultraviolet rays can be even more damaging on the slopes than on tbe beach.

Skiers and snowboarders may be unaware of the dangers they face from the sun while on the slopes.

For every 1,000 feet of elevation, ultraviolet exposure increases by about 8 to 10 percent. So, a skier with an average complexion, at 11,000 feet above sea level in Colorado, will burn at noon after six minutes of unprotected sun exposure, compared to 14 minutes in Orlando, Fla. In addition, snow reflects about 80 percent of the ultraviolet light from the sun, only compounding the problem and further increasing the risk for skin cancer.

"Statistics show that fewer than 20 percent of Americans wear sunscreen year-round," said Perry Robins, MD, president of the Skin Cancer Foundation. "That is not enough, considering the sun shines 12 months a year and UV rays are present year-round no matter what season, altitude, temperature or time of day."

To protect yourself this ski season use sunscreen whenever you spend time outdoors and follow these important sun protection tips.

Both snow and strong wind can reduce the effectiveness of sunscreen, so remember to:

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.
- Apply sunscreen liberally and evenly to all exposed skin.
- Be sure to cover often-missed spots like lips, ears, around eyes, neck, scalp and hands.
- Reapply at least every 90 minutes, and more often after sweating or exposure to wind and snow.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants. Tightly woven fabrics and dark colors offer more protection.
- UV-blocking sunglasses with wraparound or large frames protect your eyelids and the sensitive skin around your eyes, common sites for skin cancer and sun-induced aging.
- Keep track of tbe time you spend in full sunlight.
- If you are on the slopes for most of the day, take a few breaks indoors to reapply sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration from the sun.

To find out more about how to protect yourself from the sun visit www.skincancer.org, or call 1-800-SKIN-490.

Frosty will return

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A not so distant relative of Frosty catches some rays during the chilly last days of 2005. This snowman was able to withstand rain that took most of Charlevoix's winter wonderland last week. Snow is expected to fall throughout the week.

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FROM THE Point

Big Rock Point Restoration Project • December 2005

A message from:

TIM PETROSKY
Big Rock Point Restoration Project
Public Affairs Director and Citizen
Advisory Board Member

THE DISAPPEARANCE of Big Rock Point — both physically and psychologically — is becoming more emotionally real every day.

Recently, several trailers were removed that once housed employees, and the computers, desks, chairs and tables that they used.

The mobile offices are no longer needed because a number of workers have left the project, their work now done. Some workers were on-site for only a short period of time. Others were long-time Big Rock Point workers — like Rick Baker, a Securitas security supervisor and 28-year veteran of the plant, or Mike Bourassa, Sue Amstutz, Nancy Postma and Ed Bradley — all Consumers Energy employees who worked more than 20 years at Big Rock Point.

The most dramatic evidence that the decommissioning project is coming to an end are torches cutting the blue-green containment sphere into pieces and simultaneously bringing down the symbol of Big Rock Point.

The Big Rock Point exhibit will be displayed in Charlevoix's historic train depot.

Sphere demolition is scheduled for completion in December. Soon, Big Rock Point will remain only in memories and photographs — and thankfully at the Charlevoix Historical Society (CHS).

Based on an agreement between Big Rock Point, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and CHS, the history of Big Rock Point will be saved and shared with others through a public exhibit.

Dave Miles, co-director of the CHS' Harsha House Museum, says the Big Rock Point project will be the largest exhibit ever developed by the society. "Pictures, artifacts and displays will fill the entire historic train depot in Charlevoix," said Miles.

Miles notes that the exhibit's development — from start to finish — will take about 14 months. He says the biggest challenge has been sorting through thousands of photographs depicting the construction, operation and decommissioning of the plant and deciding which to use.

It's comforting to know that while Big Rock Point will soon be gone, the legacy of the plant and the people who worked there — people who literally helped prove that this new "atomic" technology could be used safely and efficiently — will live on at the Charlevoix Historical Society.

BIG ROCK POINT RESTORATION PROJECT

Dismantling the Dream

On a Saturday in January 1963, dismantlement of the sphere with the cupola removed. The cupola appears similar to how it looks today. Photo courtesy of Consumers Energy.

FOR MORE THAN 40 years, Big Rock Point, with its unique 11-story green dome, has been as familiar a part of the northwest Michigan landscape as cedar trees and sand.

Called "an offpost of the future" by Michigan Gov. George Romney at the 1963 dedication, the Big Rock Point nuclear plant ushered in a new era in the development of atomic energy for peacetime use.

Just the country's fifth commercial nuclear power facility to be built and the nation's longest-running and oldest-operating when it closed in 1997, Big Rock Point and its distinctive design will forever be etched in the minds of area residents and the nuclear community.

The huge, blue-green dome is being dismantled as workers complete the final chapter on the history of nuclear energy in Northern Michigan.

Big Rock Point's containment dome in operation.

The containment sphere — or "big green ball" as it was called by the community for so many years — represents the last major structure to be removed as workers return the 560-acre site to a natural state.

A familiar landmark for boaters on Little Traverse Bay and a testament to the dawn of nuclear energy in our country, the insulated steel sphere sat sentry for 35 years of electrical generation.

The dome contained the world's first high-power density boiling water reactor and it generated enough electricity for a community of nearly 40,000 people (100,000 people when the plant first went on line).

For Bill Trubilowicz, a Big Rock employee since 1976, the sphere was literally his world. The former auxiliary operator would make rounds every two hours to take readings and ensure everything was working properly.

"Only 12 people were allowed at any one time inside the containment sphere during operation to ensure the safety of the employees," said Trubilowicz, now Big Rock Point decommissioning costs and projects manager. "The system helped ensure everyone was accounted for in case of any type of emergency. Thankfully, it was always business as usual, just as designed."

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The last person to enter the containment sphere was [illegible] on [illegible] at [illegible] p.m. It was 22 seconds after the [illegible] hour. The [illegible] and "special [illegible] group [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

— Ray Flowers
Containment demolition project team [illegible]

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Dismantling the Dream

Trubilowicz says the sphere was initially covered with a paint named "Spring Green" produced by Pittsburgh Paints. The sphere was freshly painted each of the first few years in an effort to eliminate recurring paint cracking and flaking. "Cascade Blue" colored paint covered the sphere briefly in the mid-1960s before a return to "Spring Green" became permanent.

He remembers the sphere being painted at least twice after 1975 for cosmetic and housekeeping purposes. "My operations manager, Russ Abel would always say, 'If it doesn't look good from the road, people don't think you're doing a safe job.'"

Trubilowicz couldn't say for certain whether a fresh coat of paint contributed directly to safety, but the plant's 100-plus employees at one point worked more than 23 years without a lost-time accident.

Most nuclear plants in the country were designed with a concrete containment structure, many in a cylinder-shape. Big Rock Point is among only a handful of sites that featured a sphere design. Two others were the Yankee Rowe nuclear power plant in Massachusetts, which shut down in 1991, and Dresden 1 in Illinois, which shut down in 1978.

Tim Petrosky, public affairs director at the Big Rock Point Restoration Project, said containment spheres were used in initial designs because that was the most efficient way to contain pressure.

In October, workers began using two large cranes to dismantle the dome from the top down. The three-quarter-inch-thick steel sphere is being cut into 90 large sections, some of which will weigh up to 20,000 pounds.

One crane carries two workers in a basket to cut the steel with a torch into sections of various sizes, some as large as 20 by 30 feet. Another crane then carefully lowers the sections to the ground.

The metal undergoes several verification surveys and is cut into smaller sections before being shipped for disposal. The job is expected to conclude by the middle of December.

Then, the sturdy sphere that stood guard for more than four decades will be gone forever and the resulting void in the landscape soon filled by Mother Nature.

The concrete monolith shown inside containment will be "inflamed" with explosives [illegible] to safely dismantle.

On the Road to Green

■ The Big Rock Point Restoration Project is featured in the 2005 Consumers Energy Environmental Report. The story highlights efforts to return the former nuclear site to its natural splendor in 2006.

Says Tracy Goble, environmental services superintendent, "We're going beyond state and federal requirements to return the land to a condition that coexists with the beauty of Northern Michigan."

To view the story and the entire report, please visit www.consumersenergy.com and type "environmental report 2005" in the search field.

United Way at Big Rock Point

■ Even as the physical structure of the plant steadily disappears, Consumers Energy employees continue their support of the United Way.

The plant and its greatly reduced staff recently wrapped up its United Way campaign with 15 employees contributing $4,266.

A corporate contribution, recognizing and supporting employee donations, will be made early next year.

Big Rock Point workers and Consumers Energy have contributed almost $310,000 to the United Way over the past 16 years.

Big Rock Point public affairs director Tim Petrosky is the current Char-Em United Way president. He follows former Big Rock Point employees Pat Donnelly, Jeff Bakker, Greg Withrow, Ellen Zienert, Andy Loe and Moe Field who served either as United Way president or board members.

Big Green Ball Numbers

- 130 feet tall
- 103 feet above grade
- 130 feet in diameter
- 3/4 inch thick steel
- 2.5 million pounds
- Cut into 90 pieces
- Took about 5 weeks to dismantle

Retiree Reunion

■ They helped establish a legacy of excellence at Big Rock Point. In fact, a few of them actually helped build our nation's fifth and Michigan's first commercial nuclear power plant.

In September, 49 Big Rock Point retirees and guests gathered at Big Rock Point. Old friends and colleagues enjoyed lunch, catching up with each other, and a decommissioning update and tour of the site. Five members attended from the 1962 original crew. Harold Black, Don Langschwager, Bob May, Ken Villerman and Frank Zedniceck.

During the visit, retirees were asked to help support the Charlevoix Historical Society's historical Big Rock Point exhibit scheduled to open in Charlevoix in mid-2006.

Retirees were asked to volunteer as exhibit tour guides and possibly speakers, loan plant artifacts and mementos to the effort, and share their memories of the plant and fellow employees in a video being developed that will document the beginning, operation and dismantlement of Big Rock Point.

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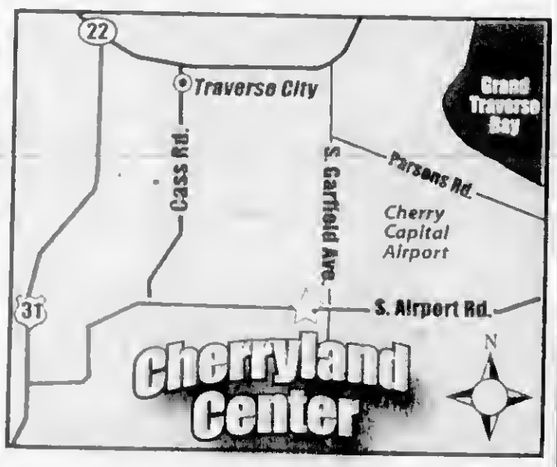

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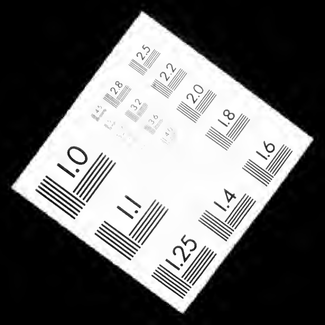
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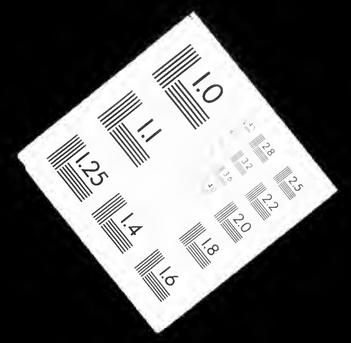
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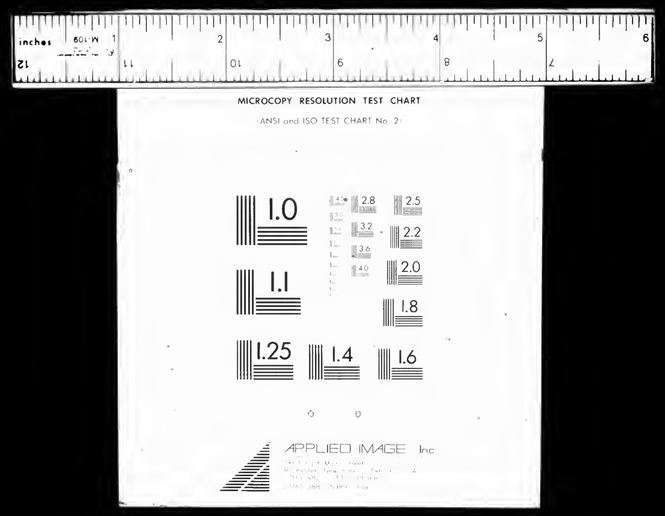
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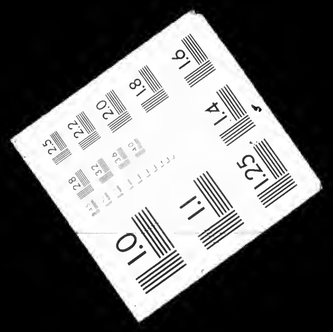
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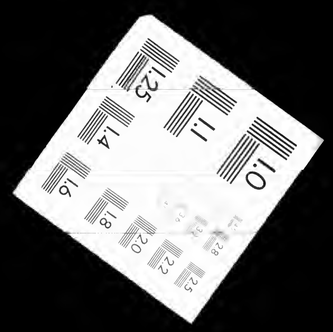
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